

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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**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, June 28,**  
**6 p.m.**  
**(Note the time change)**

### General Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, **6 p.m.**

Elsie Deatherage, Program Chair

June's General Meeting will be our annual potluck, installation of officers for the coming year, a presentation and "show and tell" by CCGS members. Bring a potluck dish that can be shared with other CCGS members.

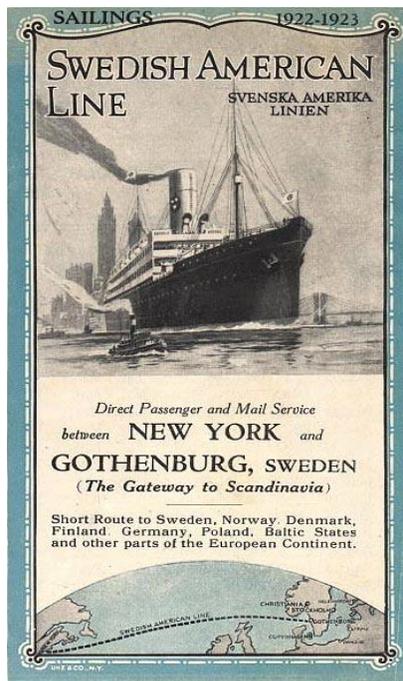
Newly elected CCGS officers will be installed following the potluck. Brian Runyan returns as CCGS president; Marian Kenedy will be installed as secretary; Eric Jordahl will be installed as treasurer. Lowell Kenedy has accepted the appointment to be the assistant treasurer. Thanks for your service!

Following the dinner and installation of officers, Bea Ritter will give a presentation of the research strategies she has learned and used over the past 20 years. She has traveled across the United States eight times in search of original records and to find where her ancestors lived. She has also visited ancestor homes in England and Sweden. She has researched in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, as well as in the Oregon Archives and court houses in Oregon. She has published two family history books on her father's side of the family and is now researching her mother's Swedish family. She credits CCGS for classes she took 18 years ago that gave her many strategies to get started on her genealogy journey. She looks forward to sharing her experiences.

CCGS members are invited and encouraged to share their family history research successes during this time.

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Reminder: There are no general meetings during the summer months. Join us again September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for the next meeting. Since there will be no newsletters until September, you can keep up to date by subscribing to the CCGS weekly E-letter that comes once a week, usually on Sundays. If you are not currently subscribed to this extra service provided by CCGS member Mary McMonegal, go to the CCGS web page and locate the link to sign up. This will keep you "in the know" during our quiet summer months when many of our focus groups, classes and other activities take a brief break.



## SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The CCGS Scandinavian Focus Group had a great day at the Nordic Center in Portland. We started with brunch at Broders restaurant and then were given a tour and presentation by the Center's Development Director. We had 14 members participate in the event. This will be our last meeting until September as we take a break for the summer.

For those of you who are traveling to Scandinavia this summer, we wish you the best in your travels. One of the highlights of the Scandinavian Focus Group is to hear about your journeys in Scandinavia and meeting with your cousins.

As many of you know, I have access to a variety of Swedish genealogical databases. I will plan to be in the CCGS library on a regular basis after June 19<sup>th</sup>. Just let me know if you are interested in setting a time to meet. Of particular interest is that the Swedish site Arkivdigital has added the following databases:

- Census 1950
- Census 1960
- Census 1880-1920

All of these can be searched by name. If you have a subscription to ArkivDigital, you will need to pay an additional amount to be able to access these Census records. I believe it was about \$12 US. Wishing you the best for the summer.

Richard Engstrom      rengstro60@yahoo.com

## President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Moving Saga: Third Edition.

The short story is that the movers showed up at 8am, bright and shiny. That was all well and good. Our loan for the house funded at 9am. Everybody was great in the process but the anxiety of not knowing for sure was a bit nerve racking . . . shifting from one foot to the other, waiting for it to all come together. We're in and slogging through the boxes trying to establish some semblance of a normal life again. Just a word to the wise: if you are planning on down-sizing, do so before you move. If you wait until after the move, you may never park your car in your garage again. Just sayin'.

Remember from last month? That color change from Blah Beige to Repose Grey? Well, there I was, papering the floor in preparation, when in comes the original painter to do some touch-up. "Hey there! You look like you could use some help! Would you be interested in hiring me as a side job? I'll make you a good deal!" Long story short; the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is now Repose Gray and I didn't even get any on me!!

Elvis the Boston and Bruce the Orange have settled in quite well. They never really were settled into the temporary digs. The new place backs onto a green space and is separated from our complex by a biking/hiking trail. Elvis does love his social time out on the trail. A soon-to-be-completed task is to put up the bird feeders. The green space in the back hosts an activity of flyers. Dead snags have been left to encourage the insect eaters. One hummingbird regularly sits at the very top of a fir, surveying his domain and occasionally swooping down to the honeysuckle on the deck.

