

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

*Check the on-line
library calendar for
unexpected closures.*

<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

Tues, - Fri
10 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday
6-9 pm (NEW)
More info on pg. 2
Saturday
2nd Saturday only
10 am to 3 pm

How to get here:

From I-5, take the Mill Plain exit, go east about 1 ½ miles to Grand Blvd and turn right. We are in the strip mall on the left side, north of Evergreen.

CCGS General Meeting:

Tues., Sept. 22
7-9 p.m. CCGS Annex

More information on pg. 3

President's Message

Hello everyone. My name is Brian Runyan and I have just recently been installed as the new President of our Society. Our beloved Lethene Parks has stepped down after an energetic year in office in order to attend to some of her many other genealogic and historic passions (including actually getting some of her own genealogy done). We thank her for the work she has done as President this past year and I thank her, particularly, for mentoring me these past six months.

Lethene has agreed to resume as Head Librarian, a position for which she is imminently qualified. While Lethene was holding down the president's role, Sandy Thompson did a masterful job as Head Librarian. We are very grateful for a job well done.

I have loved spending my past two years as the CCGS Education Director. It was a great way to get to know many of our fantastic CCGS members. Two of us are muddling through getting classes set up for the fall and we would heartily welcome anyone who would have just been waiting for this opportunity to volunteer (trust me, it's a blast).

My first priority as I step into this position is membership. There are many, many people in our community who would love to access what we have. Thus, I am working diligently to increase what we offer to prospective members.

Since we started e-mailing the newsletter some members have had a difficult time knowing when to renew. We are actively exploring options to address this shortcoming. No one wants their membership to expire. If you think you might be close to renewal time, please send Denni Lavonian-Hamilton, Membership Chair an email at mayflwham @ gmail.com. How would you like to be notified? Email? Paper reminder? Auto-renew? ~~Knock on your door with a dozen roses?~~

As you're reading this, the summer is in the rear view mirror and we're all looking forward to the cooler temperatures of fall (as I write this, it's almost 100 degrees outside). Fall is going to be filled with some exciting changes for our Society. There has been a steadily rising chorus saying, "I would use the Library, but it's not open during hours I can use it. Some of us work, you know". Your voices have been heard! At the August Board meeting the Board of Directors approved opening the CCGS Library one night a week. Starting in September, the Library will be open every Thursday evening from 6-9 pm. If you can benefit from these expanded hours, come on down . . . and bring a friend!

We're getting lots of participation in the Wednesday webinars, the Legacy Users Group, the Scandinavian interest group, and the ever popular unfocused interest group. A great deal of this increased success is due to our fabulous Publicity Chair person, Kay Cooke. Vancouver and Clark County is getting the message that we are a valuable community resource. Is there something you would like to see offered? Shoot me an email and let's talk.

If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance.

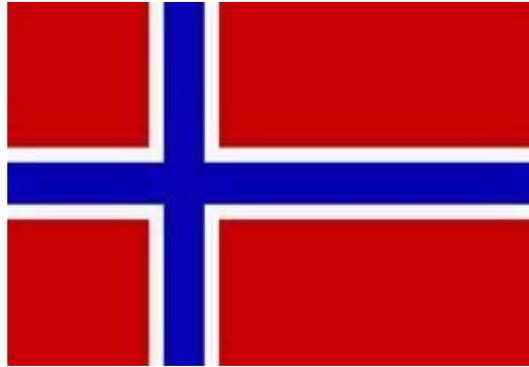
George Bernard Shaw

Brian Runyan, President
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The latest **Trail Breakers** has been published. See page 6 for information on how to get your copy

NEW FOR YOU - THURSDAY EVENING HOURS!

Beginning in September, the Clark County Genealogical Library will be open one EVENING per week from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in addition to daytime hours of Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and second Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You will have access to expert help from the librarians, a huge collection of over 8500 books and documents, and plenty of informative print periodicals such as Family Tree, National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Family Chronicle, New England Historical, Genealogical Society Register and more. Additionally, CCGS subscribes to the amazing on-line data bases of Ancestry and American Ancestors. Come on down. Kick start your research. It's time to unlock the puzzle to your past.



