

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

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Closed Sunday & Monday

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library calendar for  
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<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

**Tues, - Fri**  
10 am to 3:00 pm  
**Thursday**  
6-9 pm

**Saturday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Next General Meeting is  
Tuesday, Feb 23rd. See pg.  
2 for more information.**

## Wow! Great Article About CCGS!

This was the subject line of the email some of us received recently from our Publicity chairman, Kay Cooke. Kay has been working overtime lately to get us “out there” in the public eye. We’ve had many new visitors to the library and to our Focus groups because of her efforts to let Clark County residents know that we are here and ready to help with their family history research.

This latest good news is the recent article in the Battle Ground Reflector featuring Kay, Library Director Lethene Parks, CCGS President Bryan Runyan, and our library facilities. You can read the article in its entirety here:

<http://tinyurl.com/hnpc4y3>

A copy of the article will also be found on the bulletin board in the Library lunchroom.

If you’d like to drop them a quick note of appreciation for the article, you can do so here: [ken@thereflector.com](mailto:ken@thereflector.com)



L-R: Publicity chairman Kay Cooke; Library Director Lethene Parks, and CCGS President Brian Runyan at the CCGS Library.



## “It’s All about Paper and Spit.”

**General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, February 23: 10 a.m. to noon  
CCGS Education Room**

*Hear how genetic genealogy helped Don Anderson find his  
birth parents and ethnic roots.*

Don Anderson, adopted at 6 months, receiving a copy of his pre-adoption birth certificate in 2000, and reunited with his birth mother in 2001. Then, beginning with DNA testing in 2006, Don was finally able to confirm the identity and ethnicity of his birth father in June, 2015.

Don is a native Oregonian, conceived in Corvallis and born in Portland. He is married to Diana. They are the parents of 4 children, and 15 grandchildren. With a degree in Music Education and Performance, he has been the director of the US Army choir in Europe, Portland Chorale, Conchords Chorale, Cloud 9, Vocal Effect, Tenor soloist with the Portland Opera and Oregon Symphony, and New York City Opera ensemble, and currently operates a voice studio in Portland. All of this music background ties into his genetic genealogy.

He became an administrator for two DNA projects on Family Tree DNA in 2014, and is writing a book based on his journey to find his first parents. Don’s goal is to assist other adoptees with their search, and anyone interested in breaking down those brick walls that may exist in their genealogy.

Along with Don’s fascinating story, the listener will be given a lot of how-to’s to supercharge their own genealogy. Come prepared to laugh, cry, and learn to make genealogy a more personal and meaningful part of your life!

## Who Was Your Most Interesting or Colorful Ancestor?

If you did not get a chance to respond to this month’s genealogy question, we’ll carry this one over to the March newsletter. If you have a interesting or colorful ancestor you’d like to write a brief article about, email me at allen.alice at gmail.com with your write up, no later than February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Elsie Deatherage** tells us that her most colorful ancestor was John Holcroft, aka "Tom the Tinker", leader of the Whiskey Rebellion. Her most colorful ancestor probably knew **Don Allen’s** equally colorful ancestor, Herman Husband—also a leader in the Whiskey Rebellion, as well as a leader in the Regulator movement in North Carolina. Don’s 4<sup>th</sup> great grandaunt was Amy Allen, daughter of John and Phebe Scarlet Allen, and was Husband’s third wife. If you don’t know much about the Whiskey Rebellion, google it and see what you find. It’s an interesting tale from our country’s early history. You can also google “Tom the Tinker” and “Herman Husband” to read more about them.

I can count as my most interesting or colorful character, one Timothy Fletcher Hersey. He married my gg grandfather’s youngest sister, Eliza Rachel Johnson. Together they founded Abeline, Kansas. He was well-traveled with many adventures and moved west, eventually settling in Castle Rock, Washington. He died there in 1905.

This might be of interest to newsletter readers who are researching in the UK. (from CCGS member Steve Aberle)

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/1939-register>

Quoting from that page:

"As the 1931 census for England and Wales was destroyed by fire during the Second World War and no census was taken in 1941, the 1939 Register provides the most complete survey of the population of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951."

## SCANDINAVIAN CORNER



ELLIS ISLAND

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. Some new databases are available for Swedish researchers.

- The Rotemannen 2 database was released by the Stockholm City Archives. In 1878 the parishes of Stockholm ceased to keep husförhörlängder (clerical surveys), as the large influx of people to the city made it impossible for the church to keep track of the new arrivals. They started a system where a special clerk in each block had the duty to document where they came from, where they went, dates and places of birth and occupations. It is on DVD and only in Swedish.
- The Swedish Census 1910 is now available. It contains information for about 5.6million individuals who lived in Sweden at the end of the year 1910.

