

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Closed Sunday & Monday

*Check the on-line
library calendar for
unexpected closures.*

<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

Tues. - Fri
10 am to 3:00 pm

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.

Next General Meeting
Will be held on
February 28th at
10 a.m.

General Meeting February 28, 2017

“Vanport” will be the topic of our February 28 presentation by Zita Podany. The longtime Portland resident published a book on the topic in 2016 and was the featured speaker at several fall events. Her book is part of the Images of America series by Arcadia Publishing, celebrating the history of neighborhoods, towns and cities across the country. Vanport is a fascinating story of how a planned city of 40,000 was built in a little over a year to provide housing for World War II shipyard workers. In its heyday, Vanport was the second largest city in Oregon. On May 30, 1948, it was a city that disappeared just as quickly.

Join us on Tuesday, February 28th at 10 a.m. in the CCGS Annex to hear this little bit of history of our area.

This – n – That

- Reminder: If the Vancouver School District is closed due to weather conditions, 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. We had many closures in December and January due to ice and snow. Winter’s not over yet, so keep this in mind when planning a visit to CCGS.
- The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the Oregon-California Trail Association [OCTA] will be hosting a symposium called, "Layers of History" in the Vancouver-area on Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2. Saturday will be a series of programs re: the history of the area, from the ice-age floods, Chinookan-speaking people and the Corps of Discovery, to the fur trade, and the early settlers, culminating with Jack Nisbet, the well-known northwest author of such books as **Visible Bones**, **Sources of the River**, and **The Mapmaker’s Eye**, evening program. Sunday will be a bus tour of various historic sites in Clark County.

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Well, hello everyone. The thaws have finally arrived and everyone can breathe a little easier. Well, almost everyone. Over this past year I have regaled you with the excitement of building and moving into our new townhome in Ridgefield. It has been wonderful! On January 17th disaster struck! A drain system failed due to the ice and the thawing water poured into our home taking out walls, ceilings and floors in the living room and master bedroom. We are grateful to the quick response of a water mitigation company. They were able to stop the flow and get everything moved out so we lost no furniture or personal property. Insurance will cover most of the repairs including living out of a hotel for two weeks while repairs are done. By the time you read this in February, it will all just be a pleasant memory.

Fortunately, the CCGS library suffered no similar fate. Everything came through unscathed even though we were forced to close for a number of days. Now your family history sleuthing can begin again. We are open to provide help, education and inspiration to all.

Education classes at CCGS continue to be popular. We are offering a slate of five classes starting in March. Topics are Making Video Biographies with Steve Young, Getting Started with Your Norwegian Research with Kathy Solheim, Strategies for Researching in Virginia with Elsie Detherage, Using Timelines and Critical Analysis to Break Through Your Brick Walls with Lethene Parks, New Family Search Strategies with Alice Allen. Dates are still being finalized. Watch for announcements in the weekly email, on the CCGS website or on the CCGS Facebook page.

CCGS has many committees, programs and interest groups that are of interest to our members and the genealogy community as a whole. Several of these functions are now without facilitators or official Chairpersons. Unwilling to see these functions fade away; I have stepped up and agreed to facilitate them until new champions will step up to keep them alive. I'm putting out a personal plea for members to fill the positions of Education Chair, Legacy User's Group facilitator, and Genealogy Do-Over facilitator.

The Education Chair works with the Education Committee to discover current interest among the membership, procure instructors for classes to meet the interest and schedule the resultant curriculum. Additionally, the Chair is responsible for setting up the classroom equipment in the Annex and collecting attendee's tuition.

The Legacy User's Group meets the first Monday of every month to discuss new successes in using the Legacy Family Tree software and ask for input from the group when they have questions. The facilitator does just that: facilitates the discussion.

The same description applies to the Genealogy Do-Over group. The group meets the first Monday of the month and brings their successes and stumbles to the group of other Do-Overers for discussion. The facilitator guides the discussion and attempts to keep everyone on track with the twelve month process. As much as I enjoy participating in these groups, I cannot continue being at the helm for all of them. Nor should I. These positions are actually great fun! Please, do yourself and CCGS a favor; support your fellow genealogists in their passion by stepping into one of these critical functions.