Scandinavian Corner

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. I hope your summer was fruitful in searching for your Scandinavian cousins. The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Thursday, September 10, 2015 from 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS Meeting Room. We are hoping to hear from some of our members who traveled to Sweden and Norway this summer. Please join us as we plan our agenda for the year. The following is a sample of some of the internet sites that will help you in your search for those lost relatives in Scandinavia:

DANISH DEMOGRAPHIC DATABASE

<http://www.ddd.dda.dk>

This is free site providing Danish censuses from 1787 and some probate records.

SWEDISH DOCUMENTS

<http://www.arkivdigital.net>

This is premier site for searching church records in Sweden. It is paid site, but is available for free at your local Family History Center. We will provide an introduction to this site at one of our future Focus group meetings.

NORWEGIAN CENSUS

<http://www.arkivverket.no>

This is great site for searching the Norwegian censuses and parish records. This is a free site and is worth a visit to find your Norwegian cousins.

We will be exploring all of these sites and more at our focus group meetings.

Richard Engstrom
Scandinavian Group Moderator
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General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, Sep 22 – 7-9 pm

(Kay Cooke)

Mark this date on your calendar to attend the general membership meeting. The evening will begin with our annual Volunteer Recognition ceremony, followed by a special guest speaker.

You don't want to miss hearing an interesting presentation by Author Susan Stoner (writing as S.L. Stoner) who has written and published five historical mystery novels that take place in Oregon. She is a native Oregonian who worked, for many years, full time as a labor union lawyer.

Like that of her series hero, Sage Adair, Stoner's life has tended toward the adventurous. She's worked in skid road bars, Las Vegas casinos, free clinics and as a prisoners' advocate, psychology center videographer and federal judge's intern. Besides living in Portland, Oregon, Susan has also lived in a forest lean-to, a Sikh home in Singapore, alongside an alligator-infested Louisiana bayou, inside a sweltering Las Vegas tent, in a camper atop a '65 International pick-up truck as well as in a variety of more traditional abodes. She was a participant in Portland's original neighborhood movement and has since been involved in a number of citizen activism efforts, like filing and winning a lawsuit to preserve Portland's historical open reservoirs (one of those "win the battle, lose the war" experiences).

Stoner and her husband self-publish the Sage Adair series through their own publishing company. For more information, visit their website at www.yamhillpress.net. The couple and their two dogs live in Southeast Portland when they are not traveling or hanging out in the great Cascade range forests. One of Stoner's passions is historical research, particularly that involving original source material. The fifth book in the Sage Adair series, *Dead Line*, was released in July 2015. It tells the tale of Central Oregon's "almost range war."

Come and hear how she conducts her research, manages her writing routine, and negotiating the world of self-publishing and distribution. It will be a very interesting meeting!

Periodical News – Recent Articles from our Periodicals

(Lillian Fullerton, Periodicals Chair)

Internet Genealogy June/July 2015

"Putting out Genealogical Wildfires" correcting errors in online family trees

Internet Genealogy Aug/Sept 2015

"Published and Digital Record Sources of the Revolutionary Era: A State by State List"

American Ancestors Spring 2015 DD973.2

"Introducing the Great Migration Directory" All immigrants to New England 1620-1640

Family Tree Magazine July/Aug 2015

1. "Decode Your DNA Results"

2. "Irish Sites Are Smiling" 12 best web sites for tracing Irish Ancestors

Your Genealogy Today July/Aug 2015

"Finding Grandad at the Canal" Ancestors who worked on the Panama Canal

NGS Magazine July/Sept 2015

"Biblical Breakthrough! How I Came to Love the NGS online Bible collection" by Diane Florence Gravel.

