

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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Closed Sunday & Monday

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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**  
**Will be held on**  
**January 24<sup>th</sup> at**  
**10 a.m.**

### General Meeting

No Meeting in December

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**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**10 a.m. at CCGS Education Center**

### Program Presentation by the CCGS Scandinavian Group

Group moderator Richard Engstrom and several members of the Scandinavian Focus Group will present a program based on their experiences and travels relating to their Scandinavian ancestors and travels to visit families, followed by a sampling of Swedish desserts and coffee. This group meets monthly on the second Thursday at 10 a.m. at the CCGS Library in the Annex/Education Center. A report from this group is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

### This – n – That

- The CCGS Library will be closed between December 19<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Christmas-New Year's Holidays. The library will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, at 10 a.m.
- 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.
- The Legacy Users Group is in need of a new moderator. Our current moderator is retiring from this position, but will be available to help anyone with an interest in setting up and moderating this group, which meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the CCGS Annex. The group mostly provides its own agenda as they have questions or newly discovered tips for the Legacy Family Tree software. If you have an interest in taking over this group, contact Bill Whalley (wgwhalley @ gmail.com) or CCGS President Brian Runyan (president @ ccgs-wa.org). The group will meet on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, but this could be last meeting if a willing volunteer or volunteers don't step forward to take it over. Don't be shy!

## *President's Message*

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

These holidays are the time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and commit to the future. One area of our recent past that shines on examination is our educational offerings. Many of you have applauded the return of classes to the CCGS calendar. The just concluded fall curriculum consisted of seven well-attended classes.

- Elsie Deatherage took us beyond the Federal Census
- Larry Dean alerted us to the many peaks and pitfalls in compiled family trees
- Alice Allen reacquainted us with the wealth of information to be found at USGenweb
- Bea Ritter gave us solid guidelines for planning our next research trip
- Lethene Parks showed us how effective and rewarding newspaper research can be
- Alice Allen and Yours Truly both presented introductory getting started classes

I'm confident all attendees found nuggets to push their research forward.

The Education Committee is currently determining what we will be offering in the spring. So far, we are developing classes on US regional research (Virginia and/or Pennsylvania), research strategies for Norway, and exploring ways to tame the digital and paper tigers. Other topics are in the discussion stage but we welcome more suggestions. Is there a class you have been itching to teach? Or is there something you would like to learn more about? Let's talk. Contact me at [president@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:president@ccgs-wa.org) or Bea Ritter at [bearitter@centurylink.net](mailto:bearitter@centurylink.net). There's no better way to learn a subject than to teach it.

This past year we also hosted 81 webinar classes. Hosted by Legacy Family Tree these live, free classes have covered everything from adoption to finding the women in your tree and much in between. You can stay in the know about all upcoming classes on our website <http://www.ccg-wa.org/> (thank you Bill), in the weekly email (thank you Mary), in the front window (thank you Dolly Merrick and Sharon Thiesmeyer), in the monthly newsletter (thank you Alice), and on our Society Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Clark-County-Generological-Society-277321565635463/> (thank you Kay), and in local newspapers (again, thank you Kay). There is always something new to learn.

Our intrepid newsletter editor has challenged us to submit our genealogical Santa list. As I approach my seventieth birthday my fondest wish is to be able to pass my passion for family history on to at least someone in the next generation(s). I want to find that book titled, How My Grandchildren Became Excited About Their Family History. OK, probably not written yet. I know there is no magic bullet that will allow me to hear, "ooh, Grampa! That is so cool! Tell me more! (suspect I won't hear that after waxing poetic over a pedigree chart).

Following my own advice, I consulted cyndislist.com. This is where to start looking for anything even remotely connected to genealogy. Browsing the categories, I found Kids, Teens & the Next Generation and found 134 links in five subcategories. Trying General Resources I found several likely sounding sites: rootdig.com contains To Pass It On: Bringing Genealogy to the Younger Set by Michael John Neill. That looks interesting; on the Family Search wiki there is an entry for Family History Activities for Children. I'll have to check that out; then there was the intriguingly titled, <https://zapthegrandmagap.com/>. I downloaded a sample. Author Janet Hovorka, you had me at "I honestly believe family history can save the world". Nearly two hundred pages of carefully researched strategies for successfully engaging the next generation. With section headings like "Groovy Grandma Uses the History Around Her Family's Past to Make Their Progenitors Come Alive" and "Glorious Grandma Works to Organize Her Family's Story So That she Doesn't Leave Brick Walls Behind for the Next Generation", this is a book I must read! So I'm officially putting Zap the Grandma Gap: on my wish list to Santa. Oh, and a new pair of bunny slippers. And a winning lottery ticket in my stocking.

