

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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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**  
**April 25<sup>th</sup> at**  
**7 p.m.**

**General Meeting**  
**April 25, 2017**  
**7 – 9 p.m.**

### **\*The McLoughlin Women\***

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site's Assistant Curator, Meagan Huff, will talk about the lives of Marguerite and Eloisa McLoughlin, the wife and daughter of Fort Vancouver's Chief Factor, Dr. John McLoughlin. Examining the history of the fur trade through the lens of these two local women allows for a new perspective on the history of women in the northwest.

Meagan Huff grew up in Vancouver, Washington, and graduated twice from the University of Washington in Seattle - once with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and art history, and then with a Master of Arts degree in Museum Studies. Meagan has worked in a variety of museums in the state, and has been at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site since 2010.

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If you were not able to purchase the book "Vanport," which our March speaker made available to CCGS members, you can buy this book at Vintage Books (located in the Safeway shopping center on Andresen & Mill Plain in Vancouver), Barnes and Noble, Powell's Books and Amazon.com.

### **CCGS Dues Increase:**

The proposed dues increase of \$5 per year was approved by the CCGS members in attendance at the March General Meeting. Thank you for your "yes" votes and for your continued support of CCGS and its activities.

The offices of CCGS' Vice-President and Asst. Treasurer for the period of July 2017 through June 2019 will be filled by election at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting.

Incumbents Bea Ritter (Vice President) and Lowell Kenedy (Asst. Treasurer) have accepted nominations to these positions. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the May General Membership meeting. May's General meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the CCGS Annex.

Stephen R. Cornick,  
Nominating Committee Chair

## *President's Message*

**Brian Runyan, CCGS President**

Have you been feeling lonely and left out? Does your inbox have cobwebs festooning the corners? Do you lament the dearth of genealogical advice directed at you? If you have actually uttered any of these sentiments you might want to check your social calendar, or maybe your pulse. We all get too many emails designed to tickle our fancies. With that in mind you might want to just skip this and have some chocolate instead.

There are a thousand voices out there in Genealogyland, each one thinking they have something unique to tell, sell or yell. Some of us follow blogs written by Dick Eastman, James Tanner, Dear Myrtle, or Thomas MacEntee. A Cyndi's List category search for Blogs delivers 37,000+ links.

Some of us find genealogically relevant material through various Facebook pages like Technology for Genealogy, Genealogy Do-Over, The Organized Genealogist, Legacy User Group, and our own Clark County Genealogy Society pages. Trust me, if you can think of a genealogy oriented focus there is probably a Facebook page for it. Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness? It's there. Jamaican Genealogy Resources? Yup. And my favorite, Genealogy – Cite Your Sources. (Yeah, OK. I'm a geek). And, of course Google search engine.

With all that "content" out there on the internet it would seem we need not leave our dark lairs. But beware the rabbit hole! Just ask Alice! (Not Allen . . . the one associated with a looking glass).

One of the cornerstones of the Clark County Genealogical Society is Education. There is always something new to learn or a subject to brush up on. We continue to offer classes and webinars about specific topics or research strategies but perhaps the most valuable resource for enhancing our knowledge is to be found in our members. Every single one of our members knows something you do not. Think of that! Everyone is in possession of unique experience and knowledge that just might take a brick or two out of your seemingly impenetrable brick wall. Avail yourself of all that our members have to offer. Come on out to any of the focus groups: Scandinavian, Native American, Legacy Family Tree, Unfocused group, Genealogy Do-Over. Do you have an interest in stimulating discussion around a topic that does not currently have a focus group? It's really easy to start one; just contact any of the CCGS officers!

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

## **General Meeting Time Change**

The CCGS General Meetings will change to "Summer" hours beginning with the April meeting. New times will be 7 to 9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in April, May, June, and September (no General meetings are held in July and August). Interesting programs are being planned, and we'll also have elections (May) and installation of new officers (June), along with a potluck dinner and Show & Tell night (also June). Come join us!



## SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. This issue will concentrate on the country of Denmark. First, I want to announce that the Scandinavian Focus group meeting on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> will have a guest presenter, Fred Hasle. The topic will be Danish genealogy research. He will explore the various resources available for exploring your Danish roots. This should be a very informative presentation. You do not have to be a member of the Focus Group to attend this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

The following are some internet sites of interest to Danish researchers:

1. Danish Demographic Database. Danish National Archives  
[http://www. Sa.dk](http://www.Sa.dk)
2. Records and registries from Denmark  
<http://www.sa.dk>
3. Genealogy, Church books, Census data, etc.  
<http://www.danishfamilysearch.com>
4. Denmark Births and Christenings, 1631-1900's  
[Http://www. Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)
5. Cyndi's List-Denmark  
[Http://www.cyndislist.com/denmark](http://www.cyndislist.com/denmark)
6. Welcome to MyDanishRoots.com. Information of family history in Denmark. Translating census records, etc.  
<http://www.mydanishroots.com>
7. Tracing your ancestor to USA. Offers searchable online databases on Danish emigrants from 1869 to 1940.  
<http://www.usa.um.dk/en/about-denmark>
8. Denmark Online Genealogy Records. This is a collection of links to Denmark databases  
[http://www.familysearch.org/...Digitized\\_Danish\\_Records\\_Online](http://www.familysearch.org/...Digitized_Danish_Records_Online)

