

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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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, May 23, 7 p.m.**

**See pg. 7 for more
information**

President's Message

The continuing saga of the Great Move: No, no. Not the trek across America in a covered wagon but the continuing swirl to get into our new place in Ridgefield. Don't know of what I speak? Go to our CCGS webpage and click on Publications and Links > CCGS Newsletters > Volume 43 Issue 7. There you will be able to read the journey so far and all the past newsletters going back to the year 2000. Not to worry. There won't be a quiz. It does provide a fascinating synopsis of our Society's journey. Thanks to all the newsletter editors that have burned the midnight oil to keep us informed; extending from Gene Kuechmann & Pat Bauer right up to our current Alice Allen. But now that you are looking at that page, let me call your attention to all the other places you can visit. Starting on that home page, our web guru, Bill Whalley maintains links to all goings-on at CCGS, past present and future. Give yourself a few moments to explore what can be accessed, starting at the CCGS home page. I can almost guarantee you will not exhaust what is there in an afternoon of exploring.

But I digress. With only a few hiccups, it looks like we really are going to close on 28 April. The movers are engaged for 2 May. In between, yours truly will be painting (really want Repose Grey rather than Blah Beige, dontcha know). It's been fun selecting finishes, furniture and fixtures. We could just go with what we got from the builder but where's the fun in that? My interior designer wife is havin' a ball and I'm smiling a lot too. We have been pretty disciplined in our temporary digs these past three months (thanks again, Kara Lynn). We haven't unpacked more than we really needed so moving will be pretty easy (yah, sure!).

I really am looking forward to getting back to some semblance of sanity and the ability to push my research forward. The latest tantalizing tidbit is the possibility that my brick wall, John B Reese, may reveal himself as a member of the Cherokee nation. I'm attending the Native American focus group that meets the second Saturday of each month. Capably facilitated by Madeline Mesplay, I am looking forward to learning how to explore this new possibility.

As always, More to be Revealed.

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P.S. And here is the More to be Revealed: Just this morning (5 am, 21 April) I received notification that our participation in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program has netted us \$118.90 this quarter. Thank you to the thirty-four households that have signed up to participate in this program. As you already know, signing up does not reduce your personal Rewards nor your fuel points. For all the rest of you, consider going to www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4 to sign up and benefit CCGS!

SCANDINAVIAN CORNER



KARLSLUNDA CHURCH CEMETERY, KALMAR, SWEDEN

This edition of the Scandinavian Corner will be about Cemeteries in Sweden. Historically, churchyards are the most common place for burials in Sweden. Swedish cemeteries that are not connected to a church are called churchyards. As we look for the gravesites of our relatives in Sweden, it should be noted that there has been a long standing practice to re-use burial plots. It is established by law that a person or family is responsible for the care and upkeep of a grave. This right is normally for a period of 25 years. This responsibility includes a fee to the parish or cemetery for maintenance, etc. If the family does not renew the agreement after 25 years, the grave marker will be removed and the burial plot will be reused.

This practice of reuse has been in place for over 100 years, so it may be difficult finding markers for your relatives. You can contact the church sexton to locate a burial place. There is a data base Begravda i Sverige which may have a record or photo of the grave site. I have access to the data base and would be happy to share. Since many of our Swedish ancestors were poor tenant farmers, it is unlikely that we will find any existing grave markers.

It is said that Sweden has one of the highest rates of cremation in Europe. Cemeteries in Sweden have created places for placements of urns in the ground, columbarium's and memory groves.



Marker for Great Uncle-Karlslunda Church Cemetery

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Thursday, May 12th. We are planning to visit the Nordic Center in Portland. We will also be having brunch there at Broders Restaurant. If you are interested in attending this event, please let me know as soon as possible. We will be carpooling from CCGS at about 9am and returning about 1pm.

This will be our last meeting as we will be taking a summer break and reconvene in September.

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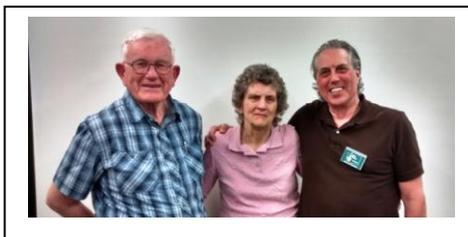
Spring Class Schedule at CCGS

Following is the class schedule for Spring 2016 at CCGS:

- April 19, 2016, 10-12noon. Find Your Ancestor's Using Ancestry.com. This one has come and gone, but was well-attended. Attendees came away with lots of tips to find what they're looking for.
- 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. 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. 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 9th 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.ccg-wa.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.

Meet the Candidates



l-r: Eric Jordahl, Marian Kenedy,
Brian Runyan

The following CCGS members have been nominated to serve on the 2016-2017 CCGS Board of Directors:

- Brian Runyan – President
- Marian Kenedy – Secretary
- Eric Jordahl – Treasurer

Voting will take place at the May General Meeting (May 24th) with installation at the June meeting. Thank you for being willing to serve in these capacities.

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, May 4th

Google Drive for Genealogists

Presented by Thomas MacEntee

Wednesday, May 11th 5 p.m. (Note new time—evening webinars are now at 5 p.m. Pacific time)

Dirty Pictures – Save Your Family Photos from Ruin

Presented by Denise May Levenick

Friday, May 13th

Messages From the Grave – Listening to Your Ancestors' Tombstones

Presented by Elissa Scalise Powell

Wednesday, May 18th

Mining the Uber-Sites for German Ancestors

Presented by James M. Beidler

Wednesday, May 25th

Discover American Ancestors (NEHGS)

Presented by Lindsay Fulton

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 "History Lives at JSTOR."

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 20th 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, & Sharon Thiesmeyer

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 May.

