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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., Nov. 24th
9 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Annex

More information on page 2.

President's Message

Question: What is the state of the Clark County Genealogical Society as we approach the end of 2015?

Membership: Our membership seems to be hovering right around 300. This is significantly down from the high of 677 in 2002. Our Membership Chair, Denni Hamilton-Levonian, ably assisted by our chief statistics guru, Bill Whalley are hard at work keeping tabs on membership numbers. When we stopped mailing out the newsletter members lost one way of knowing when they needed to renew their membership. We are revamping the renewal process to make sure you don't fall through the cracks when renewal time rolls around. Make sure you check your email notices from CCGS and watch for those snail mail notices in your mailbox.

Library: The library continues to attract enthusiastic researchers during the open hours of 10-3 Tuesday through Friday. Kara Lynn Rankin and Ralph Erickson have been successful at finding times for those who want to volunteer their time as librarians. There are still openings for the month of November but don't delay. They're going fast! We are starting our third month of having the library open on Thursday evenings from 6-9. Those that have made use of these evening hours have expressed their thanks for library access as it is the only time they can make use of our more than 6500 volumes of genealogically relevant publications. Just a reminder: we have the Library edition of Ancestry.com available in addition to American Ancestors.

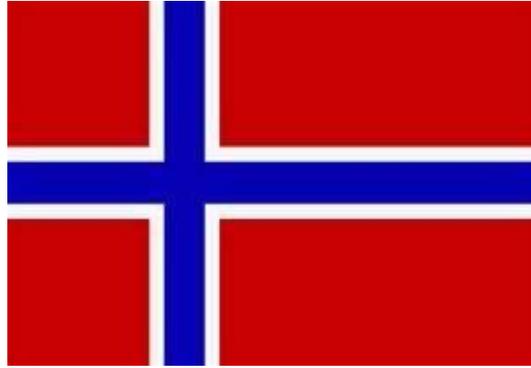
Education: We are continuing to offer webinars in the Annex nearly every Wednesday. These are incredibly informative classes on a wide range of topics. Upcoming classes will feature case studies submitted to Karen Clifford and organizational strategies presented by Diahann Southard. These webinars are presented by some of the best genealogical instructors in the world. Check out the calendar and come join us! We are currently without an education chair. We are actively looking to fill this important position. It is tremendously rewarding to coordinate classes for our members. If this is something that calls to you, please contact me at president@ccgs-wa.org and let's chat. We are developing a curriculum for the winter. Look for new class announcements soon.

Finances: Our intrepid Treasurer, Larry Germann, ably assisted by Eric Jordahl and Lowell Kenedy, have a steady hand on our financial well-being. The latest report shows us with more expenses than income over the past few months, which is normal for the summer months. We expect to see this turn around in the coming months.

Interest Groups: We have several interest groups active at CCGS

- The Scandinavian Interest Group meets on the second Thursday from 10-11:30, Richard Engstrom facilitating.
- The Legacy Users Group meets on the first Monday from 10-12, Bill Whalley facilitating.
- The Unfocused Focus Group meets on the first Thursday from 1-3, Larry Dean facilitating.
- The Native American Focus Group is restarting. The next meeting is Saturday, October 31st from 10:30 – 12 noon. Madeline Mesplay facilitating .

All-in-all, CCGS is doing well. We are still offering up a planeload of activities for the interested genealogist. Thanks for your continued support.



Scandinavian Corner

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. This edition will focus on the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation (SHF) which is based in Portland, Oregon. It is a non-profit organization focused on the five Nordic nations, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Its primary mission is to preserve authentic traditions and culture while celebrating modern Scandinavian life, culture and business.

The Nordia House was developed under their sponsorship. The SHF hosts a variety of events and has a great website listing Scandinavian activities in the Portland metropolitan area. Of particular interest is the upcoming Scan Fair, December 5-6, held at the Portland Veterans Memorial Coliseum. This will include a variety of activities, including the Oregon Lucia, Queen of Light event. Of course, lots of Scandinavian food including Danish aebleskiver, Norwegian lefse, Swedish meatballs with lingonberries and lots of coffee.

The Nordia House is located at 8800 SW Oleson Road, Portland, Or 97223.
The website for SHF is: <http://www.scanheritage.org>

The CCGS Scandinavian group is planning a visit to the Nordia House. Further information will follow as to date and time. We will also be organizing a group to attend the ScanFair in December.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus group will be Thursday, November 12th, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room. Hope to see you there.

Richard Engstrom
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Native American Focus Group—Update

The Native American Focus Group will resume a monthly meeting on Sat. Oct. 31st, 2015 at 10:30-12:00 in the CCGS annex. Moderator: Madeline Mesplay

Planned activities will be to discuss the direction of our group, how to offer support to research and planning for specific topic development or interests. Come with all your great ideas and any suggestions for other times or days to meet members schedules.

November General Meeting 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Tuesday November 24th :

Our November General Meeting Program will be presented by Bill Hidden. He will be speaking about the historical legacy of the Hidden family including the Brick Works. Hope to see you there!