Family Tree Magazine Sept 2015

"Break It Down" Clues on using Family Search.org

Found at CCGS:

Lady's ring (found on floor on May 18th) - Sunglasses - an earring (found in the Annex in January)
Steno notebook (note says it belongs to Bob Burns)

Other items too numerous to mention are in the will call/lost and found cubby in the library lunchroom. Please check this cubby for anything belonging to you.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

We continue to set up the screen and projector to show most every scheduled Legacy Family Tree webinar. Most are on Wednesdays, but there are occasional webinars on Fridays, too. This year they are doing something new—holding at least one webinar a month in the evening, start time at 6 p.m. local time. The day webinars are usually at 11 a.m., but occasionally there may be a time change. We'll note the dates and times below in the schedule. Be sure to check the CCGS web page for any last minute changes to this schedule.

For a description of each webinar, go to
<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Webinars begin at 11 a.m. PST, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, September 2nd

Breaking Down Brick Walls in Eastern European Research – Tips, Tools & Tricks, with Lisa Alzo

Wednesday, September 9th - 6 p.m. (note time change)

Research Your Swedish Ancestors in Living Color Using ArkivDigital Online, with Kathy Meade

Wednesday, September 16th

Researching Your Dutch Ancestors, with Yvette Hoitink

Wednesday, September 23rd

Researching in England and Wales, with Kirsty Gray

Friday, September 25th

Maps Tell Some of the Story for the African-Ancestored Genealogist, with Angela Walton-Raji

Wednesday, September 30th

Using Periodicals to Find Your Ancestors, with Gena Philibert-Ortega

Presentations are subject to change, including the addition of new webinars that had not been announced at the time this newsletter was being prepared. We'll try to catch any changes in time for the weekly CCGS e-letter, and you can check for yourself at the link listed above.

If you are unable to come to the library to watch these, they are available to you in your own home if you pre-register. They are also available for free for about a week following the original showing. And for Legacy Family Tree members, the webinars are available at any time with your paid subscription. Also for Legacy Family Tree members, there are bonus webinars added frequently, which are only available to members. Currently the list includes two Iowa research webinars, a couple of Excel “how-to” webinars, one on Germans from Russia, and many, many more. Well worth the cost of membership!

CCGS MEMBERS CAN SUBSCRIBE TO LEGACY WEBINARS FOR HALF-PRICE!!

The introductory price is normally \$49.95 for a year subscription. Geoff Rasmussen has provided CCGS with our own discount code that allows a CCGS member to purchase a yearly subscription for ½ price. If this is of interest to you, you may call the CCGS library and a librarian, after verifying you are a current member, will give you the code.

REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

CALLING ALL REPORTERS of volunteer hours worked for CCGS. PLEASE remember to include travel time when you sign the volunteer sheet in the library. And, if you work at home, or on a special project, you may submit a note on the total hours (without listing each day's time). Send a note to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org (or to my email) with Volunteer Hours in the heading. Let's be sure to report all hours worked in this new year. Thanks, from Dolly Merrick

New to Our Library
Compiled by Alice Allen & Lonna Parker

The following books were recently added to our collection, and can be found on the New Shelf at the CCGS Library during the month of September. There were more books added throughout the summer which are too numerous to list here. A complete list of books and their locations will be found on or near the New Shelf, complete with locations. We also received duplicates of some of our books, which will not be found on the New Shelf. They will be included with the list of Summer donations.

More from the collection of Mildred Flick:

Title: Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky-Civil War-Union-1861-1866
Author: Kentucky Legislature

Title: Battles and Leaders of the Civil War
Author: Ned Bradford

Compiled and Donated by CCGS Research & Preservation Committee:

Title: East County Obituaries, 1998, From Skamania County Pioneer, Camas Post Record & Columbian

Title: East County Obituaries, 1999, From Skamania County Pioneer, Camas Post Record, Columbian

Title: East County Obituaries, 2000, from Skamania County Pioneer, Camas Post Record, Columbian

Title: East County Obituaries, 2002, from Skamania County Pioneer, Camas Post Record, Columbian

Title: East County Obituaries, 2005, from Skamania County Pioneer, Camas Post Record, Columbian

Title: East County Obituaries, 2007, from Skamania County Pioneer, Camas Post Record, Columbian
Title: Final Salute: Obituaries 2005 (January-December)

Title: Final Salute: Obituaries, 2006 (Jan-Aug)