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: Digital Images: Scanning, Editing, and Preserving your Photos (CD)
Author: Geoff Rasmussen

Title: Legacy 8.0 Training Video, vol. 1 (CD)
Author: Geoff Rasmussen

Title: Legacy Family Tree Unlocked
Author: Geoff Rasmussen

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Donated by Roy & Mary Sandberg

Title: New Lands, New Lives
Author Janet E. Rasmussen

Title: Scandinavians in Michigan
Author: Jeffrey W. Hanks

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Donated by Judi Kirkland

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Title: Seven Daughters of Eve
Author: Bryan Sykes

Title: Richard Warren of the Mayflower and his Descendants for Four Generations
Author: Robert S. Wakefield, Janice A. Beebe

Title: Henry Samson of the Mayflower and His Descendants for Four Generations
Author: Robert Sherman and Ruth Wilder Sherman

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Donated by Ken Doane

Title: Doane Family, Vol. 2
Author: Alfred Arthur Doane

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Unknown Donor

Title: Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland 1726-1733
Author Elise Greenup Jourdan

CCGS WANTS YOU! AS A LIBRARIAN....

Want to join an amazing group of talented people who currently serve as volunteer librarians at CCGS? You are welcome to come see how you can fit with this delightful family of dedicated people.

There is quarterly training to clarify general procedures plus learn some genealogical tidbits to assist in our own research. The next librarians training will be held on Monday, May 23 from 10-noon

Hope to see you there!

For further information contact Kara Lynn Rankin at KaraLynnRankin@gmail.com

Membership Report

Bea Ritter

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

Lois Bosland
M. Lee Dodge
Gail and Ken Becker
Nancy Thomsen-Hurst

Welcome back to a former CCGS member:

Carol Raymond
Janice Bradley

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 April/May 2016

- "Stowaways In The Family"
- "50+ Resources for Tracing Your Female Line "

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 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.
- Genealogy Do-Over Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 12 noon, following the Legacy Users Group. Bring a sack lunch and share your do-over or go-over experiences from the past month, and get your assignment suggestions for the next month.
- 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 2nd 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.

Some of these groups may take a break for the summer months. We'll contact the group moderators and let you know which ones will not be meeting until the fall. The Scandinavian group will not be meeting in June, July or August. The Legacy Users group and the Unfocused group usually meet during the summer. Watch here in June's newsletter for more information on your favorite group's summer plans.

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).

General Meeting
Tuesday, May 24th, 7 p.m.
Elsie Deatherage, Program Chair

This meeting opens with election of officers for the coming year. As noted on page 3, two current officers have accepted nominations to serve again: Brian Runyan as president and Marian Kenedy as secretary. Eric Jordahl, currently an assistant treasurer, as agreed to serve as treasurer. Come cast your votes, then stay to enjoy the program, information follows:

Dr. Brent Mai, Dean of Libraries and Director of the Center for Volga German Studies at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon, will be the speaker. He has spoken world-wide on many topics related to Volga German history and culture. He has published numerous books on the topic of Volga Germans and translated hundreds of documents from Russian archives. Dr. Mai, whose father's side is Volga German, grew up in Western Kansas, graduated from Bethany College (Kansas), and continued graduate studies at George Washington University, the University of Texas at Austin, and Vanderbilt University.

Program Description: An introduction to the history and culture of the Volga Germans and a peek into the complicated world of genealogical research for this unique set of Germans that have lived in Russia for the past 250 years and whose descendants in North America alone number (conservatively) over 4 million.

Memories of my Swedish Grandparents
by Bea Ritter

I was the third of six children and we loved to visit our Swedish grandparents, John & Selma Johnson, when they lived near us in the Pike area and later near Carlton. Grandma always baked fresh bread and cookies for us, which were delicious and smelled so good. While my mother and grandparents drank their coffee, we kids drank warm water with sugar & cream. Grandma always had a project she was knitting, crocheting or sewing and made many gifts for grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Grandpa loved to make things of wood... carved a horse for my brother, made lamp tables for my sister and me, and carved bowls and spoons of over 100 types of wood. When I was six, I remember being able to play with the new lamb and new colt. Our farm was a working farm and we didn't play with the animals. At my grandparents we could play with the baby animals and it was so much fun. I remember once going up the hill with my grandfather to pick wild strawberries, which Grandma fixed for us to eat. Grandma never lost her accent, and could never say the "j" sound." She complained when 5 of us kids married spouses with "J" names. I loved to hear my mother and grandmother visit as they both seemed to talk at the same time... I wondered how they understood each other. My grandparents looked out for neighbors, and when someone was sick, grandma made food and Grandpa delivered it.

My grandparents were always such positive & fun people and made each of us feel very loved.

Second Chance.....

Over the past year we have asked for your articles on a variety of genealogical topics for inclusion in the newsletter. If you had good intentions but didn't get around to sending anything to me, you have another chance. Topics covered include "Memories of your grandparents," "Your most interesting or colorful ancestor," and "favorite genealogy web sites." Send them to me at allen.alice @ gmail.com (copy and paste into your email "to" line, removing the spaces between 'allen' and the @ symbol, put CCGS Newsletter in the subject line, and submit to me by the newsletter deadline, May 18th. These will be included in June's newsletter.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

May 2 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
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May 3 CCGS Class: Find Your Ancestors Using Familysearch.org, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Ed. Center
May 5 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
May 9 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
May 12 Scandinavian Focus Group, 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
May 14 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
May 17 CCGS Class: Find Your Ancestors Using American Ancestors, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Ed. Center
May 18 Deadline for June newsletter
May 23 Librarian Training 10 a.m. – noon CCGS Education Center
May 24 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 or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.