Winter Closures

It will soon be that time of year when we have to deal with inclement weather. If the Vancouver School District is closed due to weather, the CCGS Library will also be closed. In questionable weather where the city schools may be open, be sure to check our web page or call the library to double-check that we are open. Some of our librarians live in outlying areas where road conditions may be worse than what we experience in the city, and may not want to drive in to town in those conditions. We will make every effort to update our web page in these instances, but in case this isn't possible, a call to the library should confirm if we are open or closed.

My Grandfather

By Barbara Rolling Redwing

My Grandfather Rev. Robert Hatfield Allen was a Methodist Minister who graduated from Willamette University and Kimball College of Theology in Salem, Oregon in 1914.

From 1940-1943 he lived in Selah, WA. - Methodist Church and Parsonage. I don't remember too much about our visits to Selah except for their bantam chickens named Fibber McGee and Molly and they had a Victory garden.

1943-1946 Toppenish, WA United Methodist Church and Parsonage. Being involved on all the weekends it was difficult for them to visit us, so my sister Shirley and I would get to spend some time with them during the summer. This meant we could help teach Sunday School, visit the sick, attend the weddings and the funerals because in those days the minister did it all with the help of my grandmother. My grandfather had worked for the railroad prior to becoming a preacher. In his church office he had some wooden trains that he had built and I would get to play with them. I still have those trains. A 5 foot wooden key was given to my grandfather by the City of Goldendale because of the organization of the Twi-Light Baseball League. He loved baseball but couldn't attend Sunday games so this enabled him to attend night games. I have that key because I was born in Goldendale.

Toppenish was fun because would go to the city swimming pool not far from the parsonage and also walk to town with Grandfather Allen where he would treat us to an ice cream float at the local drug store.

We got to attend the Mountain Air Institute Church Camp at Naches near Mt. Rainier. A trip to Yakima meant ordering food, etc. for the camp. The butcher always pulled the old weiner/finger trick on us every year we were there. At the camp, My grandfather was in charge of the student store where Shirley and I got to help sell candy, etc.

When no camps were scheduled, the Methodist Conference personnel could use the camp site. The four of us plus another minister, his wife and their grandson were camping one summer when my grandfather went to his car (a DeSota) to listen to the 10 p.m. news broadcast. That was when we learned that WW II had ended. We had no big celebration there in the beautiful woods of our Country...we just thanked God the war was over. My father bought the DeSota auto from my grandmother after my grandfather passed away in May, 1946. I learned to drive and receive my license driving my grandfather's car.

Grandfather Allen was only 61 when he passed away, a life too short. He was a wonderful man and I treasure every day I got to spend with him.

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

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 by the newsletter deadline of December 2nd and we'll use your comments in the December-January newsletter.

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night (Oct. 31st).

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, November 4th

Researching with Karen—3, presented by Karen Clifford

Wednesday, November 11th, 6 p.m. (note time change)

Organizing your Genetic Genealogy, presented by Diahna Southard

Friday, November 13th

Bringing it All Together and Leaving a Permanent Record, presented by Tom Kemp

Wednesday, November 18th

Mapping Madness, presented by Ron Arons

Wednesday, December 2nd

Stories in Stone—Cemetery Research, presented by Gail Blankenau

Wednesday, December 9th, 6:00 p.m. (note time change)

Thinking about Becoming an Accredited Genealogist? Presenters Apryl Cox and Kelly Summers

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 a series of seven webinars by Jana Sloan Broglin: Ohio, the Great Land Experiment; Ohio's Probate Court; America's Expansion: the Ohio Country 1783-1812; Early Ohio Wills and Estates; Ohio's Recorder's Office; Unusual Ohio Courthouse Records; and Ohio's Common Pleas Court.

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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) (Repeat)

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 November.

Donated by Glen Jones

Title: Encyclopedia of Indian Wars 1850-1890
Author: Gregory F. Michino

Title: Life Wild and Perilous
Author: Robert M. Utley

Title: Dryden's History of Washington
Author: Cecil Dryden

Title: Panic at Ft. Stevens
Author: Bert Webber

Title: Military Service Records at the National Archives
Author: Trevor K. Plante

Title: Noyes Descendants of James, Nicholas and Peter Noyes, vol. 2
Author: Col. Henry E. Noyes

Title: Readings in Pacific Northwest History
Author: Charles Marvin Gates, Editor

Title: At Rest in Lincoln County
Author: Evelyn Perry

Title: Daily Life in a Covered Wagon
Author: Paul Erickson

Title: Stage Coaches and Stations, Western Oregon 1850-1920
Author: Joseph F. McDonald

Title: Helena, an Illustrated History
Author: Vivian Paladin & Jean Baucus

Title: Descendants of Thomas (5) Buell
Author: Harlow Dunham Curtis

Title: Idaho in the Pacific Northwest
Author: Floyd B. Barber & Dan W. Martin

Title: Culdesac, Idaho Centennial 1903-2003
Author: Culdesac Gem Committee

Title: Seven Trails West
Author: Arthur King Peters

Title: History of Idaho, vol. 1
Author: Leonard J. Arrington

Title: History of Idaho, vol. 2
Author: Leonard J. Arrington

Title: East of the Cascades
Author: Phil F. Brogan

More New Books:

Glen Jones Donations (continued)

Title: Oregon Blue Book 2013-2014
Author: Kate Brown

Donated by Mildred Flick

Title: South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, vol. 13, no. 2
Author: Laurence K. Wells, editor

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Donated by Pat Bauer

Title: Who Was Who, 1897-1915
Author: A & C Black Limited (publisher)

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: Gateway to Glorieta
Author: Lynn Perrigo

Donated by Friends of Ft. Vancouver Library

Title: Post Bicentennial-Heritage of Camas-Washougal 1776-1976
Author: Milt Bona

The following books were also donated to the CCGS Library. Since we already have copies of these books, these will not be found on the New Shelf. They are available for checkout to current CCGS members. Look for the green dot on the book spine.

Title: History of the Pacific Northwest
Author: George W. Fuller
Donated by: Glen Jones

Title: Oregon Burial Site Guide
Author: Dean H. Byrd
Donated by: Stanley Clarke

American Ancestors

Featured database: Worcester County, Massachusetts Probate File Records, 1731-1881

Mentioned on Facebook a few days ago, this database is going to be of extreme value to me as I research my Worcester Co. ancestors. I've already found a probate file for Solomon Johnson, which I haven't finished reading through yet. It begins with a 1775 guardianship petition; he died in 1782 and 12 years later they're still wrangling over the estate. This Solomon is my 6gg grandfather.

CCGS has a subscription to the American Ancestors website. Not limited to New England, I have also found records for some of my other ancestors in other areas. Come on down and take a look at this fabulous resource.

MEMORIES OF MY GRANDFATHER
Marian Kenedy

When I was a young girl in Everett, WA, my mother and I would go to Bellingham, WA, to visit her parents. Her father Carl Cozier, my grandfather, was a veterinarian in Bellingham beginning in 1904. He would occasionally take me with him on trips out to the farms where I noticed cows had drippy noses and needed a handkerchief. One time he took me to see pigs that were wallowing in gray garbage and orange peels. They did not smell good! Those are two outstanding memories. When I graduated from WSC in 1954 he was a Golden Grad. Lowell and I happened to meet him as our paths crossed on campus. I did not know he was there. We had dinner together and had a good visit.

Book Review: Contributed by Bill Whalley

**The Invisible History of the Human Race
How DNA and History Shape Our Identities and Our Futures.
By Christine Kenneally, Viking, 2014**

Available Camas, Ridgefield, Vancouver public libraries.

This is not a How To Do Genetic Genealogy book. It might be a Why or Why Not book. It touches on genealogy and genetics, DNA and the prehistory, historical, social and medical connections to these fields.

NY Times review:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/19/books/review/christine-kenneallys-invisible-history-of-the-human-race.html>

90 customer reviews on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Invisible-History-Human-Race/dp/0670025550>

Quote from Boston Globe review: "Genealogy gets a bad rap, author Christine Kenneally writes, because of its hint of elitism, its whiff of self-absorption, and its slightly queasy associations with the concepts of breeding and eugenics."

Good Reads: <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20821027-the-invisible-history-of-the-human-race>

Huffington Post:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christine-kenneally/genealogy-eugenics_b_6367344.html

"Why does the world hate genealogists? Or, to rephrase, why are the masses of people around the world who are engaged in questions about their family's past often dismissed by those who aren't? "

Following up some of the leads in the book led to this remarkable story of someone who was actually switched at birth as proven by DNA and a lot of hard work.

http://www.yourgeneticgenealogist.com/2015/02/switched-at-birth-unravelling-century_27.html

CCGS Volunteers

As I'm sure you all know, CCGS is a 100% volunteer-operated organization. We are tremendously grateful for all of our many volunteers and the dedication they bring to the success of our Society. Our volunteers have the opportunity to serve a few hours a month to more hours than they can count and everything in between. Many volunteers speak of how enjoyable their time is rubbing shoulders and sharing enthusiasm with other like-minded researchers. If you're not currently volunteering you're missing out on some really good times. There are currently several opportunities for volunteering that will enhance your connection with your Society. To find out how you can join in the fun, contact our President, Brian Runyan president@ccgs-wa.org or Vice-President, Bea Ritter gensoc@ccgs-wa.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 Group is back. The first organizational meeting under new leadership will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31st at 10:30 a.m. at the CCGS Library. This will be a planning meeting, if this group is of interest to you, come join them as they set their monthly meeting days and times. More information will be available later through the weekly email letter as well as our monthly newsletter.

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

- Nov. 2 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
- Nov. 5 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
- Nov. 9 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
- Nov. 12 Scandinavian Focus Group – 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
- Nov. 24 General Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
- Nov. 24-28 CCGS Library closed for Thanksgiving. Will Reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 1st
- Dec. 2 Deadline for December-January newsletter
- Dec. 3 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m. CCGS Education Center
- Dec. 7 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. 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 at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.