



# Newsletter

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**April Meeting  
Tuesday  
24 April 2001**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
PUD Community Room  
Ft. Vancouver Way**

**"Genealogy and the  
internet, Part 2"  
Patricia McKee Bauer  
and Gene Swain  
Kuechmann**

**"Serving Genealogy  
Users - ISP"  
Eric Brockman**

**Bring your Internet  
questions**

**Door Prizes**

## **GENEALOGY AND THE INTERNET, PART 2**

Pat Bauer and Gene Kuechmann will continue where they left off at the March general meeting showing some of the ways that computers and the Internet can contribute to your genealogical research.

### **YOUR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER: HOW CAN IT BETTER SERVE YOUR NEEDS?**

Eric Brockman, Sales Manager for World Access, an Internet Service Provider, will present an informational talk on the Internet and ISPs and answer your questions about how the ISP can better serve your genealogy needs.

Eric works at World Access as a sales manager and at Precision Exteriors as a network administrator. At Evergreen High School he excelled as a DECA student and placed 8th in the Washington State DECA annual marketing competition. He was also a running start student at Clark College. Eric started in the industry in technical support and has proven that he enjoys answering questions and solving problems.

You should plan on attending this meeting and getting your Internet questions answered.

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We now have a much-needed larger P.O. box, and change of address cards are being sent out. Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249.



## It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Super Researcher



I remember the first NGS conference that I attended. It was in 1991, and it was in Portland. I was teaching middle school at the time, and I had to make arrangements to take time off from work. The conference was at the end of May, just a couple of weeks from the end of the school year. My principal really did not want me to take time off from work. It was not a good time to be away from the classroom.

I could have gone to work instead of attending the conference. After all, I thought I was doing OK with my genealogy. I was making progress in extending my family lines. I had clients, and they seemed satisfied. What would I miss by not going?

The conference was expensive. Would the money have been better off in the family purse?

I attended the conference. I went to classes where I learned proper research methods. I learned about sources. I sat next to some of the brightest and best genealogists in the United States. By the end of the conference, I could feel a change. It was almost as if I had popped into a telephone booth and emerged as Super Researcher.

The skills that I learned helped me to solve my brick wall problems - the ones I hadn't solved in twenty years of research. Due to what I learned at the

conference, I solved them during the following year. Would I have been able to do that if I hadn't attended the conference? Absolutely not.

I did not receive any pay during the week that I took off work for the conference - so it was an expensive week in terms of dollars. I had to work triple hard when I returned to the classroom - so it was an expensive week in terms of pressure.

I still look at that conference week as the best investment I ever made. It makes me think about the adage about, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." The conference was not as expensive as my ignorance was. The conference saved me twenty years of time!

Come join me at the conference. There are no telephone booths, but I bet we can find a place where we can duck in and then emerge as Super Researcher. Bring your capes.

Connie Lenzen, CGRS\*

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Local Arrangements co-chair, NGS Conference, 16-19 May 2001, Portland, Oregon.

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### Senior Connections Expo 2001

CCGS will participate in the "Senior Connections Expo 2001" at Luepke Center on Friday, 20 April 2001.

We will have an informational table and will give three lectures.



Eastman's Genealogical Newsletter, available from Ancestry.com, had an interesting article in March on genealogical scams, and for further information refers readers to:

<[www.ancestordetective.com/watchdog.htm](http://www.ancestordetective.com/watchdog.htm)>

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### CCGS at NGS

According to Jennifer Warren, our NGS Liaison, we have sold over \$100.00 in raffle tickets for the Discovery Blanket that is being raffled off at the NGS conference!

But our Historic Tour, with a registration deadline of 1 April, needs a minimum of 45 participants and only 9 are registered at this time.

Shirley Hodges will be the speaker for our Spring 2002 Seminar. She will be at the NGS conference in May, so some of you may want to introduce yourselves then.

## BYLAWS REMAIN UNCHANGED

The revised CCGS bylaws, as presented to the membership by the Bylaws Committee and the Board, were discussed, pro and con, at the March 27 general meeting. They failed to garner sufficient votes to pass. They were presented a second time with the most-frequently criticized sections replaced with the current versions, with the same result. (In your editor's opinion, with only a few changes the revised bylaws would be accepted by the membership.)

### correction

to Clark County Pioneers, book 2, page 420, submitted by Betty Condit Dollar.

THEODORE BUCKMAN: Alva Edward Condit and Betty Louise Condit are listed as children of Alva M. Condit and Cora B. Buckman. They were children of John T. Condit and grandchildren of Alva M Condit and Cora Buckman. Also, Cora Buckman had no middle name.