Here's to a wonderful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



## SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. By the time you read this, the Christmas season will be upon us. I hope it will be a joyous time for all. The Scandinavian Focus group is busy planning the program for the January CCGS Membership meeting on January 24, 2017. A few of our members will present a slide show of their recent visits to Scandinavia to find their cousins. It will be followed by coffee and some special Swedish desserts. Please join us for an informative and fun presentation.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus group will be Thursday, January 12, 2017, 10am to 11:30am., in the CCGS meeting room. The program topic is yet to be developed.

I am sometimes overwhelmed at the number of new (to me) websites that have come to my attention during the past few months. Many of us have photos that were handed down to us with no names attached. An interesting site is Svenskt Porträttarkiv. This site has thousands of photos of Swedish individuals with bios for some of them. It is easy to search on the site. The individual who operates the site has scanned the photos from a variety of publications I found a photo of the husband of my great aunt. I am continuing to search for more in the data base.

<http://www.spa.dnagen.se> They also have a Facebook site as well.



### **Bohlin, August Theodor**

Sättare. Född i Sala 9/8 71. Anställd å Sala Allehandas Boktryckeri. Afdelningsförvaltare inom afd. sedan 1900. Förb.-n:r 6591.

If you are thinking about or planning a trip to Sweden next year, take a look at the site:

<http://www.bridgetosweden.com> Marie-Louise Bratt just posted her annual newsletter with some great hints for preparing for travel to find your lost cousins in Sweden.

Yes, I know that I have not mentioned any Danish or Norwegian sites! Send me the links to interesting sites that you use and I will include them in the next issue of the newsletter.

I recently purchased some new Swedish data bases. It took some doing but I have now got them loaded on my computer. They are the 1910, 1980 and 1990 Swedish Census. Happy to do look ups for you. I also have the 1880 and 1890 Swedish Census as well.

Bye for now. Hope to see you at the membership meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Engstrom – Scandinavian Group Moderator

## 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, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. (note time change)

From the Heartland – Utilizing Online Resources in Midwest Research

Presented by Luanna Darby

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Tracing Your European Ancestors

Presented by Julie Goucher

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m.

No, no, Nanette! What negative evidence is . . . and isn't

Presented by Judy G. Russell

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

An Introduction to BillionGraves

Presented by Garth Fitzner

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

Strategies to Find the Most Challenging Ancestors with Autosomal DNA Data

Presented by James M. Baker

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m.

Tips and Tricks to Organizing Your Genealogy

Presented by Shannon Combs-Bennett

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Legacy Family Tree for Complete Beginners

Presented by Geoff Rasmussen

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m.

Writing Up Your Research

Presented by Michael J. Leclerc

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

Create a Free Google Earth Historic Map Collection for Your Research

Presented by Lisa Louise Cooke

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Playing Nice in the Genealogy Sandbox

Presented by Thomas MacEntee

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 can't make it in to watch with us, you can register for free and watch it at home during times listed; watch at your convenience for free for about a week following original broadcast; or subscribe to the Legacy webinars and watch any time.

### **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 through the end of January.

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: History of John and Christian Fretz

Author: Rev. A. J. Fretz

Title: Frenchmen and French Ways in the Mississippi Valley

Author: John Francis McDermott

Title: The French in the Mississippi Valley

Author: John McDermott Franis

Title: Tipton County Images of America (Indiana)

