

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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*Check the on-line
library calendar for
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Tues. - Fri
10 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday
6-9 pm (NEW)

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., Oct. 27th
9 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Annex

President's Message

Summer is officially ended and Fall is definitely in the air. Everyone is wrapping up those home improvement/repair jobs from *the list* and hoping to be able to attend to the really important stuff; doing more genealogy.

I have had a few tiny breakthroughs in my search for Isaac Payton Reese's (my GGrandfather) parentage. I found an Isaac Reese showed up on the last page of a probate court day book as one of the heirs of John Reese. The previous pages had either not recorded the children's names or had another name where Isaac's should have been. Additionally, the one census record that (I think) enumerates him with his family in Missouri, names him as Isiac, 6 y/o female. It irks me that the best records I can find from the burnt-out county of Bates, Missouri are correct only if someone charged with accurate record keeping was sloppy. I have a newly married granddaughter that is going to live in Missouri with her new husband. Can anyone say, "ROAD TRIP"?

Whilst sitting with my fellow Thursday evening librarian, Shirley Morgan, I mentioned my earliest Runyan ancestor in America was Vincent Roignon, who settled in Piscataway, New Jersey. She remembered someone in her lineage from that town and discovered several books, right there on our shelves, focusing on the early settlement of that area. And there they were: both of our ancestors were among the eighty earliest families of Piscataway, founded by royal charter in 1666. Right there on our shelves! Just for that, I would say that opening the library on Thursdays evening has been a success! We have also had one, very enthusiastic new member come to research her family each Thursday evening. I urge members to extend your research hours to include Thursday evenings, from 6-9 and tell your friends who would benefit from these additional hours.

A successful General Meeting took place on September 22nd. Jane Germann presented the annual CCGS outstanding volunteer awards to Bill Hidden, Emily Hughes, Kathy Geyer, and Elsie Deatheridge. Congratulations to them! The Washington State Genealogical Society awards for outstanding contribution to our Society were presented to Elinor Perlich and Yours Truly by Richard Engstrom. Author Susan Stoner spoke of the creative and research process that led to the publication of her six historical fiction novels based in early 1900 Oregon. As we dig deeper into the lives of our ancestors we want to know more about them. What was their life like? What were the challenges and triumphs of living in their particular place and time? Why did they move there: pushed or pulled? As Ms Stoner spoke, we discovered we might use the same fact-finding strategies in our own research as she did in writing a book. Ms Stoner brought along a supply of her books for sale and generously donated \$5 from the proceeds of each one to CCGS, resulting in a big \$145 grin on Larry Germann's face. Thank you Susan!

The Clark County Genealogical Society continues to provide a much needed resource to genealogists of all stripes. Come on down!

General Meeting Notes

At press time we don't have a speaker, so be sure to watch the weekly e-letter for more details. Note our change to the daytime hours from October through March.

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. Volunteering as a librarian is a great way to become better acquainted with our holdings, with research techniques, and of course allows us to help fellow genealogists find their families. If you’d like to join the team of CCGS Librarians, contact Kara Lynn Rankin for more information.
- 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.



Scandinavian Corner

Welcome to the Scandinavian Corner. I am writing this from Salt Lake City where I have attended a week long genealogical conference: The Swedish American Genealogist Workshop.

The workshop is an annual event sponsored by Augustana College. This is the second time that I have participated in this event. The workshop staff included individuals from Sweden who provide research assistance as well as class presentations. Some of the topics covered this year:

- Researching Soldiers
- Reading Swedish Handwriting
- Emigrant Experience
- Using Estate Inventories (Bouppteckningar)

All of the research activities and classes were located in the in the Family History Library. Library staff was available to the participants during the week as well as leading some of the classes. I recommend this workshop for beginning researchers as well as the more experienced genealogist. I will bring back some handouts to share with our Scandinavian Focus Group members. Next year’s workshop is scheduled for October 30 to November 6, 2016.

The Scandinavian Focus Group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room. Hope to see you there. We had a great turnout for our meeting in September.

Richard Engstrom
Scandinavian Group Moderator
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CCGS Historian Request

It's been a few years since we've had a Historian for our society, but we have one now!

Bea Ritter has agreed to take on these duties, and is seeking members' help in gathering information of historical value to the society. Suggestions include: Obituaries of former members, articles of publicity for seminars and events, pictures of members taken at events or meetings etc. These can be left in the Historian's box at the library or emailed to Bea at [ritter @ centurylink.net](mailto:ritter@centurylink.net).

Periodicals Report

Lillian Fullerton, Periodicals Chairman

Some articles you may find of interest in recent periodicals which have arrived at CCGS:

American Ancestors Summer 2015

"Research Like a Pro" NEHGS Experts share their top tips.

