

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Hours of operation

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
May 23 at
7 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 20th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Hometown history: Our Fort Vancouver Connections

American history in Clark County begins with Fort Vancouver, a 19th-century [fur trading](#) post that was the headquarters of the [Hudson's Bay Company's Columbia Department](#). On Armed Forces Day, Saturday 20 May 2017, **CCSG opens its library doors for an Open House**: Chat with Ft. Vancouver Barracks Cemetery president, Jeff Davis about early Fort cemetery grave site; taste a Sour Cream Cookie from the recipe of long-time resident Augusta Ebert (1828-1917), mother of Colonel Rudolph Ebert; discover if your family has military connections here in Vancouver.

You are invited! 20 May 2017 at the library and annex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

General Meeting
Tuesday, May 23rd
7 – 9 p.m.

May's General meeting begins with the election of CCGS officers for the term of July 1, 2017-June 30, 2019. We will be electing for the offices of Vice President and Assistant Treasurer. Our candidates are Bea Ritter (Vice President) and Lowell Kenedy (Asst. Treasurer). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. If you wish to nominate someone, be sure they are agreeable first. No surprises! The election will be followed by our program.

John G Hitzfeld will present the May 23 program. He will speak on preserving building photos, both past and present. John grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, went to high school in Texas and joined the Air Force. He moved to Portland in 1994 and retired from the Air Force in 2005. In 2007, he and his wife, Lourdes, moved to Vancouver. He is currently working as a local truck driver, moving airfreight throughout the Willamette Valley.

John and his wife have developed a website around photographs, showing the changes that take place over time. "As we age, we tend not to notice the evolutions of our culture. Saving as many photographs as we can will show future generations how we lived". Their website is Timechanges.net.

The May 23 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the CCGS Education Center, 717 Grand Boulevard.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Happy Spring, everyone!

I speak today regarding how CCGS is becoming more known around the region.

Our intrepid Publicity Chair, Kay Cooke has been extremely active and effective at getting our message out. She is tireless at encouraging newspaper publishers to let their readers know when we have an event scheduled. Whether it is a class, a webinar, or an interest group, it has become the norm for someone to attend having learned about it from Kay's efforts. Often times their attendance comes with the comment, "we didn't even know you were here". Well, that is changing!

Kay is not the only voice for CCGS. Lethene Parks, Library Director is always finding ways to get us noticed. The Oregon California Trails Association recently held a symposium, [Vancouver: Layers of History on the Columbia River](#). After the three day gathering concluded members were gently shepherded to a lunch in our facility. Reports are that folks wolfed their meal hurrying to get to the research treasure that is our library.

Marcia Grubb, Education Chair, is a ball of firey enthusiasm for CCGS, constantly finding ways to get the word out. She is spearheading an open house to be held May 20th.

On Friday, 31 March 2017 I was privileged to be interviewed by Gerald Gaule of American Senior Radio. We spoke for nearly an hour with topics ranging far and wide genealogically speaking. You can listen to the interview at https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/kivcradio/episodes/2017-04-01T14_49_08-07_00

I will be speaking to a group of Rotarians on May 2nd and on June 12th I will be out at the Camas Library giving a getting started class.

Bill Whalley does an amazing job of maintaining our web page, ccgs-wa.org. He not only maintains the technical aspects of the website but is constantly adding information as to what's going on. If you haven't gone to our website lately, go check it out, follow some of the links. There is an amazing amount of content to help anyone find their family!

Thanks to all of you that are making an effort to shine a light on the gem that CCGS is. More and more people in this area want to know what we have to offer their family history search.

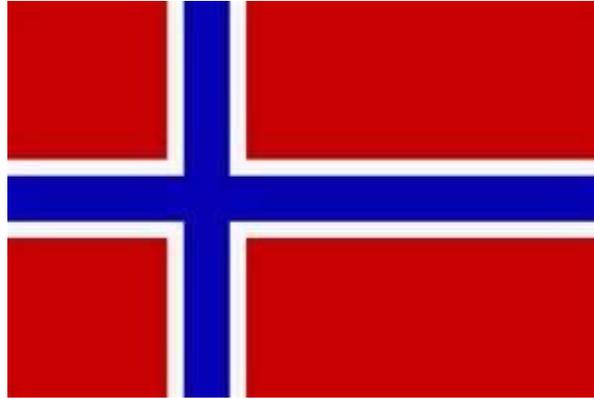
And you; how do you find out what's going on at CCGS? Mary McMonegal sends you an email every week, that's how. All the classes and meeting and interest groups are there for you to see. Additionally, Alice Allen scrupulously gathers up those same scheduled events and publishes them as part of the, always interesting to read, monthly newsletter.

