

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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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, April 26, 7 p.m.**

**Note the time change to  
evening hours**

### President's Message

I know everyone is tossing in their sleep trying to help me with my brick wall, Isaac P Reese's parents. When I started on this particular journey two years ago, all I knew was that Isaac's parents were named on his death record as John B Reese and Louisa Estes. Soon after his obituary was found naming his "aged mother" as Mrs. L. B. Daniels. Subsequent research uncovered a total of four husbands, John B. Reese, James Weakman, Mr. McReynolds and Henry H. Daniel. Try as I might I was unable to discover a death record of any kind for Louisa. Until . . . this past weekend! On a whim, I looked again on Find A Grave and there was a Louisa B. Daniel 1834-1921 buried in Wann, Oklahoma. Oklahoma? No sign of Henry H. I decided to call the city hall in Wann to try to discover the caretaker for the cemetery. The nice lady at city hall referred me to Shari at the local construction company (they open the graves, dontcha know). RingRing . . . RingRing. Deaton Construction, Shari Reese here. WHOA!! REESE? I'll spare you the rest of the histrionics that occurred in my brain. The first revelation was that Louisa is buried next to a Jonathan W. Reese. Her son, it seems. AND the cemetery is full of Reeses as is the town of Wann. I just hit the cousin mother lode! One more step toward figuring out what happened to Isaac's father, John B. who died sometime before Feb 1857 when his estate started through probate. Was his death somehow connected to the tragedies of Bleeding Kansas? Stay tuned to this same bat channel for further developments.

### General Meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9 p.m.

Join us Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the CCGS Annex/Education Center for our next General meeting. Society business will include an introduction of nominees for CCGS officers for the coming year. More information is available in this newsletter. Following our business, we'll have a presentation on the history of our community's national park.

Meagan Huff, Assistant Curator at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, will discuss the history behind our community's local national park, which includes the Hudson's Bay Company's Fort Vancouver, the US Army's Vancouver Barracks, Pearson Air Field, and the McLoughlin House in Oregon City. Meagan will briefly discuss what we can learn about our area's past from both the historical record and ongoing archaeological investigations at the site. Meagan will also discuss the avenues for further research offered at the national park, including a research library, online historical and archaeological reports, and behind-the-scenes tours of the artifact collection.

Meagan Huff grew up in Vancouver, Washington, and graduated twice from the University of Washington in Seattle – once with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and art history, and then with a Master of Arts degree in Museum Studies. Meagan has worked in a variety of museums in the state, and has been at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site since 2010.

## SCANDINAVIAN CORNER



Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The above photo is of my Great Uncle, Olav Gustav Johansson. He served in the Swedish Royal Guard in the late 1890's and then immigrated to the USA. He was from the Parish of Karlslunda in Kalmar County. All of his siblings except for one brother immigrated to the USA. I am fortunate that my grandmother saved a number of photos of her family. I have scanned all of these photos and shared them with my Swedish cousins. They have been able in some instances to identify those unknown photos. I have also subscribed to a website, Tribal Pages.Com. This site, both free and subscription, allows you to download your family tree and related information including photos. I have then allowed access to this site for my Swedish cousins, so that they can view my Swedish family research. Most of them do not use Ancestry so this is an easy way for them to view our shared trees. There are other sites similar to Tribal Pages but so far I have been very pleased with the site and the options it provides.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Thursday, April 14, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room. Hope to see you there.

Richard Engstrom  
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### **Question of the Month: What are your favorite genealogy websites?**

Several responses were received from CCGS members who responded with their favorites. You'll find those favorite websites sprinkled about the newsletter—don't miss them.

**March Newsletter:** If you receive newsletter notification by email and weren't quick to download March's newsletter—Rootsweb/Ancestry's servers crashed two days after the March newsletter was uploaded and members notified that it was ready. The site was down until March 15. If you still missed it, it is now on the Archived newsletter site on the CCGS web page. From the main page locate and click on the link for "Publications and Links," then select "CCGS Newsletters" on the next page.