Richard Engstrom  
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### **Library Training** **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to noon**

Normally we hold our periodic Librarians Training meetings during months with five Mondays. Because the next time this occurs, will be Memorial Day, it was decided to move our next training meeting to Monday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m.** in the CCGS Annex. This meeting is for all current CCGS Librarians as well as anyone who is interested in becoming a Librarian. Presentations are being prepared which will help us all be better librarians, and to better serve those who visit us. Hope to see you there!

## 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>

### **11:00 a.m. THURSDAY 30 March 2017 (BRAND NEW—RECENTLY ADDED)**

Exploring Ancestry's Brand-New Genetic Communities

Presenter: Blaine Bettinger

(Note: If you don't receive your newsletter in time, you can still watch this one free for about a week following the original broadcast)

### **11:00am Wednesday 05 April 2017**

Preserve, Share, and Search Your Digital Pictures with Google Photos

Presenter: Geoff Rasmussen

### **5:00pm Wednesday 12 April 2017**

Your Whiteboard in the Cloud: Trello for Genealogists

Presenter: Lisa Alzo

### **11:00am Friday 14 April 2017**

Complete Photo Restoration in 4 Easy Steps

Presenter: Eric Basir

### **5:00pm Tuesday 18 April 2017**

The Genealogy in Government Documents

Presenter: Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA

### **11:00am Wednesday 19 April 2017**

Neighborhood Reconstruction: Effective Use of Land Records

Presenter: Mary Hill, AG

### **11:00am Wednesday 26 April 2017**

Finding and Using Land Ownership Maps

Presenter: Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA

### **11:00am Friday 28 April 2017**

Researching Criminal Records

Presenter: Ron Arons

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**

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

### **Purchased by CCGS**

Title: Biographical History of York County, Pennsylvania

Author: John Gibson, editor

Title: Elements of Genealogical Analysis

Author: Robert Charles Anderson

Title: American Settlements and Migrations: a Primer for Genealogists and Family Historians

Author: Lloyd D. Bockstruck

### **Donated by Janice Fenter:**

Title: Time Life books:

The Great Chiefs

Author: Benjamin Capps

The Indians

Author: Benjamin Capps

The Rivermen

Author: Paul O'Neill

The Frontiersmen

Author: Paul O'Neill

The Expressmen

Author: David Nevin

The Pioneers

Author: Thomas Horn

The Railroaders

Author: Keith Wheeler

### **Donated by Marian Kenedy**

Title: Whitman County, Washington Territory: Gleanings from Selected Newspapers 1877 – 1886

Author: Mary Bybee Simonson

### **Donated by Judy Card**

Title: My History is America's History

Author: National Endowment for the Humanities

### **Donated by Evelyn Campbell**

Title: Historical Marker Review 1894-2016 Washington State Society NSDAR

Author: WSSDAR

## **Periodical News**

Lillian Fullerton

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

### **FAMILY TREE March/April 2017**

"29 Great Family History Websites You're Missing"

"Underused and Undiscovered"

by Leslie Albrecht Huber

"Search and Discover"

by George G. Morgan

Search secrets to find English and Welsh ancestors in UK census records.

### **YOUR GENALOGY TODAY March/April 2017**

"Matronymics and the Addition of Ann"

by Robbie Gorr

A look at denoting generational female names.

## **Membership Report**

Bea Ritter

The following new and reinstated CCGS members have joined us since the last newsletter. Welcome!

### **NEW Members**

Gail Collins

Deitra Standing

Sandi Long

Jesse Baker

Sandra Guyot

Patricia Dixon

Marilyn Martinyak

Harriette Hatch

Rosie Lasher

Jill Fortman

Fred & Norma Renspies

Rhonda Stone

### **REINSTATED**

Robert Bradley

Glad you could join us, looking forward to seeing you around CCGS!

## 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 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 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!

**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.

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**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**

**Getting Started Tracing Your Family**

Tuesday, 14 March, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Brian Runyan.

**Getting Started Tracing Your Family**

Thursday, 11 May, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Instructor: Brian Runyan.

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**REGULAR CLASSES**

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

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**Timelines and Analysis**

Tuesday, 25 Apr, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Lethene Parks

**Family Search Strategies**

Tuesday, 2 May, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Alice Allen

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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

April 3 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)  
April 4 **Class:** Researching in Virginia, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center  
April 6 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
April 8 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon  
April 10 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
April 13 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10 -11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
April 17 Library Committee meeting, 10-a.m. CCGS Library  
**April 19 Deadline for May Newsletter**  
April 24 Librarian's Training, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center  
April 25 **Class:** Timelines and Analysis, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center  
April 25 General Meeting, 7 – 9 p.m. CCGS Education Center (Return to evening hours until September)

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.