Both of these databases are available at <http://www.rotterbokhandeln.se>

There are some wonderful resources for training videos that are free for viewers. You Tube is a great place to search for videos on Scandinavian Genealogy. Family Search.org also has a number of videos both beginning and advanced on various topics related to Scandinavian genealogy.

A number of people have expressed interest in learning more about how to use ArkivDigital, the premier site for Swedish parish records as well as the Norwegian site, Arkivverket.

The following dates have been scheduled:

1. ArkivDigital for Swedish Records, Tuesday February 9, 10am to 12. CCGS Annex
2. Arkivverket for Norwegian Records-Tuesday, February 16, 10am 12. CCGS Annex

Please let me know if you plan to attend so we can have the proper number of handouts.

There is no fee for these sessions.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will meet on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS Annex.

Richard Engstrom  
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**RootsQuest 2016, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the LDS church in Forest Grove, Oregon. Here's a link for more information: <http://roots.fgos.org/>**

**Registration runs from February 15-March 11. And it's free! A free lunch if you pre-register.**

## 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. 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.

**Note: There will be a one-week break due to the Roots Tech Conference in Salt Lake February 4-8**

Wednesday, February 10th, 6 p.m. (note time change)

Exploring Your Scots-Irish with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Getting Started with Microsoft Word

Presented by Thomas MacEntee

Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Problem Solving with FANS (if you don't know what this is, you should watch this webinar)

Presented by Beth Foulk

Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0

Presented by Cyndi Ingle

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

The War of 1812 Records – Preserving the Pensions

Presented by Michael J. Hall

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 include "East, West, and In-Between: Navigating Pennsylvania's Counties and Their Resources" (Lisa Also); "Online and Offline Resources for Virginia Genealogy" (Shannon Combs-Bennett); "Tips and Tricks For Using the Library of Virginia Website," (Shannon Combs-Bennett).

### **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.

**New to Our Library**  
Compiled by Alice Allen & Lonna Parker

The following books were recently added to our collection, and will be found on the New Shelf at the CCGS Library during the month of February.

Donated by Glen Jones

Title: Historical Atlas of Native Americans  
Author: Dr. Ian Barnes

Title: Columbia River Gorge, Natural Treasure on the Old Oregon Trail  
Author: Cheri Dohnal

Title: Oregon Outlaws, Tales of Old-Time Desperadoes  
Author: Gary & Gloria Meier

Title: BLM Facts, Oregon & Washington 2008  
Author: Bureau of Land Management

Title: Outlaw Tales of Oregon  
Author: Jim Yuskavitch

Title: Tales from the Past  
Author: Jim & Reita Lockett

Title: Monmouth, Oregon, the Saga of a Small American Town  
Author: Scott McArthur

Title: Gold and Cattle Country  
Author: Herman Oliver

Title: Crooked River Country: Wranglers, Rogues, and Barons  
Author: David Braly

Donated by Linda Dawson

A series of Time-Life books based on Civil War era people. There are more which will be added next month, but here are the titles we processed in January:

Title: Narrative of a Blockade-Runner  
Author: John Wilkinson

Title: Detailed Minutiae of Soldier Life  
Author: Carlton McCarthy

Title: Confederate Operations in Canada and New York  
Author: John W. Headley

Title: Daring and Suffering  
Author: William Pittenger

Title: Hard Tack and Coffee  
Author: John D. Billings

Title: Three Months in the Southern States  
Author: Arthur J. L. Fremantle

Donated by Clark County Historical Museum

Title: Clark County Washington History 2014  
Author: Ft. Vancouver Historical Society

Donated by Rosaly Bauer Divans

Title: Woodland Dairies  
Author: Rosaly Bauer Divans

**Membership Report**

Bea Ritter

Welcome to the following new CCGS members:

Frank Packard  
Norman Hill  
Caren Carlson  
Christopher Morgan  
Karen Ford  
Sharon Nations  
Andrew & Coral Brewer  
Kathy Solheim  
Candace Africa  
Christopher Banker  
Julie Young  
Dixie Caris  
Shirley Brown  
Edwin Senior  
Sharon Thiesmeyer

Welcome back to

Gordon Meyer  
Marie Adler  
David Cummings  
Lynda Brown  
Joy Kersteter  
Dawn Durgan  
Barry Peterson

**Save the Date—Librarians' Training**

If you are a CCGS Librarian—or would like to be one—join us on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. for our first 2016 Librarians' Training session at CCGS. These training sessions are held four times a year and are of benefit for long-time librarians as well as the newer ones. And if you aren't currently a CCGS Librarian, you are welcome to join the fun and learn how you can help the genealogy community who come through our doors looking for clues to track down those elusive ancestors. Many of our librarians tell us they learn something that will help them with their own families, too. Mark your calendars and come meet up with your fellow librarians. We look forward to seeing you all there!