Author: Janis Thornton

Title: America's First Western Frontier

Author: Brenda Calloway

Title: Guide to Indian Tribes of the Pacific Northwest

Author: Robert H. Ruby

Title: French Roots in the Illinois Country

Author: Carl Ekberg

Title: Hall and Talburt History and Stories

Author: Gordon Hall

Title: Days Journey – Day Family History

Author: Robert Pennington

Title: A Hillgoss Family History

Author: Robert Pennington

Donated by Zita Podany

Title: Vanport - Images of America

Author: Zita Podany

Donated by Mildred Flick

Author: Kentucky 1830 Census Index V

Donated by Dorothy Wear

Title: American Naturalization Process 1790-1985

Author: John J. Newman

Donated by CCGS Research & Preservation

Title: Combined Indexes Columbia River-Willamette Valley Prior to 1920

Author: Jane Germann

Donated by Lyndon Gabriel

Title: Plum Creek to Lexington 1866-1939

Author: Russ Czaplewski

### **Periodical News**

Lillian Fullerton

**National Genealogical Society Quarterly Sept 2016**

"Conflicting Burial Entries in Catholic Parish Registers"  
by George Findlen

**Internet Genealogy Oct/Nov 2016**

"Welcome to North Dakota"

by Carl Richey

online resources for researching ancestors who settled in North Dakota

**Your Genealogy Today**

"Our Aviation Ancestors"

by David A. Norris

(tips on ancestors who took to the skies)

"Civil War Records"

by Diane L. Richard

(mining post Civil War records)

"U S and Canadian Jewish Archival Research Collection"

by Melody Amsel-Arieli

#### More New Books

Donated by Lyndon Gabriel

Author: The Back Door Gang

Title: Alex Sherman

Title: Brooks Catholic Cemetery, Marion County, Oregon

Author: Dorene Standish

### **Membership Report**

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following new CCGS Members:

New Members from June 1 to November 15.

Michelle Harrington

Christine Olson

Joan Thomas

Wilma Scott

Stephen Young

Marcia Grubb

Beverly Turner

Mary Halseth

Sue Josephson

Barbara Schrag

Nilah Devaney

Reinstated

Patricia Flynn

Catherine & Mark Fields

## 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](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. **Looking for a new moderator for this week in order for it to continue.**
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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).

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

## CCGS Members Christmas Wish List

Here are some of our member's genealogy wishes for Christmas:

- Paula Schoenlein hopes that Santa will bring her a FlipPal scanner for Christmas
- Finding her 4<sup>th</sup> gg grandmother's maiden name tops Elsie Deatherage's list this year
- Lowell Kennedy has several Christmas wishes that would benefit CCGS: "I wish that someone would bequeath to CCGS a sound building with space for the library, storage and meeting room and with adequate parking in a safe neighborhood. My wish also would include a new pitched roof, modern wiring and plumbing and recent HVAC system. In other words, minimum maintenance expense." Generous donors, eager younger people to carry on with the society as the current members age out, more new members round out his wish list.

If you didn't get your Christmas wish to us, how about sending us your "Genealogy New Year's Resolutions" for inclusion in the February newsletter. Deadline is January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Tech Report

CCGS Tech Team member Steve Aberle submitted an article dealing with a vulnerability affecting Windows users. While it is too lengthy to include in full, you can read about it here:

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA16-336A>

Per Steve: "And there is good news on this topic as well:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2016/12/01/cops\\_shutter\\_avalanche\\_dark\\_net](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2016/12/01/cops_shutter_avalanche_dark_net)

So, even though the perpetrators have been caught, there are still lots and lots of infected computers out there.

## Save the Date:

If you are a CCGS Librarian or are interested in becoming one, mark Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on your brand-new 2017 calendar for the first Librarian's Training meeting of the new year. It's always fun to meet our fellow librarians and get refresher and new training tips to help us help our patrons. This meeting will run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the CCGS Annex/Education Center. Hope to see you there!

## *Some Things to Think About*

- If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
  - If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
  - If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
- Christmas - What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?

*Best Wishes for a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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**CCGS Meetings and Programs**

Dec. 1 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
Dec. 5 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)  
Dec. 8 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10 -11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
Dec. 10 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library  
Dec. 12 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
Dec. 19-Jan. 3 CCGS Library closed for Christmas-New Year Holidays  
Jan. 2 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Education Center  
Genealogy Do-Over Group, 12 noon at CCGS Education Center  
Jan. 5 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
Jan. 9 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
Jan. 12 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
Jan. 14 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library  
**Jan. 18 Deadline for February Newsletter**  
Jan. 23 Library Committee meeting, 10-a.m. CCGS Library  
Jan. 24 General Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Education Center  
Jan. 30 Librarian’s Training meeting, 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. [jgmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.