Thanks to everyone who generously answered the call for end-of-the-year donations. As this is being written the total is over \$12,000. These donations are critical to expanding the scope of what we offer to the genealogy community.

And speaking of expansion, I am pleased to announce that CCGS is a recipient of a 2017 Historical Preservation Grant from the Clark County Board of County Councilors. We will be purchasing equipment, training personnel and digitizing two late 1800 tax ledgers. Stay tuned for more details.

The past is history, the future a mystery. Today is a gift! That's why it's called the present.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. I am writing this after our wonderful winter storms. I do not think I got the winter gene from my Scandinavian Ancestors. Our Scandinavian Group was not able to meet in December or January due to the bad weather.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 9th, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS Meeting Room.

I highly recommend the following link if you are doing research in Scandinavia:

<http://www.genealogylinks.net>

Just go to Europe and then put in the country in which you are doing research.

Another great resource is the Facebook site, **Scandinavian Genealogical Research Center**. The site provides almost daily, new and interesting sites for Scandinavian research.

For the Swedish researchers, you can now access Swedish American Newspapers published from 1850 to 2007. It is searchable by name, etc. If you are looking for an obituary or death notice or general information about your Swedish ancestor, this might be the place to look.

The link is: <http://www.mnhs.org/newspapers/swedishamerican>

I hope you had an opportunity to visit the CCGS library and see the window display highlighting Scandinavia. My thanks to Bea Ritter and Sharon Cleveland for their work in putting this display together and of course Dolly Merrick for her guidance.

Richard Engstrom
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Don't forget!

Librarian's Training meeting on Monday, January 30th, 10 a.m. in the CCGS Annex.

For all CCGS Librarians and those who are interesting in becoming a volunteer librarians!

Hope to see you there!

Save the Date

- ROOTSQuest 2017
- Saturday, March 18, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- LDS Chapel, 3661 Brooke St., Forest Grove, Oregon
- Free Genealogy Workshop
- Free lunch for those who register
- Pre-registration available Feb. 1-March 12

More information available here:

www.roots.fgos.org

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 1 February 2017

Photography for Genealogy

Presenter: Nicka Smith

5:00pm Wednesday 8 February 2017 (note time change)

The WHO of Genetic Genealogy

Presenter: Blaine Bettinger

Friday 10 February 2017

Deciphering German Script

Presenter: Gail Blankenau

Wednesday 15 February 2017

Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research

Presenter: Cyndi Ingle

5:00pm Tuesday 21 February 2017 (Note time change)

Weaving DNA Test Results into a Proof Argument

Presenter: Karen Stanbary, CG

Wednesday 22 February 2017

Finding Missing Persons With DNA Testing

Presenter: Diahan 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. 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.

Opinions, Please!

How do you feel about posting your genealogy information on public sites like Ancestry, Family Search, Wiki Tree, etc.? We'd like your opinions, which we'll post in the March newsletter. Send me your "aye or nay" vote, together with brief comments, by the next newsletter deadline, February 22nd. If you just want to say "yes or no," that's okay, too.

New Books

With the bad weather causing closures of the CCGS Library, coupled with the Christmas-New Year holiday closures, there were no new books added to our library shelves. Since the closures affected those visiting our library, we have decided to leave last month's "new books" on the "New Shelf" through the month of February to give our patrons a chance to view them.

Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following new CCGS Member:
Martha Simpson

Reinstated

Catherine and Mark Fields.

CCGS Board Report

Due to increasing costs the CCGS Board of Directors is recommending an increase to the annual dues of \$5. We recommend the membership approve this increase to take effect when individual and joint memberships are renewed. New members would pay the new rate of \$35 for individual and \$45 for joint memberships beginning 1 July 2017. Voting on this proposed dues increase will take place at the March 28th General Meeting.

Reminder!

Librarian's Training, Monday, January 30th, 10 a.m. in the CCGS Annex. For all librarians and those who are interested in become a librarian. Please join us!

