

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Tues. - Fri
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Thursday
6-9 pm

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
on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd at
CCGS Annex**

General Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 10 A.M.
Elsie Deatherage, Program Chair

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"Riding the Rails"

presented by Duane Funk

From the mid-19th century to the mid-20th century, the way to get from one side of the United States to the other was by train. If your ancestors came during that time period, it is likely they did so by rail. Find out how and when the railroads reached the western cities, and what it would have been like riding the rails. If your relatives worked for the railroads, find out what records are available.

Duane is an active member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and is currently the group leader of the British Interest Group.

This – n – That

- Coming Soon: That fall weekend we all look forward to, as we get back that lost hour of sleep from last spring! Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 6th, so set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night.
- The CCGS Library will be closed Thanksgiving week, November 22nd through the 25th. We will reopen on Tuesday, November 29. The General Meeting will be held as scheduled on November 22.
- With winter weather approaching, it's time to remind you that if the Vancouver School District is closed, the CCGS Library will also be closed. As some of our librarians live in outlying areas where snow and ice may be worse than here in town, be sure to check the CCGS web page if in doubt. Emergency closures and program cancellations at CCGS will be posted there.
- If you use your personal Ancestry subscription at CCGS, be sure to log out when you are finished. We've been finding some personal Ancestry pages left open on our computer screens. You must physically log out, closing the browser will not close your Ancestry account like it does for some web pages.

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

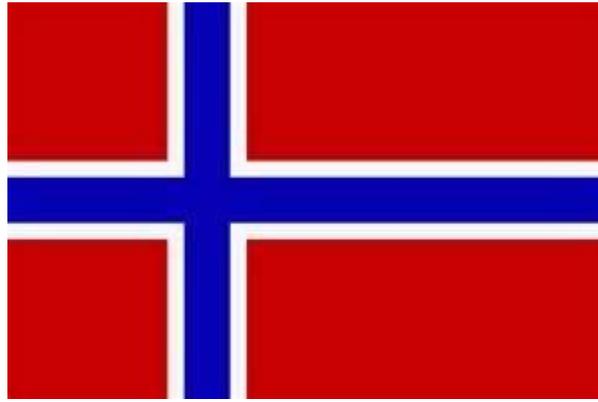
Maybe some of you have heard me wax poetic, (at least by my estimation), about how much we owe to indexers; those paid and unpaid folks who put their eyesight (and maybe sanity) at risk to pull up, view, and transfer information from original and compiled records into database templates that can then be searched by mere mortals like us with mere clicks of a mouse. Voila!! There is my 3rd ggrandpa, hangin' out in the 1850 Lick Creek, Davis County, Iowa Federal Census. Complete with wife, children, and mother-in-law. That just extended my knowledge of MY family back another generation. Whether these indexers were volunteers, like at familysearch.org or paid, like at ancestry.com, they still did me and my research a valuable service. If it was on a paid site like Ancestry, I am thrilled to be able to pony up for my subscription and support the results of this particular business model. Likewise with a "free" site like Family Search: I have accessed a gazillion records on that site and "pay-it-forward" by volunteering to do indexing on their site every Tuesday. I have been totally OK with indexing someone else's family as someone has done it for me in the past.

Now comes the opportunity to do something that might land you a little closer to home. The Washington Digital Archives has launched a site wherein folks like us can volunteer to index Washington originated documents. digitalarchives.wa.gov is a website blossoming out of the Washington Secretary of State's office. To date, there are over 180 million records that have been preserved in the Washington Digital Archives. But here's the catch: just capturing them digitally does not make them searchable. They still have to be indexed! This is where you come in. Go to scribe.digitalarchives.wa.gov and a page will come up listing groups of records in need of indexing: Skamania County Clerk, Declarations of Intent; Garfield County Auditor, Birth Returns, 1891-1907; Yakima County Assessor, Militia List, 1889-1898. The list goes on and on. You might find such juicy tidbits as Mrs. H.L. Klock registering her 20HP Ford in the Automotive License Fee Book of 1913 or the Marriage of Wilhelmina M Good (obviously a good catch), in Yakima County Auditor, Marriage Records, 1896-2008. You will need to register with a user name and password and I highly recommend READING THE DIRECTIONS. Here's a hint from my own experience: Many records are contained on a page with many entries (think Registers of Marriage Licenses). After entering the data for the first entry you will need to hit the tab for APPEND to be given another screen for the next entry (a word to the wise). READ THE DIRECTIONS!

This is not the only site wherein you might volunteer but, you probably won't find one closer to home. Step up. Pay it forward. We're all in this together. There ain't no free lunch.

Just a reminder:

if you are one of those wonderful people who have enrolled with the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program, re-enrollment is required every year. This year the deadline was in June. If that slipped your mind, please go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and re-enroll, designating Clark County Genealogical Society as the non-profit you wish Fred Meyer to donate to. It really makes a difference to us and doesn't cost you a penny or a point! This quarter the forty-two households that participated between July 1 and Sept 30 raised \$154.66 for CCGS. Thanks for all your support.



Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The Scandinavian Focus Group had an excellent presentation by David Anderson, a Swedish Genealogist, at our October meeting. Our November meeting on Thursday, November 10th will have Bea Ritter doing a presentation on using Ancestry.com to find your Scandinavian roots. This should be a very informative presentation. We meet 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room.

I have had some individuals ask about how one might access the TV programs “Alt för Sverige and Alt for Norge. These are fun and informative programs. They are comprised of individuals from the USA looking for their Scandinavian cousins. You can find most of the episodes on You Tube. They are worth viewing. It is primarily in English with some of the narration in Norwegian or Swedish.

I repeat my offer to assist in your search for Swedish cousins. I have access to ArkivDigital as well as some other Swedish data bases. I will be working as a librarian on November 2 and 16. If these times do not work, contact me.

Richard Engstrom
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2016-2017 CCGS Directory

The new CCGS Directory is now available for download by current CCGS members at this link:

http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/d/2016_directory.pdf

If you prefer to have a paper copy, stop by the CCGS library during library hours and pick one up, or ask a librarian to print one for you if we're out of paper copies.

Technical Alert Contributed by Steve Aberle

New Ransomware, KillerLocker, emphasizes their extortion attempt using a killer clown image.

Description (from the <https://www.mysonicwall.com/sonicalert/searchresults.aspx?ev=article&id=976>) web page:

The Dell Sonicwall Threat Research team has received reports of yet another ransomware. KillerLocker ransomware is not any different from other ransoms we have seen in the past. It encrypts the victim's files and shows a warning once it finished its job. This time, the warning uses a creepy image of a killer clown. With killer clown attacks all over the news lately, cyber criminals have clearly caught on with the clown craze.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

We continue to set up the screen and projector to show most every scheduled Legacy Family Tree webinar.

For a description of each webinar, go to

<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Webinars begin at 11 a.m. PDT, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, November 2nd

Analysis and Correlation – Two Keys to Sound Conclusions
Presented by Chris Staats

Friday, November 4th

PedigreeMap – an Interactive Map of your Family History
Presented by Daniel Horowitz and Uri Gonen

Wednesday, November 9th, 5 p.m.

Publishing a Genealogy E-Book
Presented by Thomas MacEntee

Tuesday, November 15th, 5 p.m.

Civil Law Notaries – Using Notarial Records to Build a Family History
Presented by Melanie D. Holtz

Wednesday, November 16th

Dating Family Photographs – 1900-1940
Presented by Jane Neff Rollins

Friday, November 18th

Nature & Nurture – Family History for Adoptees
Presented by Janet Hovorka

Wednesday, November 30th

Multi-Media Story Telling
Presented by Devin Ashby

Wednesday, December 7th

Becoming a Genealogy Detective
Presented by Sharon S. Atkins

Note: There are no scheduled webinars during Thanksgiving week

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.

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 Books

Compiled by Sharon Thiesmeyer and Lonna Parker

The following books were added to our collection in October, and can be found on the New Shelf during November

Donated by Lyndon Gabriel:

Descendents of John Cogswell

By Donald J. Cogswell

Shanks Sea – Sea 1760-1994

By Wanda Tomas Edland Burns

Silas Bell and his Descendants

By Shirley Newman

The Cline Book

By Ellen Brzoska

Donated by Virginia Holter

Madison County 1818-1989

By the Madison County Historical Society

Periodical News

Lillian Fullerton

YOUR GENEALOGY TODAY Oct/Nov 2016

"Search and Recover"
41 Strategies for finding
your family history online

A New Webinar Recently Announced ...

**Tuesday 20 December 2016, 5pm - 6:30pm;
No, No Nanette! What Negative Evidence Is . . .
and Isn't; Presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG;**
Negative evidence is the hardest type of evidence to understand or use in genealogical research. By definition, a "type of evidence arising from an absence of a situation or information in extant records where that information might be expected," it is, as the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes told us in the short story "Silver Blaze," the "curious incident ... in the night-time" -- the thing we would expect to see or hear but that just isn't there. Learn more about what negative evidence is -- and what it isn't -- and how to use it.

Everyone Has a Story!

Won't you share yours? Take a few minutes to write up your story and send it to your newsletter editor for use in a future CCGS newsletter.

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We are seeking suggestions for classes to hold next spring. We are also looking for Volunteers who would like to teach classes related to genealogy, computers, and history. We welcome your suggestions. We will be sending out a poll to the membership by email. Please send your suggestions to Brian Runyan (president at CCGS-wa.org) or Bea Ritter (bearitter at centurylink.net).