Title: Final Salute: Obituaries, 2007 (Jan-Dec)

Donated by Glen Jones

Title: Wheeler Cousins
Author: Wheeler Cousins

Title: Campaigns of the One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry
Author: G.W. Lewis

Title: Family Tree Resource Book for Genealogists
Author: Edited by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack & Erin Nevius

Title: Life and Death of Oregon "Cattle King" Peter French 1849-1897
Author: Edward Gray

Donated by Marian Kenedy

Title: Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com
Author: Nancy Hendrickson

Donated by Andy Huck

Title: Town of Cape Vincent, Jefferson Co. NY Cemetery Inscriptions
Author: A.E. "Gus Rogers, John & Allen Bartlett

Donated by Judy Hammock

Title: Bethel Baptist Church, Clinton Tennessee 175th Anniversary
Author: Bethel Baptist Church

Title: Jersey County, Illinois Cemetery Book
Author: Marty Crull, Editor

Title: Sparland: Crossroads of the Illinois River Valley 1855-2005
Author: Clarabell Riddell, Jim & Gail Frank, editors

Donated by Diane Willems

Title: Eyewitness Travel Guides: Scotland
Author: Alastair Scott

Title: Eyewitness Travel Guides: Top 10 Scotland
Author: Alistair Scott

Donated by Carolyn Ellertson

Title: Traveling the Underground Railroad
Author: Bruce Chadwick

Donated by Carleen Stephens

Title: Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution 1775-1783
Author: John H. Gwathmey

Donated by Lillian Fullerton

Title: Images of America: Talent (OR)
Author: Jan Wright

UNDISCOVERED GENEALOGY GEM IN VANCOUVER!

The following testimonial appeared in a recent "This Week at CCGS" e-letter.

I had the opportunity to do some research at the CCGS Library this week. I was being lazy - I had tried to search Fold3 for some Revolutionary War pensions, but my ancestors had common names and there were too many to read through. I searched the catalog at the CCGS Library and found some pension books. On Wednesday, I did a two for one - I went to the library, got the pension records, and stayed to watch the Kentucky webinar. Great use of my time. Now I can search Fold3 again and skip all the records that are not my ancestors!

If you've never been to the library, you might try it. The catalog is online, so you can search from home. How many times have you read the newsletter and noticed a newly-added book that might be helpful to your research? At least on Wednesday, I was the only researcher and maybe no one is aware that we have such a gem here in Vancouver. So check it out and spend some quiet time ancestor hunting. What are you waiting for?

Trail Breakers

The latest Trail Breaker is out. You can download it at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/TB/Volume_41.pdf or come down to the library for a hard copy.

Do you know what a **Reo Flying Cloud** is? See p. 22 of the Trail Breakers for the answer.

Glen Jones has written about two ancestors, **Albert Hugh Robie and William Craig** who were early pioneers. Robie and Craig came west with Isaac Stevens, Washington's first governor. William Craig was well respected by the natives in the Pacific Northwest. See lead articles in the Trail Breakers.

Van Diemen's Land was hard for the early writers to spell and came out as Vandulaislk or Land Vandeamian in the muster rolls. William Gee listed it as where he was born or came from. Do you know where it is? See p. 39 of the Trail Breakers.

CCGS AND FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Clark County Genealogical Society has been successfully enrolled in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card you may designate CCGS to receive a quarterly check based on our purchases at Fred Meyer. You can get more information by visiting

www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-frequently-asked-questions-for-non-profits

CCGS Library

The library is staffed with wonderfully dedicated librarians. When a new volunteer begins, a "more seasoned" librarian is assigned to work with the new person.

Quarterly training sessions are held to clarify general procedures plus learn some genealogy tidbit to help in our own research.

The next librarians' training will be held Monday, October 26, from 10-noon at the annex. Please join us!