Your Genealogy Today Sept/Oct 2015

"Interviewing the Elderly" Helpful Tips

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Linda Janssen Clark

This was my once in a lifetime trip. I stayed at a B & B in Edinburgh. I was researching my mother's family and my husband's family. My husband's family of CLARK came to Canada in 1902 from Northumberland England. The family resided in the small village of Belford for 120 years. I took the train from Edinburgh to Berwick on Tweed in Northumberland and received a ride from two ladies from the Belford Historical Society. They were my transportation for my 3 days in Belford. I stayed at The Old Vicarage B & B in which the Clark family lived from around late 1830's until the last member of the family living in Belford died in 1951. It was thrilling to stay in the old family home. My new friend also took me to lunch at the local senior center. It is built on the grounds of the former Belford Workhouse. My husband's great great grandfather Michael Clark, his great uncle James Clark and James' son Michael were Guardians of the Workhouse. Part of the original wall is still standing. I found records in the local church as well as in the records office in Berwick. Before my trip I could not get past 1803. I now have more information and names to take me back at least another 50 years. I also was able to meet 3 cousins who I had only previously had contact through email. Two live in Scotland and the third came by train from London. I had prepared the history on the Clarks that had and gave them each a DVD covering 8 generations of Clarks from 1803 to present. My son is the eight generation and seventh Michael. I found the the first born male of each generation was named Michael. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to this small, quaint village.

I also researched my mother's family of Snedden, McKay and McLachlan. At the Scots People Records office I found information on my grandfather Snedden's family. I also found information to add to what I already had on the McLachlan family/clan. I made a day trip to the Highlands of Scotland to the McLachlan Castle located on Loch Fyne. Preservation work is being done on the "Old Castle" ruins which was built in 15th Century and fell to ruins around 1746. The newer Castle Lachlan was built a short distance NE in 1790. My visit was on a rainy day but still interesting.

Just the thrill of visiting where my family and my husband's family had lived made it a memorable trip.

Next Month's Question: Do you have a favorite memory of a grandparent?

If you would like to share a memory of one of your grandparents in next month's newsletter, please send a brief write-up to me at [allen.alice @ gmail.com](mailto:allen.alice@gmail.com) by the newsletter deadline of October 21st and we'll use your comments in the November newsletter.

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 30th

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

Wednesday, October 7th

Wearables and Genealogy-Wacky and Wild or Worth the Wait, presented by Thomas MacEntee

Wednesday, October 14th – 6 p.m. (note time change)

Colonial Immigration – the English Pioneers of Early America, with Beth Foulk

Friday, October 16th

Billions of Records, Billions of Stories, with Devin Ashby

Wednesday, October 21st

What Happened to the State of Frankland-Using Tennessee's Pre-Statehood Records, with J. Mark Lowe

Wednesday, October 28th

Complex Evidence – What is It? How Does it Work? And Why Does it Matter? with Warren Bittner

Wednesday, November 4th

Researching with Karen, part 3. Presented by Karen Clifford

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. Recently added bonus webinars are "Best Online Resources for Pennsylvania Genealogy," "Beginning Slovak Genealogy Research," and "Beginning Czech Genealogy Research." 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.

FREE! FREE! FREE! Conference AND Lunch (free lunch if pre-registered)

2015 Milwaukie Stake Family History Fair, Saturday, Nov. 14, classes from 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

<http://milwaukiefamilyhistoryconference.blogspot.com/>

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 October.

Donated by Glen Jones

Title: Matthew Whipple the Elder, of Bocking, England & Descendants, vol. 1
Author: Henry Whipple

Title: Matthew Whipple the Elder, of Bocking, England & Descendants, vol. 2
Author: Henry Whipple

Title: A Whipple Family History
Author: Judith C. & Darrel K. Whipple

Title: Whipple-Wright and Allied Families
Author: Charles H. Whipple

Title: Captain John Whipple, 1671-1685 and His Descendants
Author: Minnie Newton Whipple

Title: Beautiful McKenzie
Author: Leroy B. Inman

Donated by Mildred Flick

Title: Strictly Personal—a Teacher's Reminiscences
Author: Kenneth W. Cameron

Title: Gardiner-Gardner Genealogy
Author: Clara Gardner Miller & John Milton Stanton

Title: Lineage Charts-SC Genealogical Chapters: Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Greenwood, Pendleton Dist., Sumter
Author: Greenville Chapter, SC Genealogical Society

Donated by Friends of the Vancouver Community Library

Title: Alki Yearbook 1949
Author: Vancouver High School

Title: Blue and White: 1959 Yearbook Medford High School
Author: Medford High School

Title: Millennium 1983, Columbia High School Troutdale OR
Author: Columbia High School

Title: Millennium-1982 Yearbook, Columbia High School, Troutdale OR
Author: Columbia River High School

Title: Millennium-1981 Yearbook, Columbia High School Troutdale OR
Author: Columbia High School

More New Books:

Donated by Karen West

Title: Life and Times of Joe Peach 1881-1956
Author: Joe Peach

Donated by the Clark Co. Magna Carta Observance Committee

Title: Celebration of Freedom
Author: Clark Co. Magna Carta Observance Committee

Donated by Carolyn Ellertson

Title: Neosho-Tom Benton's All-American City
Author: Larry James

Donated by Karen Schmidt

Title: The Harmon Genealogy
Author: Artemas C. Harmon

Donated by an Anonymous donor

Title: Descendants of Jacob Hostetler
Author: Harvey Hostetler

The following were donated by Glen Jones, and are duplicates of books we already have. They will not be on the "new" shelf, but a copy will be available for checkout to current CCGS members.

