

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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6-9 pm

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2nd Saturday only
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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
June 27th at
6 p.m.

General Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th
6 – 9 p.m.

June's general meeting will be our annual potluck, installation of officers for the coming year and "show and tell" by CCGS members.

Newly elected CCGS officers will be installed following the potluck. Bea Ritter returns as Vice President and Lowell Kenedy will continue as assistant treasurer. Thank you for your service!

Following the installation of officers, CCGS members are invited and encouraged to share their family history research successes.

Reminder: There are no general meetings in July and August. Join us again September 26 at 7 p.m. for the next meeting.

Two "New" Volunteer Opportunities

As you have seen elsewhere, there are many places CCGS uses to communicate with you, our members, and with the genealogical community at large. Some of these venues are, seemingly, more effective than others. We are forming a small focus group of interested members to take a quick look at where and how we communicate and how well we market ourselves. This will be a short-lived, goal oriented group with the express goal of determining how we can communicate more effectively. If you have some experience/expertise in group communication and/or marketing and would be willing to invest a couple of hours every other week for a total of three meetings please contact Brian A Runyan at president@ccgs-wa.org. Thanks for your consideration.

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CCGS is attempting to step up our social media game by making better use of Facebook for communication. There are four of us currently acting as administrators to our two Facebook pages, Clark County Genealogical Society, which we are using for mostly one-way announcement type communication and Clark County Genealogical Society Group, which is intended to be a two way communication vehicle for those asking questions. We are recruiting for someone to take over as the primary administrator for these two pages. The tasks include, [posting news and tips items about ten times a week](#), [respond to questions and answers](#), [start and moderate conversations](#). [Post notices about meetings and webinars](#). If you have experience as a Facebook admin and this speaks to you please contact Brian at president@ccgs-wa.org.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Happy summer-on-the-horizon!! These past two weeks have almost made up for the year without sun. . . almost. Which reminds me: Many of you have heard the story of my Mennonite ancestors leaving Switzerland in 1822 by wagon train across France to take sail across the Atlantic to join an already established community in Ohio. Many of you may not have heard it so, at the risk of being repetitive, I'm going to tell it again. 1815 was named the Year With No Summer as much of Europe and many of the New England states experienced a time from May 1815 thru March 1816 when at least one day in each month recorded a below freezing temperature. Crops couldn't even get started much less grow to harvest. Hardship was everywhere and famine was present in some areas. The culprit was a massive eruption of Mt Tambora in Indonesia. It spewed ten times more ash into the atmosphere than Krakatoa would some 68 years later. Ash circled the globe blocking the sun for ten months. No sun meant no crops. This proved to be the last straw for an already oppressed Mennonite minority and they decided it was time to pull up stakes and seek new pastures. OK, so maybe our 145 days of rain isn't quite so bad, but I'm still glad to see the sun.

With the promise of sun comes the cry of the house bound. "ROAD TRIP!" My understanding is that in years past CCGS members banded together and travelled to the genealogy Mecca, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Even though much of the collection is available by microfilm loan at the local Family History Centers, there is still nothing like spending a week focused on family research surrounded by the amazing collection of materials that resides in that library. I think we need to revive the annual trek. Who's with me? That being said, I'm certain there are research trips lurking around the corner for many of us. My trip to Missouri last year was very fruitful but, even with careful planning, I still came home with new questions that growing out of the answers. I have to go back!

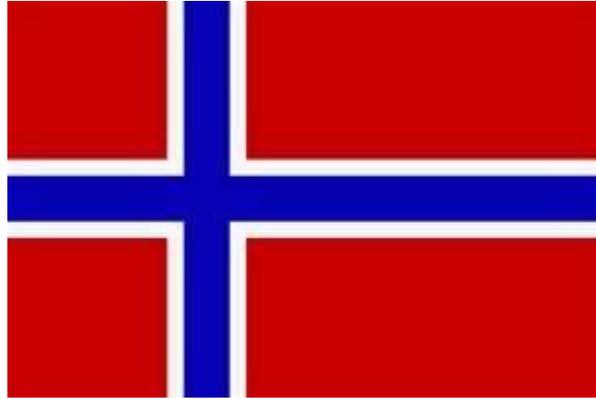
The General Meeting this month will be held on the 27th. We have traditionally made it a pot-luck social and this year is no exception. It is also the time we all share our discoveries of the previous year. How 'bout we kind of double up? If you have a family recipe discovered while researching your family, consider bringing it to share. Bring a copy of the recipe if you are of a mind. Heck, maybe we can start a CCGS cook book made up of these family dishes. We will also be installing our continuing officers, Vice President, Bea Ritter and Assistant Treasurer, Lowell Kenedy. Thanks to both of you for your service, past and future.