Periodical News

Lillian Fullerton

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE, DEC 2016

"75 Best Websites to find US Ancestors"
by Rick Crume

"Tracing Orphaned Ancestors "
by Sunny Jane Morton & Judy G. Russell
FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE JAN/FEB 2017

"Discover Your Roots in Sweden "The Swede Life"
by David A. Fryxell

"25 Best Sites to Start Your Search"
by Sunny Jane Morton

"Turn Over a New Leaf"
Ancestry.com leaf hints
by Nancy Hendrickson

INTERNET GENEALOGY Dec/Jan 2017

"New Online Irish Civil Registration Records "
by Joe Grandinetti

YOUR GENEALOGY TODAY Jan 2017

"US Federal Mortality Schedules"
by Mary F. Good Stansifer

"Wait....Was This Name for a Great-Great Aunt or Great-Great Uncle?"
A look at uni-sex names.

by David Norris

New Years Resolutions for Genealogists

We had no submissions for CCGS members Genealogy New Years Resolutions, but I did happen upon some blogs with suggestions for same. Take some time to check these out:

<http://ancestoring.blogspot.com/2017/01/my-genealogical-new-years-resolution.html>

<http://thedeadrelativecollector.blogspot.com/2017/01/2017-genealogical-new-years-resolutions.html>

If you haven't thought about what you'd like to accomplish in 2017, genealogically speaking, perhaps you will get some ideas from these blogs.

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. **Looking for a new moderator for this group 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 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!

Have you read your Trail Breakers?

Jane Germann, editor

It's been six months since the *Trail Breakers* was published. Have you had a chance to look it over? Maybe you think that just because you don't have Clark county people, it will not be of interest to you. It is true that the Turnbull-Troop family may not be yours, but the research ideas in the accompanying articles may help you with a brick wall. Reading someone else's research shows the thinking behind how they gather information from several sources to put a story together. It may offer you an idea that you had not considered before.

Because of the ground work others had done, I was able to add to this family history and separate out the two William Turnbolls. No relationships are included on the 1870 census, and their ages are only a year apart. They were found to be the son and nephew of James and Mary Turnbull. How they were determined to be just that is part of the discovery process described.

Archie Turnbull was a scoundrel, or was he? Who was Anna's father and was she the sister of either William? There are several articles on what sources were used to research the main story of James A. Turnbull, other related Turnbolls, and the Troups, who were rivermen of about 1850-1900 from Vancouver.

Bill Whalley has now put the *Trail Breakers* on a web-page for CCGS members to access. It can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/TB/downloadtb.html>

When I shared how I found William Robinson, who died in 1812, one CCGS member wrote that it encouraged her to try the technique on her own family dead end. It is when we find information in county histories or other documents that we are led to clues on where to search next. I did not have William's name (the county history said "his grandfather was in the revolutionary war and died in 1812.") With James, Jehu, John, and Joseph as family names there was not much to work with. There are lots of DAR members with a Robinson name on the roster. I had checked those Robinson names that began with "J". Then one day I decided it was time to tackle the whole list of Robinson names and look for a death in 1812 in the DAR books at CCGS. His name would have to be William – on the last page of entries. But I looked him up under his submitter's names and found it was the relative I'd been searching for. As a bonus, his father was also a William, so one more generation was added.

Perhaps you have a research problem you have solved. Would you mind writing it up to share how you solved it? There is a lot of time until the May deadline. If you are working on it in May and need just a bit more time, let me know so I can reserve space in this year's issue.

Or perhaps you have a Clark County connection that was missed in the Clark County histories? The Trail Breaker is a perfect place to put in an article. If you want to submit an article, just check past issues for ideas. Sometimes, articles have been only been one page. Other stories fill as much as half the Trail Breaker when allied families are included. What would you like to share?

To submit an article: Word is preferred, but rtf and PDF are fine. Be sure to include sources. We can edit your story, leaving as much as possible to show your style. Or if you need more help, let me know. Have you been grateful that someone else had written up those family histories so you had some clues? Now it's your turn to share those clues so others can discover your input.

Did you work on your school newspaper? Perhaps you'd like to be the next *Trail Breakers* editor? Join Jane and she will show you what she does and you can develop your style. Contact Jane at [germann @ wa-net.com](mailto:germann@wa-net.com)

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

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Feb. 2 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Feb. 6 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)
Feb. 9 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10 -11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Feb. 11 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
Feb. 13 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Feb. 20 Library Committee meeting, 10-a.m. CCGS Library
Feb. 22 Deadline for March Newsletter
Feb. 28 General 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.