

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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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
Will be held on
March 28th at
10 a.m.

General Meeting

March 28, 2017
10 a.m. – 12 noon

The title of the March 28 presentation is "Reflections on Researching A Personal Family History." It will be presented by Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus of History, presently retired and living in Portland, Oregon, where he volunteers at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. For many years, he taught an annual course on Genealogy and Family History at the University of Minnesota--Morris. He is the author or editor of 26 volumes on genealogy and family history.

The presentation will focus on the following:

What Story Should I Tell: the Scope and Design of the Project
Finding Sufficient Information to Justify a Book-Length Personal Family History
It Takes a Village
Getting Organized So You Can Find the Information You've Collected
You Can't Wish Upon a Star
When One Should Publish

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CCGS MEMBERS

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.

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, remember that prediction last month? “By the time you read this in February, it will all just be a pleasant memory.” I’m sure there were those of you out there that scoffed. Today is February 22nd and, although we are still waiting, the flooring guys are finishing up the living room and tomorrow the carpet gets laid. The end is in sight!

I am pleased to announce that Marcia Grubb is now serving as the Education Committee Chair! Marcia is a relatively new member of CCGS and comes with exuberance for the family hunt. She is a retired legal assistant and brings wonderful organizational skills. Additionally, she is a Master Gardener and has headed up several large gatherings and classes. We are incredibly fortunate to have Marcia stepping into the Education role.

The details of the 2017 Historical Preservation Grant from the Clark County Board of County Councilors have been finalized. In collaboration with Clark County Historical Society and Washington State University, we will be digitizing, transcribing and indexing two tax registers; one from 1886 and one from 1891. These records are of particular interest as the destruction of the 1890 Federal Census created a twenty year information gap. These tax records will provide a glimpse into the lives of Clark County residents during this time. After cutting our teeth on this project we expect to embark on the digitization of other Society holdings like the Pioneer Files and our extensive obituary collection.

As you know, I am a great believer in paying it forward. Here are a few places you can do some volunteer transcribing and/or indexing:

NARA has a program for Citizen Archivists <https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/transcribe/missions.html>

FamilySearch.org is adding digitized records at a furious pace. Go to <https://familysearch.org/indexing/> and learn how you can contribute to making these records searchable.

Washington State Digital Archives: You can register here <https://scribe.digitalarchives.wa.gov/#>

The World Memory Project, <https://www.ushmm.org/online/world-memory-project/> seeks volunteers to transcribe millions of original documents relating to the Holocaust and Nazi persecution during World War II.

Links of Interest:

<https://gfoorg.presencehost.net/learn/seminars.html>

GFO’s Spring Seminar, Saturday, April 29th. More info at the above link.

<http://media.familysearch.org/free-family-history-library-classes-and-webinars-in-march-2017/>

Free Family Search Classes and Webinars for March

<http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/>

Info about SCGS Jamboree



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. Some news from the Swedish ArkivDigital site. They have purchased several million aerial photos of farms, cottages and other views. They are from the 1950's to the present. They should be available this summer on their website. You can check their site for updates. We are hoping to have a presenter at the March 9th Scandinavian Focus group demonstrating Danish genealogical resources. I will update you as soon as we have confirmed the presentation.

The Scandinavian Focus group raised \$100.00 through a raffle at the January, CCGS Membership meeting.

These funds will be used to augment our library resources concentrating on Scandinavia.

Sorry for the brevity of this edition but will make up for it in the April edition.

Richard Engstrom

Native American Focus Group Saturday, March 11th, 10:30 a.m. – noon

The Native American Focus Group will sponsor a guest speaker at the next meeting. The topic will be DNA and how the presenter, Don Anderson, searched for his Native American roots and learned that he was Scottish through DNA testing and traditional genealogy.. He has also written a book, "Paper and Spit-The journey to find my first parents."

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>

11:00am Wednesday 01 March 2017

Apprentices, Indentured Servants, and Redemptioners: White Slavery in America

Presenter: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG

5:00pm Wednesday 08 March 2017

50 Websites Every Genealogist Should Know

Presenter: Gena Philibert-Ortega

11:00am Friday 10 March 2017

Home on the Range Kansas Research Tips:

Presenter: Cari Taplin, CG

11:00am Wednesday 15 March 2017

Why are Irish records so weird?

Presenter: John Grenham

5:00pm Tuesday 21 March 2017

Are You My Grandpa? Men of the Same Name

Presenter: Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG

11:00am Wednesday 22 March 2017

Picture This: Images You Can Freely Use

Presenter: Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

11:00am Wednesday 29 March 2017

Introduction to Quaker Genealogy Research

Presenter: Craig Scott, MA, CG, FUGA

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 had no takers for this topic, but would like to include a discussion at the First Thursday Unfocused Group on Thursday, March 2, from 1-3 p.m. If you have an opinion you'd like to present, join us at this time and we'll spend some time on this topic.

New Books

The following books have been added to the CCGS collection, and will appear on the "New Shelf" during the month of March

Donated by Elsie Deatherage

Title: History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri

Author: O. P. Williams

Title: Our Italian Surnames

Author: Joseph G. Fucilla

Marriage Bonds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763-1800

Author: William M. Sweeney

Old and New Monongahela

Author: John S. Van Voorhis

Marriages of Goochland County, Virginia 1733-1815

author: Kathleen Williams

Donated by Barbara Redwing

Title: Walter Goodwin Davis; a Scholar's Unique Contribution to New England Genealogy

Author: Danny D. Smith

Unknown Donors

Title: Hundred and Sixty Acres in the Sage

Author: Beverly A. Wolverton

Title: The Pennsylvania Dutch

Author: Fredrick Klees

Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following new and reinstated CCGS Members:

NEW

Joyce and Michael Layton

Janine Stewart

Caren Carlson

Tom Nishimura

Marcia Carlson

Debra Matthews

Jim Martin

Janice Christopherson

Louise Fendrich

REINSTATED

Coramae Carlson

Ann Rowland

Periodical News

Lillian Fullerton

New genealogy periodicals (magazines) which have arrived at CCGS, with some articles which may be of interest.