As the sun and summer stirs the travel bug in us all, here's to a fruitful summer of sleuthing.

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

Help Wanted

We will need a newsletter print specialist beginning with the September newsletter. This involves printing off about 50 copies of the CCGS newsletter on the printer at CCGS. Training will be provided. If interested, contact the CCGS president or the newsletter editor. Contact information is on the first page of the newsletter.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. This will be the last issue until September. Also the Scandinavian Focus Group will take a summer break and return on the second Thursday in September. Our May meeting was lunch at the Scandinavian restaurant, Broders Nord in Portland. It was a very enjoyable day. (See Photo)



Unfortunately, traffic tie-ups in Clark County prevented some of our members from attending.

Summer brings a few Scandinavian festivals and events to our area.

1. SCANDINAVIAN MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL
This event will be held on Saturday, June 10th at Oaks Amusement Park in Portland.
2. ASTORIA SCANDINAVIAN MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL
This annual event will be held on June 16, 2017 in Astoria, OR
3. JUNCTION CITY SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL
This annual event will be held from August 10th to 13th in Junction City, OR

Enjoy your summer.

Richard Engstrom

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>

Please Note! Since there are no newsletters in July & August, for information about July & August webinars, please refer to our weekly e-letter or the webinar link above for these webinars.

11:00am Wednesday 07 June 2017

Researching Your Minnesota Ancestors

Presenter: Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA

11:00 .M. Friday 09 June 2017 **new**

The Increasing Need for Foreign Language Indexing

Presenter: Devin Ashby

5:00pm Wednesday 14 June 2017

How Harry Potter Can Teach You About DNA

Presenter: Blaine Bettinger

11:00am Friday 16 June 2017

What Now? Your Next Steps with Autosomal DNA Testing

Presenter: Diahn Southard

5:00pm Tuesday 20 June 2017

Beating the Bushes: Using the GPS to Find Jacob Bush's Father

Presenter: Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL

11:00am Wednesday 21 June 2017

Virtual Family Reunions: Super Easy, Super Fun

Presenter: Dear MYRTLE, Russ Worthington

11:00am Wednesday 28 June 2017

Canada's Top 10 (websites for Canadian research)

Presenter: Kathryn Lake Hogan

Don't forget: Check out the Webinar library for bonus webinars (most are available only to subscribers), older webinars you may have missed or may want to watch again (most are available only to subscribers), and the "FREE" webinars which can be viewed any time by anyone. Go to the link above and search the library for webinars of interest.

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 June.

New Purchases by CCGS

Title: The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy

Author: Blaine T. Bettinger

Title: Mobile Genealogy: How to Use Your Tablet and Smartphone for Family History Research

Author: Lisa Louise Cooke

Title, Evidence Explained, third edition

Author: Elizabeth Shown Mills

Title: Census Substitutes and State Census Records, vol 1-Eastern States

Author: William Dollarhide

Title: Census Substitutes and State Census Records, vol 2-Central States

Author: William Dollarhide

Title: Census Substitutes and State Census Records, vol 3-Western States & National