## Spring Class Schedule at CCGS

Following is the class schedule for Spring 2016 at CCGS:

- April 19, 2016, 10-12noon. Find Your Ancestor's Using Ancestry.com. CCGS has a subscription to [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) that you can access right at our library. Bea Ritter will bring us up to speed with the latest in function and content on [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com). Almost too much to pack into one class, so bring your note-taking skills.
- May 3, 2016, 10-12noon. Find Your Ancestor's Using FamilySearch.org; Alice Allen will summarize how to effectively navigate the totally free site, [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org). With content being added at such a rapid pace, a yearly tune-up is essential for research success.
- May 17, 2016, 10-12noon. Find Your Ancestor's Using AmericanAncestors.com. Lethene Parks will demonstrate what is available on New England Genealogical Society's research website [americanancestors.com](http://americanancestors.com). Far from being just about New England research, NEHGS has databases covering every state and many foreign countries from Barbados to Italy and nearly everything in between. CCGS has a subscription to this site that is available for your use at our library.
- June 9, 2016, 7pm-9pm. Getting Started Researching Your Ancestors. Brian Runyan will get you started researching your family tree. Topics include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts and genealogy database program.

The beginning class on June 9<sup>th</sup> is free; fees for the other classes are \$12 for CCGS members and \$15 for non-members. You are strongly encouraged to pre-register, since classes may be cancelled if a minimum number of participants have not registered by the Friday prior to each class. The minimum number is at the presenter's discretion. Registration forms are available here: [http://www.ccgswa.org/2016\\_spring\\_reg.pdf](http://www.ccgswa.org/2016_spring_reg.pdf)  
You can print a copy and mail or bring it in to the CCGS Library. If it's more convenient, call the library and give your name, membership number and telephone number and/or email address to the librarian and they will add you to the list. Payment can be made ahead of time or at the door. If paying with cash at the door, it's more convenient for the registrar if you have exact change.

## Nominations are Now Open . . .

It's that time of year again, when we nominate and elect officers for the Clark County Genealogical Society for the coming year. Positions open for nomination include **President**, **Treasurer**, and **Recording Secretary**. Our nominating committee, headed by Steve Cornick, has contacted CCGS members, and we have one candidate for each office. Nominations are also open to any current CCGS member who would like to place their name on the ballot for one of these positions. If you are interested in being an officer, contact Steve Cornick before the April General Meeting.

Candidates were informally introduced at the March meeting, and they will be officially introduced at the April meeting, along with nominations "from the floor." The election will take place at the May General Meeting, and Installation of officers will occur at the June meeting.

My favorite websites are the White Pages (for personal names) and any search engine which leads me to a public library, history museum, or local city/town source. These are favorites because they lead me to my favorite research assistant: the telephone. Calling a local expert is often leads to a great find! - Dolly Merrick

## 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.

### Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Getting to Know Findmypast-Your Source for British and Irish Genealogy

Presented by Jen Baldwin

### Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Confirming Enslaved Ancestors Utilizing DNA

Presented by Melvin J. Collier

### Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. (Note new time—evening webinars are now at 5 p.m. Pacific time)

U.S. Land Records – State Land States

Presented by Mary Hill

### Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Fire Insurance Maps – The Google Maps of Their Day

Presented by Jill Morelli

### Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

England and Wales – Rummaging in the Parish Chests

Presented by Kirsty Gray

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 "Irish-American Catholic Genealogy" with Michael Brophy; "Irish Church and Civil Registration," with Maurice Gleeson; and "Searching for Surnames in Canada," with Kathryn Lake Hogan.

### **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.

The USGenWeb Project is still alive and well, and set to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. A web site for every county in every state, there are often records here that are not available anywhere else. This site is located at <http://www.usgenweb.org>, and features links to each state as well as special projects. – Alice Allen

**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 April.

Donated by Glen Jones:

Title: History of La Pine Pioneers  
Author: Friends of LaPine Library

Title: My Life on Joseph Creek  
Author: Julie Davis Kooch

Title: Applegate Trail: Klamath Echoes vol. 9  
Author: Klamath County Historical Society

Title: Southern Idaho Ghost Towns  
Author: Wayne Sparling

Title: Ghost Towns of the Northwest  
Author: Norman D. Weis

Title: Roadside History of Idaho  
Author: Betty Derig

Title: South Dakota's Best Stories  
Author: Bernie Hunhoff, Roger Holtzmann, Jerry Wilson, editors

Title: Isaac I. Stevens, Young Man in a Hurry  
Author: Kent D. Richards

Title: Garnsey-Guernsey Genealogy  
Author: Judith L. Young-Thayer

Title: Currier Family Records of USA and Canada, vol. 3, Indexes  
Author: Phillip Joseph Currier

Title: Western Epic  
Author: H. M. Chittenden

Title: Bridge of the Gods, Mountains of Fire, a return to the Columbia Gorge  
Author: Chuck Williams

Title: BCG Genealogical Standards Manual  
Author: Board for Certification of Genealogists

Title: Owyhee County Gleanings  
Author: Wilma Lewis Strathem

Title: Bulletin of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon 2004-2006  
Author: GFO