American Spirit Jan/Feb 2017

"The Art of Early American Handwriting"

by Megan Hamby

Internet Genealogy Feb/March 2017

"Organize Your Family Photos"

by Denise May Levenick

"Anatomy of a City Directory"

by Mary Kircher Roddy

Introducing . . .

Marcia Grubb, CCGS's new Education Chairman:

A common thread in all my endeavors and interests has been continuing education, whether I'm sitting in a classroom or setting up the classroom space. My retired legal assistant career required order, method and ongoing technical learning. During my years as an OSU volunteer Master Gardener, I served on the board of my Multnomah County chapter as well as VP on the Oregon Master Gardener Association board coordinating the annual Mini College educational conference. As an avid sewer, I became a certified sewing instructor and currently I am the Oregon service representative for Renee's Garden Seed company. Joining CCGS has already been a fun learning experience – so looking forward to more good times.

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Welcome aboard, Marcia. Thank you for serving CCGS in this capacity!

Time to "Spring Forward"

Reminder: We return to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 12th at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks forward the night before, prepare to lose that hour of sleep, but gain an hour of daylight!

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!

**CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
SPRING 2017 CLASSES**

FREE CLASSES All classes will be held at the Clark County Genealogical Society Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, Washington

Getting Started: Instructor; Brian Runyan - Tuesday 14 March, 10 am to 12 noon.
Thursday 11 May, 7 pm to 9:00pm,

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

Brian started researching his family history back in the lick-a-stamp-and-pray days of the 1970s. Setting it aside for many years, he picked it up again in 2013 and hasn't looked back.

FEE CLASSES

Tuition for each class: \$12 members, \$15 non-members

Tuition 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 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. All classes will be held at the Clark County Genealogical Society Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, Washington

Video Your Relatives: Instructor; Steve Young - Tuesday, 7 March, 10am to 12 noon

In these modern times, research is often discussed, accessed, recorded and stored in a digital format. Now that you have gathered, how will you share it with those who care? One answer might be, by using a format they will actually look at. We will begin with the question, "what would you like to tell your Great, Great, great Grandchildren?" and work backward through, how do I gather it and how do I edit it? and how do I present it?

Steve's Grandfather got him interested in Genealogy in 1975 but it wasn't until he retired in 2014 that he began digging into his own family history. Steve put himself through school working as a photographer and earned a BA in Broadcast Journalism from Western Washington University. Somewhere in there, the high-tech bug bit and he switched careers. Steve worked for Microsoft and then Intel until his retirement allowed him to, yet again, switch direction and become a paralegal. Steve is now developing a video biography business that seeks to combine history, photography, journalism, broadcasting, video production, and the law.

Researching in Virginia: Instructor Elsie Deatherage - Tuesday, 4 April, 10am to 12 noon

As one of this country's earliest colonies, Virginia has seen many changes in laws and how vital records have been kept in its 400 year history. Learn how to locate and use order and minute books, land records, chancery court and tax records to connect family members.

Elsie was born in Colville, WA, and graduated from Inchelium High school. She earned a BS in secondary education and a Masters in Adult Education, both from WSU Pullman. Elsie has attended many week-long courses at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and is a frequent participant in national genealogy conferences.

Timelines and Analysis: Instructor; Lethene Parks Tuesday, 25 April, 10am to 12 noon

You've been hot on the trail of an elusive ancestor. You've gathered quite a bit of information. But, what does it all mean? Organizing all these disparate "facts" into a timeline then subjecting them to critical analysis will help you figure it all out.

Our treasure, Lethene Parks, has been a serious genealogist for over fifty years. She loves sharing her knowledge with everyone. Her passion for scholarly research is surpassed only by the thrill of the hunt. Lethene currently serves as the CCGS Library Director.

Family Search Strategies: Instructor; Alice Allen - Tuesday, 2 May, 10am to 12 noon

Family Search is a major go-to site for genealogical research. In addition to continuously adding searchable records, Family Search is constantly improving how we access those records. Alice is a "power user" of Family Search and will share her insights as to how to make the site "dance" for you.

Alice Allen has been doing genealogical research off and on since 1968 (raising six children was her main focus). When she got her first computer in 1995 genealogy and family history became a passion. She became a member of the USGenWeb Project in 1996 and was thus privileged to be a part of the beginning of online genealogy research. She has been a CCGS member since 1998 and is involved in many other community and social activities.

Getting Started With Your Norwegian Research: Instructor; Kathy Solheim- Tuesday, 16 May, 10am to 12 noon

This class will guide the researcher through the process of searching for key ancestral information in FamilySearch, then locating and interpreting the original Norwegian parish records in Digitalarkivet.

Kathy has been a member of CCGS for just over a year, but her family roots with the Society date much further back. Her mother, Joan Zuber, was one of the fourteen original founding members of CCGS. With an education in music, Kathy's genealogical quest began with the desire to learn more about one of her Norwegian relatives who was a decorated music composer. Intent on discovering her Norwegian relatives, she has developed skills in both research and analysis of original Norwegian church parish records.

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 – Spring 2017

All classes will be held in the CCGS Education Hall, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA
Please mark [X] the class/classes for which you want to register.

BEGINNING CLASSES - FREE

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REGULAR CLASSES

Fee for classes \$12.00 for CCGS members, \$15.00 for non-members

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

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