Title: Kalama Washington- A CENTENNIAL HISTORY
Author: Violet Johnson

Title: Cyndi's List
Author: Cyndi Howells

What's New at Ancestry
Alice Allen

Ancestry recently released a database of US Wills and Probate Records. I spent a few hours in this database over the past few days and have a couple of break-throughs in one of my more challenging lines:

After being unable to locate my 3gg grandfather's sister & most of their family after 1850, I found a will record for her husband in Branch Co., MI. I had previously discovered a couple of their children here. The will record confirmed that the parents were here as well, since it listed the children's names (not the wife—who must have died before he did). And I may have discovered the whereabouts of one of my Alexander Millet's, as there was a probate record in Montgomery County Ohio for him. More research needed, but I have a starting point to look now. I have four gentlemen by this name in our family, with info on only one of them.

If you haven't checked this database out yet, come on down to the Library and make use of our Ancestry subscription.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Mary McMonegal

I had the opportunity to visit the Allen County Public Library, one of the premier genealogy libraries in the US, a couple of weeks ago. I was on a combined genealogy/walking trip through about 8 states in the mid-west. It suddenly occurred to me that the library was in Indiana somewhere, so I looked it up. It's in the north eastern part of the state in Fort Wayne, about 3 hours out of Chicago. I didn't have a lot of time to research their catalog, but just couldn't pass up a chance to see the library.

I arrived on a Sunday afternoon - they were only open to 5. I made a quick tour of the genealogy section and returned there the following morning for a whole day (Monday hours are 9am-9pm). I was able to go through their family genealogy books and the Irish and German sections. I also viewed some of their map books.

There were far more Irish genealogy books than what I've found in the Multnomah main library in Portland. I imagine that they had more German genealogy books too, although I haven't checked out the supply in Portland yet. For the time I spent there, I only was able to see one small part of the genealogy library, so I imagine there was much more research I could have done. I'll just have to go back and visit again for a longer period.

Photo – Ida H. Frost

We recently received a rescued photograph from Shelley Cardiel of Kirkland, Washington, of Ida H. Frost. This was a school photograph, taken at the Wintler Studio here in Vancouver. With the notation of Vancouver High School and "1913" embossed on the photo, I went to our bookshelves where I found we had a copy of the 1913 yearbook for Vancouver High School, with this same photograph. Her full name was Ida Helen Frost, her nickname (according to the yearbook) was "Frostie," and it was noted that "self-control is her virtue." She was pursuing a scientific course and was a member of the Phrenomathian Club at the school.

I checked the 1910 census and found an Ida H. Frost listed with parents Charles and Hannah Frost, living in the Cedar Creek Precinct of Clark County. While Ida was born in Washington, her parents were born in Finland. In the 1920 census she is still single, living at home with her parents, and is a public school teacher. She is still single and still a teacher in the 1930 census, living with her widowed mother. A check of the Washington State Digital Archives site did not turn up a marriage for her in Washington state. Find-a-Grave has her buried in the Hayes Cemetery in Clark County, and dying in 1972. If this sounds familiar to anyone, please get in touch with me (editor).



Note: Shelley Cardiel has found many lost photos over the years, posting the information on Message Boards and Mailing Lists. She currently also posts in a Facebook Group titled "Genealogy: Lost and Found." It's not a group for requesting lost photos, but for posting the found ones in hopes of locating family members. If you have photos you'd like to return to family members and are a Facebook user, you can request to join this group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GenealogyLostandFound/>

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.

CCGS Focus Groups

CCGS is home to several Focus groups which meet monthly at the Library annex (aka Education Center). If one of these is of interest to you, come join us!

- Legacy Users Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Group members can bring questions and problems to the group for answers, and there is usually a feature of the Legacy genealogy program highlighted.
- First Thursday Unfocused Group: Meets the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. No special focus (hence the name "Unfocused") for this group—we meet and discuss most anything of a genealogical interest. And we often have cookies, too!
- Scandinavian Group: Meets the second Thursday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The focus? Scandinavian genealogy, of course. If you have ancestors from one of the Scandinavian countries, come join the group for extra help, and to share your experiences.

The Native American focus group is on hold for now, waiting for someone who is willing to be the moderator. The former moderator has moved from the area and can no longer do this'

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

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

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).

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Oct. 1 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 5 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 8 Scandinavian Focus Group – 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
- Oct, 12 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 21 Deadline for November newsletter
- Oct. 26 Librarian Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 26 Librarians Training, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 27 General Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, 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@pacifier.com or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.