My own research is still waiting to be unpacked. While viewing a webinar on German research a few days ago, I discovered some great avenues to push further into the fatherland. Combined with the records pulled up on Ancestry and Family Search I should be able to "prove up" my Shadle/Shledel line. Great classes every Wednesday in the CCGS annex. And they're free! Check the "What's Happening at CCGS" weekly email for upcoming class descriptions and times.

Here's a quick reminder that the CCGS Library is open every Thursday evening from 6pm – 9pm. If you have difficulty making it down to research during the day, here's your opportunity. Two librarians are always ready to point you in the right direction.

Until next time; Ancestors may be pushing hard from the other side of that brick wall, too.

## Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following new and reinstated CCGS Members:

NEW

Doug Lasher  
Josie & Zack Banks  
Cynthia Swanson

REINSTATED

Verna Miller

## Spring Class Schedule at CCGS

Our spring classes were a success, with lots of good information shared and were well-attended. We have one left, information follows:

· 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. This is a **free** class.

We'll take a break for the summer, and plan to have a good lineup of classes beginning in the fall. At this time we are in need of someone to take over the chairmanship of the Education committee. Contact President Brian Runyan for more information if you are interested. This committee is charged with planning the fall and spring classes, including topics and presenters.

## 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, June 1st

Get the Most From AmericanAncestors.org

Presented by Clair Vail

### Wednesday, June 8th 5 p.m. (Note new time—evening webinars are now at 5 p.m. Pacific time)

Researching Your Washington State Ancestors

Presented by Mary Kircher Roddy

### Friday, June 10th

Introduction to the Freedmen's Bureau

Presented by Angela Walton-Raji

### Wednesday, June 15th

Ticked Off! Those Pesky Pre-1859 Census Tic-Marks

Presented by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

### Wednesday, June 22nd

Digging Deeper in German Parish Records

Presented by Gail Blankenau

### Wednesday, June 29th

Circles or Triangles? What Shape is Your DNA?

Presented by Diahna Southard

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. During the summer months when there is no newsletter, the upcoming webinars will be featured in the weekly CCGS e-letter.

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.

## 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 June.

### Donated by Joan Martocello

Title: Index of Surnames Appearing in Hazleton Newspapers, Hazleton, PA vol. 4, Jan. 1900-Dec. 1902  
Author: Norm Drasher

Title: Mayflower and her Log  
Author: Azel Ames

Title: Skov Family Heritage Book  
Author: Beatrice Bayley

### Donated by Dorothy Wear:

Title: Tennessee Old and New, Sesquicentennial Edition 1796-1946  
Author: TN Historical Commission

Title: Tennessee Old and New, 1796-1946 vol 2  
Author: Tennessee Historical Commission

Title: Scottish Clan and Family Names, Their Arms, Origins and Tartans  
Author: Roddy Martine

Title: Cherished Memories or the Life of a Tennessee Girl  
Author: Mrs. James Cheek

Title: History of St. Charles Church, Centenary of the Congregation 1806-1906  
Author: Rev. J. J. Pike

### Donated by Glen Jones:

Title: Tri-City Genealogical Society Bulletins, 2004-2006  
Author: Tri-City Genealogical Society

Title: Tri-City Genealogical Society Bulletins, 2007-2010  
Author: Tri-City Genealogical Society

Title: Emigrant Trails of Southern Idaho  
Author: BLM

### Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: Forgotten Journey-Rediscovery of our Indian Heritage  
Author: Madeline Mesplay

### Donated by Judy Card

Title: Chronicles of the Cochran  
Author: Ida Cochran

Title: The Rowan Story, From Federal Hill to My Old Kentucky Home  
Author: Randall Capps

### Unknown Donor:

Title: Marion County History (Oregon)  
Author: Marion County Historical Society

Title: George Washington's Mount Vernon-Official Guidebook  
Author: Mt. Vernon Ladies Assn.

Title: Black Hills Nuggets, vol. 32-33 1999-2000  
Author: Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research

Title: Black Hills Nuggets, vol. 38-40 2005-2007  
Author: Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research

## Periodical News

Lillian Fullerton

### **FAMILY TREE** May/June 2016

"Hiding in the Census" 7 Strategies to finding missing ancestors now.

### **YOUR GENEALOGY TODAY** May/June 2016

"The Hail Mary Genealogical Search"

German surname distribution maps for locating where your family may have lived, by Leland Meitzler

"Finding the Stories of the Fallen in World War II" by Jennifer Holik, genealogist & military historian

### **NGS MAGAZINE** April/June 2016

"Twenty Years of Cyndi's List: Two decades of indexing the Internet" by Cyndi Howell

"Did Your Civil War Ancestor Respond to Call Number 13?" by Claire Prechtel-Kluszens, National Archives

### **AMERICAN SPIRIT** May June 2016

"Time After Time:" A brief history of clocks, watches, and timekeeping, by Elsie Warner

**Don't forget** to report your volunteer hours to Dolly Merrick, or write them on the volunteer log at CCGS!

## 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.
- 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 sometimes 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. Currently on hiatus for the summer, this group will resume its regular monthly meetings in September.
- 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.