As you might remember from those weekly emails, we have formed a group to explore our current research policies. Currently, our unofficial policy is, "we don't do your research for you but we will help you learn how to do it. If you desire more focused help we maintain a list of researchers that you may contact." By the time you are reading this, the group will have had their first meeting and will be well on their way to determining if and how we wish to expand the research services we offer. Send any comments or suggestions to president@ccgs-wa.org.

The project to digitize two Clark Count Tax ledgers is well under way. Erin Enos has been working up a storm and the image capture segment is complete, much of the transcription is done. Now we begin on the indexing portion. The next step will be to utilize software that will collate the images and make them available on line. Discussions are already under way to determine what will be the next project to tackle!

Thanks to everyone who voted to increase our membership dues. Beginning July 1st new members will pay \$35 for an individual and \$45 for a joint membership. The increase will become effective for you, our existing members when you renew after July 1st. These funds will not only allow us to keep our doors open but we will be able to increase our projects like the digitizing.

And remember . . . 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. This issue will focus on the activities of the Scandinavian Focus Group which meets monthly at the CCGS Meeting Room. The primary purpose of the group is to provide a place where we can learn about Scandinavian Genealogical resources. This past year we have had presentations on Swedish, Norwegian and Danish Genealogical resources. The focus group also took responsibility for organizing a presentation at the January CCGS General meeting. In addition, the group did the display for the CCGS window.

We are in the process of developing our agenda for the next year. As you know, the group does not meet in June, July or August. We will begin again in September.

Our tradition has been to use the May meeting as a time to do a field trip or just join together for a nice Scandinavian lunch. We are still in the planning stages for our May meeting. If you are not on my mailing list and want to be included for our May event, please send me an email.

I hope you all have a great summer. I know that some of you will be traveling to Scandinavia this summer. Let me know, we would enjoy hearing about your trip.

Richard Engstrom
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CCGS Classes

There are still a few classes for the Spring session, as follows:

May 2nd: Family Search Strategies, 10 a.m.
May 11th: Beginning Genealogy, 7 p.m.
May 16: Beginning Norwegian Research: 10 a.m.

The Beginning Genealogy class on May 11th is free, the others are \$12 each class for CCGS Members, and \$15 for non-members. Registration forms are available on our web site or in the March and April CCGS newsletters. Or you can call CCGS during open hours and ask the librarian on duty to add your name to the list. Pre-registration is preferred, you may pay at the door.

Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome new and reinstated CCGS members:

New

Julie Daly
Phil Jordan
Vonnie Jordan Sheadel
Patricia Wasmundt
Steve Shelton
Julie Thornton
Greg Thornton

Reinstated

Barry Peterson
Gwen Jones

Correction:

Deitra Stanning's name should be "Standing" She was a new member in April

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 03 May 2017

Take Me Back to Where I Belong: Transportation Records of the Freedmen's Bureau

Presenter: Angela Walton-Raji

*****Brand New*** 11:00 am Friday, 05 May 2017***Brand New*****

Discover the New Legacy Family Tree 9

Presenter: Geoff Rasmussen

5:00pm Wednesday 10 May 2017

Beginning Danish Research

Presenter: Charles Fritz Juengling, AG

11:00am Friday 12 May 2017

New York City and State Governmental Vital Records

Presenter: Jane Wilcox

11:00am Wednesday 15 March 2017

Why are Irish records so weird?

Presenter: John Grenham

5:00pm Tuesday 16 May 2017

MAXY DNA: Correlating mt-at-X-Y DNA with the GPS

Presenter: Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL

11:00am Wednesday 17 May 2017

Remember Me: Lifestreaming and the Modern Genealogist

Presenter: Thomas MacEntee

11:00am Wednesday 24 May 2017

WikiTree: Free for All without a Free-for-All

Presenter: Eowyn Langholf

11:00am Wednesday 31 May 2017

The Great War: Researching Your World War I Ancestors

Presenter: Michael L. Strauss, AG

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 May.

Donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski

Title: Clark County, Indiana Abstracts of Wills and Executors' Records 1801-1833 and Marriage Records 1807-1824

Author: Dorothy Riker, compiler

Title: Jefferson County Indiana Marriage Records 1811-1831

Author: Betty M. Ritchie, compiler

Title: Cemetery Inscriptions of Sullivan County, Missouri, v 3

Author: Mrs. G. Baird Fisher, compiler

Title: Cemetery Inscriptions of Sullivan County, Missouri, v 4

Author: Mrs. G. Baird Fisher, compiler

Title: Rutherford County Historical Society Publication #20 (TN)

Author: Edward C. Annable, Jr.

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Donated by Lethene Parks

Title: Ridgefield

Author: Rebecca Standal

Title: Ridgefield Reflections, a Legacy

Author: Kay Hawkins Douglass and Allene Wodaege

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Donated by Andy Huck

Title: Town of Clayton Cemetery Inscriptions (NY)

Author: John and Ellen Bartlett, A.E. Rogers

Donated by Beverly Prznbylski

Title: Marriage Records of Casey County, Kentucky

Author: Mrs. Eldred W. Melton

Donated by Joan Martocello

Title: Irish Gravestone Inscriptions-a Guide to Sources in Ulster

Author: William O'Kane & Eoin Kerr, editors

Donated by Dorothy Wear

Title: William Edwards, Architect, Builder, Minister

Author: H.P. Richards

Unknown Donor

Title: First United Methodist Church 1992 Directory

Author: Dr. J. Edsel White, Pastor

Periodical News

Lillian Fullerton

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

INTERNET GENEALOGY-APTIL/MAY 2017

U S Passport Applications

Reverse Your Sense of Direction

by Joe Grandinetti

Harvesting Forbidden Fruit

Six tips to consider before picking the fruit from trees of other researchers.

by Sue Lisk

Yad Va Shem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center

by Melody Amsel-Arieli

Comprehensive Holocaust research

NGS MAGAZINE - JAN/MARCH 2017

Navigating Ancestry's Quaker Records

A four part strategy.

by Peggy Baldwin

The Registers of the Irish Roman Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland

by Fiona Fitzsimons

Volunteer Request

CCGS has been receiving an increasing number of requests for research assistance from all over the country. There is a need to revisit our current policies around research requests from our members and other patrons. The current loose policy is best summed up by "we don't do it for you . . . we show you how to do it". Should a patron require additional assistance, they are referred to a list of researchers who have indicated their willingness to perform research for a fee.

We are looking for two or three individuals to join a group of five who have expressed an interest in our research policies.

If this appeals to you, please contact Brian Runyan, president@ccgswa.org. This is intended to be a short (two months, max) focus group that will meet no more than once a week to accomplish this task.

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!



Saturday 20 May 2017

Open House

10 am to 3 pm

Welcome to members, friends
and neighbors

Salute to our military on Armed Forces Day!

Connect with **your family history** through our *10 Minute Genealogy Chats*, our informative *displays*, our wonderful *library* and our friendly knowledgeable *members*.



Listen to Jeff Davis, president of Vancouver Barracks Military Assn. reveal very early Fort gravesites secrets.

Learn some basics about the ever changing genealogical DNA scene from Larry Dean.

Barbara Schrag will point out our library sources for military records .

Discover how to map out an amazing family story just like Marcia Grubb.

Focus Groups explore diverse topics, meet active participants who could answer your question:
“What does a Focus Group do?”

Want **more?** Yes! In a quiet back corner sit for a moment during a hot topic Webinar screening.

●Become a CCGS member today! Veteran and Military Service members **receive additional \$5 discount** – Thanks for your service.

Be Courteous
Additional Parking Available
South of Building
and
North at Air Academy Lot

●New Members joining since September 2016 please come to receive your new member Folder with new forms that we think are great!

IT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT DAY

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

May 1 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)
May 2 Class: Family Search Strategies, 10 a.m. – noon, CCGS Education Center
May 4 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
May 8 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
May 11 Scandinavian Interest Group, 10 – 11:30 a.m., CCGS Education Center
Beginning Genealogy Class, 7 – 9 p.m.
May 13 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
May 16 Class: Beginning Norwegian Research, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
May 20 **CCGS Open House, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
May 22 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
May 23 General Meeting and election of officers, 7 – 9 p.m. CCGS Education Center
May 24 **Deadline for June Newsletter**

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.