Title: Bulletin of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon 2007-2009  
Author: GFO

Title: History of Oregon, vol. 1  
Author: Charles Henry Carey

Donated by E. Gail Ferguson

Title: The People of Nacogdoches County in 1860  
Author: Carolyn Reeves Ericson

Title: The People of Nacogdoches County in 1870  
Author: Carolyn Reeves Ericson

Donated by Lethene Parks

Title: Genealogy Do-Over  
Author: Thomas MacEntee

**Membership Report**  
Bea Ritter

Welcome to the following new members, who joined CCGS last month:

Maria Guzman  
Cynthia Heise -Swartz  
Jacqui Kamp  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Jan Walker

Welcome back to a former CCGS member:

Treena Jensen

**Periodical News**  
Lillian Fullerton

Articles which may be of interest in latest editions of our subscribed genealogy-based magazines. New editions are found on the rack behind the front desk at CCGS Library.

**Internet Genealogy Feb/March 2016**  
"Burned and Lost Records" What You Can Do  
David A. Morris looks at State record losses

**NGS Magazine Jan/March 2016**  
"World War 11 Naval Armed Guard Veterans"

**Your Genealogy Today March/April 2016**  
"Who Owns Grandma?" Genealogy and the Law

**Family Tree Magazine March/April 2016**  
"Genealogy Websites for 2016"

**American Ancestors Winter 2016**  
"Immigrant Women Before and After"

## 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).

## Condolences

CCGS sends condolences to the family of longtime member Toni Hansen, who passed away March 20<sup>th</sup>, here in Vancouver. Toni was a former CCGS librarian who was on duty most every Friday until recently. She also served for many years as our Volunteer Coordinator, keeping track of all of our volunteer hours. Toni was 85 years old.

## CCGS New Focus Group: Genealogy Do-Over

If you have been doing genealogy and family history research for a while, you may have accumulated a lot of paper files, or more recently, digital files. Are those files organized so that you can put your hands on them at a moment's notice, or do you have to search through stacks of papers or computer folders to find what you want? How about your sources? Do you have good sources for your genealogical information?

Most of us will answer "no" to at least one of these questions. If you need help getting your genealogical ducks in a row, this new focus group just might be what you need to clean up your files. This new group meets on the first Monday of each month, from 12 noon till 2 p.m. at the CCGS Annex. This follows the Legacy Users Group, which meets the first Monday morning of each month at 10 a.m. If you regularly attend the Legacy group, bring a lunch and stay for this one as well.

This group is based on the popular Facebook group of the same name, and is led by Paula Schoenlein. Hope to see you there!

## Research Help Requested

A former CCGS member has requested some assistance with researching his early Clark County ancestors, who were here in the early 1900's. This gentleman lives in the Seattle area, and could use the services of someone who has the time to assist him in his long distance research. This will probably include some courthouse and early newspaper searches. There are microfilmed copies of early Vancouver newspapers at the main branch of the Ft. Vancouver Regional Library in downtown Vancouver. Their computerized microfilm readers are a joy to use.

If interested, contact me at [allen.alice@gmail.com](mailto:allen.alice@gmail.com) and I will put you in touch with him. I have some information which I will also send you, provided by him. He has done a great deal of research on this family already, but needs some local assistance.

## More "Favorite" Genealogy Web Sites

From Elsie Deatherage: "Two of my favorite websites are the Missouri State Historical Society and the Missouri State Digital Archives. The former has a lot of old newspapers - some are digitized and others are on microfilm and are available on inter library loan. The Digital Archives have post 1910 birth and death records and many other resources."

Along these lines, if you are not aware of the Washington State Digital Archives and you have family who lived in Washington state, you should check this out. The dates run mostly from 1907 to the early 1960's, but there are some earlier records there as well. I found my gg grandfather's 1892 marriage record to his second wife—image and all. The Marriages collection includes digital images. The birth and death records are just the indexes, but if your dates of interest fall between 1907 and the early 1950's, the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Family History Center has microfilms of the actual certificates covering at least the death records for these years. There are other records available, and this site regularly receives recognition as one of the top free sites for Vital Records:

<http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Search#1>

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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

April 4 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center  
Genealogy Do-Over group, 12 -2 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
April 7 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
April 9 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library  
April 11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
April 14 Scandinavian Focus Group, 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
April 19 CCGS Class: Find Your Ancestors Using Ancestry.com, 10 a.m. 12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
**April 20 Deadline for May newsletter**  
April 25 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. – noon CCGS Library  
April 26 General Meeting, 7 – 9 p.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@pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.