CCGS member Glen Jones writes:

Wish I lived closer to CCGS but we love it here in Stayton, small town 7820 population and if it is not within walking distance it is only a couple of miles away, or if we really need to we can drive 15 minutes into Salem.

On November 8, I am scheduled to give a talk on my Great Great Grandfather William Craig at the Santiam Historical Society at 6pm in the Stayton Library. I have applied for my CG certification and will be applying for my CGL certification, if I am successful.

I have joined WVGS and plan on volunteering some there and have been asked to consider volunteering at the State Archives. I have also volunteered to teach some classes at the Santiam Senior Center this winter. I Will not volunteer at CCGS until next spring as I do not see to drive in the dark. I Miss CCGS.

Sounds like you are keeping busy, Glen. Good luck with your certification processes!

CCGS Volunteers

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 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.
- The Native American Group: Meets at the CCGS Library on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have Native American Heritage, this is the place to learn more.

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).

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

Seven Wonders of the World

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present “Seven Wonder of the World.” Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt’s Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter’s Basilica
7. China’s Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, “Yes, a little. I couldn’t quite make up my mind because there were so many.”

The teacher said, “Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help.”

The girl hesitated, then read: “I think the ‘Seven Wonders of the World’ are:

1. To see
2. To hear
3. To touch
4. To taste
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. To love”

The room was so quiet, you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted, are truly wondrous!

A gentle reminder: That the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

Happy Thanksgiving!

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CLASSES — FALL 2016

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CCGS EDUCATION CENTER, 715 GRAND BLVD, VANCOUVER

Free Beginning classes

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree

~~Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Alice Allen~~

This class will get you started researching your family tree. Topics include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts and genealogy database programs.

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree will be repeated

Thursday EVENING!, November 17th, 7:00-9:00 pm. Instructor, Brian Runyan

Regular classes

Fee for each class \$12.00 members, \$15.00 Non-Members. Fee can be paid with registration or at the door.

Exact cash amount or check at the door will be appreciated. Although walk-ins won't be turned away, if you want to take a class, please register at least a week in advance (registration instructions below). Classes with insufficient registration one week in advance will be cancelled, those registered will be notified and any fee paid will be refunded.

Beyond the Federal Census

~~Tuesday, October 11, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, — instructor: Elsie Deatheridge~~

Federal Censuses are a great place to start when researching your family. You can often discover additional information in the Non-Population Schedules and the State and Territorial censuses. Elsie Deatheridge will cover what information might be in these documents and how to access them.

Family Trees: How and Where to Find Them

~~Tuesday, October 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, — instructor: Larry Dean~~

I hope that I shall never see

Anything as screwed up as this family tree

(with apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

Where can you find compiled genealogies/family trees in books and on the internet? How reliable is the information?

USGenWeb Project

Tuesday, November 1, 10 a.m. to 12 noon instructor: Alice Allen

Long before Ancestry, Family Search, and other genealogy data sites, there was the USGenWeb Project. Started in the summer of 1996, we are celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. In the beginning, we were the largest free genealogy data site online. There are many valuable resources here that you will find nowhere else. Come join Alice Allen for a tour of the USGenWeb Project. Lots of good stuff!

Preparing for a Research Trip

Tuesday, November 8, 10 a.m. to 12 noon instructor: Bea Ritter

Nine research trips across the country and four trips to the Salt Lake City Family History Library means Bea Ritter can offer a deep well of suggestions to make your next research trip more successful. She will include information as to what to bring, what to look for, where to go, how to organize your "finds", and resources to help. Each trip for her has always been a new and exciting adventure. Start planning for your next successful trip!

Researching with Newspapers: Obituaries and Beyond

Tuesday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 12 noon instructor: Lethene Parks

Then it was news . . . now it's history! Newspapers are the place to find announcements of all types: Birth, Marriage, Death, Scandal and more! Lethene Parks will bring her fifty-plus years of research experience to the table to help you navigate the fifth estate.

To register in advance or for more information, call the CCGS Library, 360-750-5688, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or visit the CCGS Library at 717 Grand Blvd, Vancouver
Registration forms can be printed from the CCGS web page/activities/classes

Registration form
CCGS Classes – Fall 2016

please mark [X] the class/classes you want to register for

Beginning classes – Free

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All classes will be held at the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Ave, Vancouver

Please note: Classes may be canceled or changed depending on availability of instructors, bad weather or insufficient advance registration.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Nov. 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time ends, set clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed Saturday night
Nov. 7 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Education Center
Genealogy Do-Over group, 12 -2 p.m. CCGS Education Center (immediately following LUG)
Nov. 10 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10 -11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Nov. 12 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
Nov. 14 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Nov. 22 CCGS General Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Nov. 22-26 **CCGS Library closed for Thanksgiving, will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 29**
Nov. 28 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Library
Nov. 30 Deadline for December-January newsletter
Dec. 5 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
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Dec. 8 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 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. [jgmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.