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

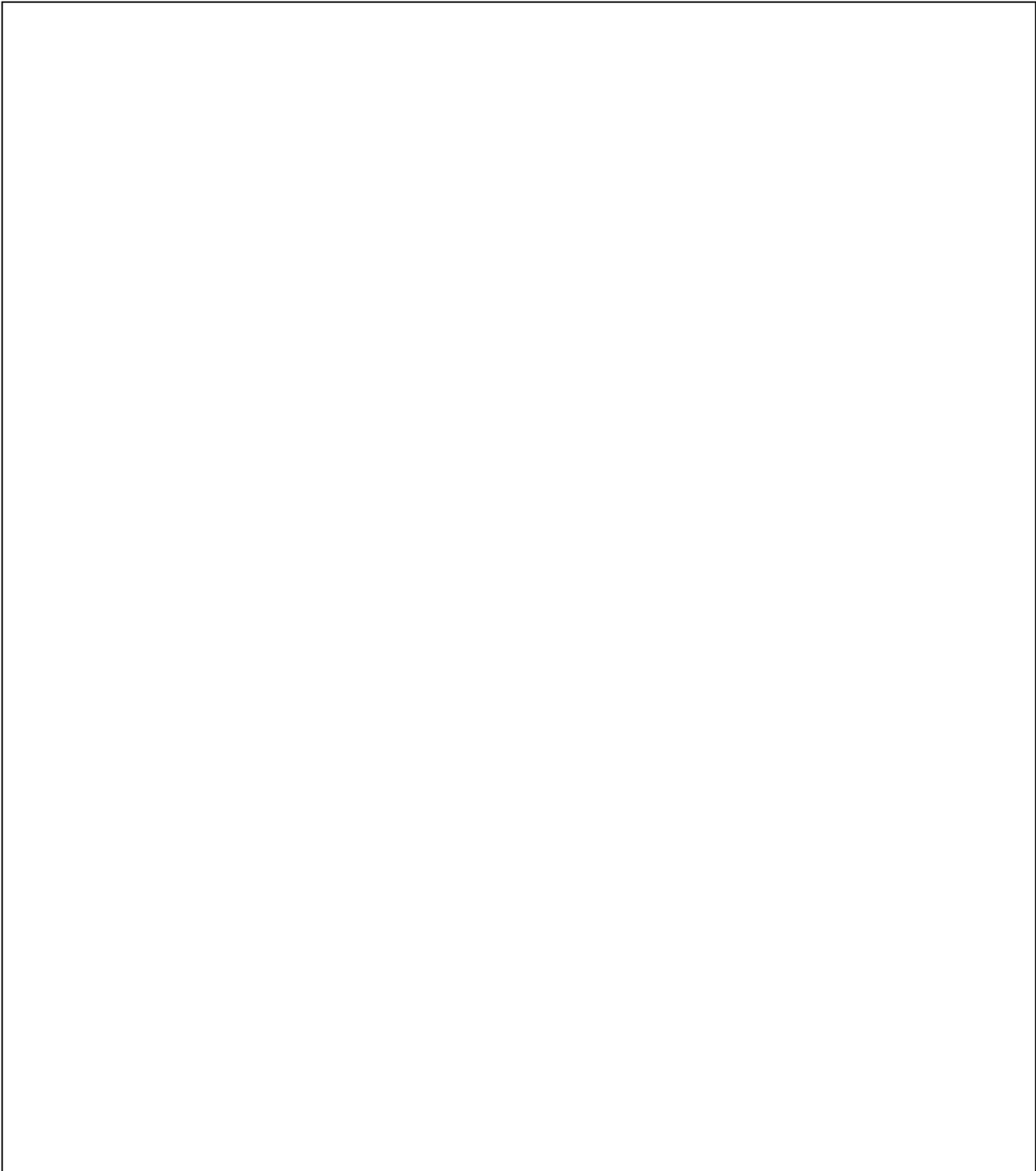
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### **FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

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).

**LIFE MEMBERS: UPDATE OF INFORMATION**

If you are a Life Member, you should have received a copy of your current membership information by email or by mail. We are updating our files and need to know if the information is correct or needs to be changed. Please return the form to the library with any changes, or email Bea Ritter (bearitter at centurylink.net), Membership Chairman, to let her know if the information we have is correct or needs to be changed. A special thanks to those who have already responded.



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***CCGS Meetings and Programs***

June 2 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
June 6 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Education Center  
Genealogy Do-Over group, 12 -2 p.m. CCGS Education Center (immediate following LUG)  
June 9 NO SCANDINAVIAN GROUP MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER  
FREE! Getting Started Researching Your Family History, 7-9 p.m. CCGS Library  
June 11 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library  
June 13 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
June 28 General Meeting, 6 p.m., CCGS Education Center, potluck dinner, installation of officers, program  
**August 24 Deadline for September Newsletter**

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.