For further information, please contact Kara Lynn Rankin at 360-901-5331 or KL-Rankin@comcast.net.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that the Clark County Genealogical Society has a Facebook page? Ours is one among 4,500 across the nation! People in genealogy are communicating in all sorts of ways and the CCGS Facebook page is another way to notify you about upcoming workshops and seminars, plus other valuable research tips. We hope you will "like" (become a friend and/or join) the CCGS Facebook page. To "like" our page, you must have a personal profile of your own. Even if you aren't very active with your own Facebook profile, we encourage you to "like" the CCGS page – and invite your genealogist friends to do so as well! Plus, you might consider joining the Clark County Genealogical Society Facebook Group Page where you can ask questions, get answers and start conversations. If you don't have a Facebook profile and would like to get started, go to www.Facebook.com and follow the steps to sign up. It's easy! Or, stop by the CCGS library and one of the librarians might be able to help you get started (call first to see if there is a Facebook expert on hand).

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is holding its 2015 Fall Seminar on Saturday, October 24, 2015. The *Genealogical Forum of Oregon* is holding its 2015 Fall Seminar on Saturday, October 24, 2015. The presenters for this seminar are nationally known speakers Pamela Boyer Sayre and Richard G. (Rick) Sayre. Both are Certified Genealogical Lecturers whose specialties will help beginning and experienced researchers.

The topics for the seminar are:

- *Social Security Sleuthing* ▪ *Finding Records of Military Service in Published U.S. Documents, 1776-1945*
- *Using NARA's Finding Aids and Website* ▪ *Soldiers' Homes*

In addition, both speakers present a two hour workshop on Sunday, October 25th from 9:30 am to noon. The topic will be *Maps! Wonderful Maps!* The events require separate registrations which can be found at www.gfo.org.

SGS FALL SEMINAR 2015

“The Family History Detective: Finding Solutions to Your Toughest Research Problems”

Speaker: Dr. Thomas W. Jones, CG, CGL, FASG

Saturday, 17 October 2015

9:00am - 4:00pm

Nordic Heritage Museum

<http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/fallseminar>

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SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will hold it's seminar later this year on September 19, 2015 at the Mount Vernon Senior Center in Mount Vernon, WA. The theme will be “Genealogy – It’s All About Life”.

<http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/>

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Tri-Cities Genealogical Society

Seminar presented by William Dollarhide on September 12

<http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wiki/doku.php>

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Heritage Quest Research Library—Autumn Quest

Saturday, October 12, Sumner, WA. Registration information here, limit 120 participants.

<http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>

Longtime CCGS Life member and past president Doris Wastradowski passed away in July. Here is her obituary from the Columbian. She worked tirelessly on behalf of CCGS for many years.

DORIS ELEANOR (LEACHMAN) WASTRADOWSKI December 17, 1919 ~ July 5, 2015

Doris Wastradowski, 95, of Vancouver, WA, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 5, 2015. She was born in Boise, ID on Dec. 17, 1919.

Doris was a retired Medical Secretary of Veterans Medical Center in Vancouver, WA.

She was a life member and past President of Clark County Genealogical Society, member of Fort Vancouver Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, member of National Association of Retired Federal Employees (N.A.R.F.E.), past President of St. James Institute No. 145, Young Ladies Institute, member of Queen of Roses Institute No. 164, Young Ladies Institute, and past District Deputy of Young Ladies Institute.

Doris is survived by her six children: Carol Godsil, Jane Sheridan, Bill Wastradowski, Lynn and Walt Hollow, Louise Kirkland, Patti and Gary Leaf; plus her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 50 years, Carl, in 1980.

Rosary will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where Doris was a member, on Fri., July 10, 2015 at 10a.m. with Memorial Service to follow at 11a.m

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Sept. 3 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Sept. 7 Legacy Users Group
Sept. 10 Scandinavian Focus Group – 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Sept. 14 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Sept. 22 General Meeting/Volunteer Recognition, 7-9 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Sept. 23 Deadline for October newsletter
Sept. 28 Librarian Committee meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center

To save space, the Legacy Webinar schedule is posted in a separate article in this newsletter.

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at CCGS Library Annex.
Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr - Sept, 7 - 9 pm.
No General Meeting is held July, August, or December.

Notify Jeanine Bailiff, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. [jgmb at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.