10 a.m. – 12 noon  
CCGS Annex (aka Education Center)

## 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](mailto:president@ccgs-wa.org) or Vice-President, Bea Ritter [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto: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. This group has resumed its previous schedule of meeting at the CCGS Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Madeline Mesplay is the group's moderator. If you have Native American ancestry, this is the place to be.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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).

## More “Interesting and Colorful” Ancestors

How many of us can claim a pirate as our ancestor? Well, CCGS member Verna Couchman can, and has submitted this information from her research:

Last year I heard I was descended from a pirate. Really? My inner ear shrieks at any vehicle or conveyance that has even the potential of pitch and yaw, even while hugging the Dramamine bottle. Boats, even with captains who look like Johnny Depp, are definitely not my thing. This also doesn't account for the pirate image of red scarf, high boots and long knife. Still, the lineage seemed pretty clear at least to the Revolutionary War so. I definitely had to know more.

My 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather, Antonio de Zocieur, was born in 1707, in the Azores which is a cluster of islands off of Portugal. Published family history indicates that his parents may have been French. The Azores are known to have been ports for privateers who were French Huguenots but no more precise information about Anthony's parents is available. According to a grandson's written diary, Anthony took a trading ship to what was to become the U.S. According to church records, in 1727, he married a woman, Sarah Tryon, a member of the Middletown Colony in Connecticut. He changed his name to Anthony Sizer to sound more English. Anthony and Sarah's marriage was recorded with a note that Anthony was a “seafaring” man.

King George's War from 1744 to 1748 was a struggle between France and Great Britain over North America. They made use of privateers or “legal pirates” with ships fully armed with guns and crew. Since the early colonies did not have a navy for protection and also needed the goods from the trading ships, captured ships were a source of supplies. Anthony Sizer is listed among the crew of the sloop, “Defence”, that went to sea in July 1741 and served until the crew was discharged in October of that year when the sloop was docked for winter. No further information about Anthony's pirate/privateering has surfaced, but one interesting note is that his son, Anthony Sizer ( 1734 -1764) drowned while serving on a ship in Indonesian waters, more than half way around the world. The elder Anthony, died in 1753 before the Revolutionary War. William and Daniel, sons of Anthony and Sarah, served in the war. William, who is my ancestor, was a Captain under Benedict Arnold.

I had difficulty writing this story because I am indoctrinated to have solid “evidence” before writing. In this case it's not really possible since census records didn't begin until 1790. Early church records and military records are the most solid and form a framework for the written comments of individuals all the way back to William Sizer. Ancestry lists the “Millennium File” as a reference under Antonio de Zocieur but it is apparently a database put together by a private company and is useful for clues.

I had read my Sizer lineage and was intrigued by the unusual name but didn't pay attention until Peter Irvine found me on AncestryDNA. I had submitted an autosomal DNA test to both AncestryDNA and FamilyTreeDNA. This was before I had heard Larry Dean's very reasonable advice to know what you are looking for in genetic testing before investing. Peter was contacting all possible connections with the Sizer family. He established a private Sizer group on Facebook and established a group on FamilyTreeDNA related to early colonists at Middletown, Connecticut. There is a final twist to this story though. At that time, there were only about 14 members who had tested and out of that group, Peter was the only match to my sister and myself. There may not be much common DNA that can be measured as far as 4 to 6 generations back. My sister matches me at 2531 centiMorgans (cM) and Peter is a match at 43 cM. I believe the reason that Peter matches is that he is related in a cross-over with my maternal lineage.

I have become very aware that genealogy is a community affair. I feel very grateful to the individuals who literally 100's of years ago, took their time to write down what they remembered about their history. The hand written paper that my late cousin gave to me 40 years ago with the lineage back to Antonio de Zocieur is the only fairly complete lineage I've received from either side of the family. The DNA connections got me to look at the written records and to use the efforts of the other's in the group to locate the documents. In this case, I guess this information needed to be told as it was incredibly lucky to find a crossover in lineage and therefore a connection on-line. There has been some effort to check DNA testing in the Azores and maybe in a few years there will be more information, at least about pirates who called the Azores home. I also plan to join the Order of Descendants of Pirates and Privateers just to learn more and get the cool photo on their certificate.

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Note: if Sarah Tryon is related to Governor William Tryon of early North Carolina, there is another connection to Herman Husband (Don Allen's colorful relative), as Governor Tryon was on the “other” side during the Regulator movement.

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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

Feb 1 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center  
Feb 4 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
Feb 8 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
Feb 11 Scandinavian Focus Group, 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
Feb 13 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library  
**Feb 17 Deadline for February newsletter**  
Feb 22 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. – noon CCGS Library  
Feb 23 General Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center  
Feb 29 Librarian’s Training, 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. [jjmb at pacifier.com](mailto:jjmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.