Author: William Dollarhide

Donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski

Title: Sullivan County, Indiana Cemetery Records, vol. 1

Author: Sullivan County Historical Society

Title: Sullivan County, Indiana Cemetery Records, vol. 2

Author: Sullivan County Historical Society

Title: Sullivan County, Indiana Cemetery Records, vol. 3

Author: Sullivan County Historical Society

Title: Sullivan County, Indiana Cemetery Records, vol. 4

Author: Sullivan County Historical Society

Title: Index to the 1798 Direct Tax for Pennsylvania, Allegheny County

Author: Helen L. Harriss, compiler

Title: Grundy County, Missouri Cemetery Records, vol. 1

Author: Elizabeth Prather, Ellsberry, compiler

Title: Grundy County, Missouri Cemetery Records, vol. 2

Author: Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry, compiler

Title: Will Records, Sullivan County, Missouri, 1849-1880

Author: Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry, compiler

Title: Mills County Iowa Cemeteries

Author: Hastings Federated Women's Club

Periodical News

Lillian Fullerton

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

FAMILY TREE May/June 2017

"10 Research Myths Busted"

by Julie Cahill Tarr

"After A Fashion"

by Maureen A. Taylor

The rapid transformation in WW1 era clothing styles can help you solve photo mysteries and illuminate your ancestors changing world.

"Keeping it Civil"

by Claire Santry

Using Irish Civil registrations to find births, marriages, and deaths.

NGS MAGAZINE Jan/March 2017

"Scots-Irish Migration to the Colonial Carolinas"

by Nancy A. Peters, CG

YOUR GENEALOGY TODAY May/June 2017

"Pre Vital Records-Where's a Person to Look?"

by Diane L Richard

"The Reality of History and its Impact on the Family Researcher"

by Russell H. Erganbright

Condolences

Beth Lewis passed away in March of bone cancer. She had moved to Maryland in February to be with her daughter and passed in a care facility there. There will be a memorial service June 2 at 11am at The Northwood Park Cemetery, 16407 NE 15th Ave, Ridgefield, WA with a lunch to follow at the Congregation Kol Ami, 7800 NE 119th St, Vancouver. Beth was a CCGS librarian for several years.

We recently learned that CCGS Member **Lucy Voller** passed away on March 24th, her funeral was on May 20th. A quote from her obituary: "She was passionate about genealogy, and felt it was very important that everyone knew where they came from, and learned the stories from the past that wove together to become the fabric of the present." She was one of the people who saved newspapers for the Research and Preservation Committee.



WHAT? Librarian Training Meeting - Opportunity to learn about being a CCGS Librarian!

WHEN? Monday, July 31, from 10-noon

WHERE? CCGS Library Annex

WHY? We all have things to learn!

Membership Report
Bea Ritter, Membership

NEW

Richard Carpenter
Diane Adkin
Sherry Lambert
Christina Lasley
Pam Evans
Diana Ford

REINSTATED

Wendy Ackerman
Ed Senior
Jean Edwards-Muir
Carolyn Zenk

Please fill out a membership form when renewing your membership. It is so much easier for us to keep our records accurate, even if you have made no changes. Bill scans the forms for his records, and I file the forms in our drawer for reference.

Fall Classes at CCGS

Marcia Grubb, Education Chair

Our Education committee is already at work compiling and setting up the Fall series of Education classes at CCGS. Looks like a great line-up, here's what's been planned:

Tuesday, September 19 at 10 am – Beginning Genealogy, Brian Runyan

Tuesday, October 3 at 10 am – Researching Pennsylvania, Elsie Deatherage

Tuesday, October 10 at 10 am – Organizing with Purpose, Bea Ritter

Tuesday, October 17 at 10 am – Researching Internet Sources, Alice Allen

Tuesday, November 7 at 10 am – Researching Ohio, Lethene Parks

Tuesday, November 14 at 10 am – Census Records, Barbara Schrag

Full class descriptions and sign up forms will be available in the future at the CCGS library and on our web site.

The beginning class is free, all others have a charge of \$12 for CCGS members and \$15 for non-members.

Hope to see you there!

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. **Note: this group will be on hiatus until September.**
- 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!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

President: Brian Runyan
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Asst. Treasurer: Lowell Kenedy
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CCGS Meetings and Programs

June 1 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
June 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)
June 10 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
June 12 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
June 26 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
June 27 General Meeting, potluck and installation of officers, 6 p.m. CCGS Education Center
July 31 Librarian’s Training, 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.