## A Love Affair With Ireland,

the third in the series of Heritage Teas, was a delicious success! With a roaring fire in the fireplace, traditional music of Ireland in the background, and all manner of Irish artifacts surrounding us, we enjoyed finger sandwiches, shamrock cookies, and the usual delicious tea. Of course, there were door prizes, most of which went to the folks at just one table – the luck of the Irish? But best of all was the talk by Ann Leptich, who lived with her family in Ireland for four years. She related some of their interesting experiences, told us about the Irish system of education and the schools that her sons attended, gave us useful hints on doing Irish genealogy, and even shared some very Irish jokes.

Considering the press of activities surrounding the upcoming NGS Conference and the expense of attending it, it has been decided to postpone further Heritage Teas until next fall. We hope you will be ready then to rejoin us in these tasty and fun fund-raisers which, by the way, have attracted the interest of other genealogical societies. We may have started a trend.

## FROM OTHER SOURCES

**PENSION RECORDS** - Over one hundred boxes of pension records that date back to the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Seminole War were found in recent years at the National Archives. None of them have ever been indexed or microfilmed. They are arranged by account number and were (are being?) published in American Genealogy Magazine by Datatrace System, PO Box 1587, Stephenville TX 76401.

**VETERANS' RECORDS** – Some ten million duplicates of 20th century military records destroyed by fire in 1973 have been found by the Veterans Administration. If you were told the records you need were among those destroyed, write again to National Personnel Records, GSA 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis MO.

## NEW NARA FEE SCHEDULE

New fees went into effect at the National Archives and Records Administration in November. Details are at:

<<http://www.nara.gov/nara/newfees.html>>.

# About the Library

with Mary Anne Best, CCGS Library Director



## CHANGE IN THE WEATHER AND A CHANGE IN THE LIBRARY

Spring is here and we have done what you might call spring cleaning.

Come in and see the changes. The books, periodicals, reception area and librarian's desk have been rearranged in what we believe is a more efficient and eye-appealing manner. One significant change is that our collection of the Federal Census is all in one section. Thanks to a great crew the change was accomplished quickly and with good humor.

A really exciting addition is the new book copier made possible by the local Soroptimist group. Copies will be 15 cents, and patrons will be able to use the copier themselves. When we announced this at the library this week, the patrons cheered.

Please note that the library is open for patrons only Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 3:00 and Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00. No committee meetings are to be held at the library during these hours. (The library is available for committee meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays.) The Library Committee has voted to extend the library hours to include the fourth Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00.

After touring our library, Dave Fenton, new Director of the Clark County Museum, donated copies of the Clark County History 1960-2000, for our patrons' use.

Our Exchange Editor, Holly Vonderohe, has exchanged 177 books since July of last year.

See you in the library.

## REVIEWS BY PAT BAUER

Pat is webmaster for:

<http://www.cgs-wa.org> (CCGS)

<http://www.c4ca.org> (Cultural Arts)

<http://blackwells2.homestead.com> (Blackwell Family)

<http://patbauer.homestead.com> (Family Tree)

<http://www.pacifier.com/~patbauer> (Reunions)

INDEX TO THE 1880 CENSUS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE by Barbara, Byron, and Samuel Sistler. (Cloth, 553pp, © 2000)

This book is the result of 20 years research by the Sistlers. The names on each page are arranged alphabetically by head of household. In general, it is just a head of household index, but also includes individuals whose surnames differ from that of the household head. Each entry includes name and age, plus a county symbol and page number from the original schedules. The person's sex is given in the case where the sex might be in question - such as

with initials instead of a given name. A symbol also identifies black or mulatto residents. Thirty-eight Tennessee counties are included in this important book. With 553 pages, four columns on each page and 80 or so names per column, there's enough information in this book to keep you busy for a long time. The book is available for purchase from Byron Sistler & Associates, 1712 Natchez Trace, Nashville, TN 37212. (There is a 61-page catalog of Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky Genealogical Records available from their company.)

# Scenes from the Seminar

L to R:  
Rhonda Edwards,  
Marcia Rice,  
Beverly Rice

Billy Joe Westby and Joy Kersteter

WANTED Photographer to take B&W photos for CCGS. Must own camera, use 400 ASA (min.) film. Call or e-mail Sharon Wodtke to accept assignment.

Anita Roberts

## **Workshop to highlight resources for researching historic properties**

The City of Vancouver in partnership with the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission is offering a free workshop on researching historic properties, with emphasis on residential structures. This workshop is designed for local residents interested in the history of their older home, the story behind its design, former owners or residents, or its connection with local history.

Representatives from the Clark County Historical Museum, Clark County Genealogical Society, Two Rivers Museum in Washougal, and the North Clark Historical Museum in Amboy will be present to provide information on resources available at their locations.

The workshop will include a survey of the research resources available at the Clark County Historical Museum's research library. Among them are maps, marriage and cemetery records, newspapers, Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, photos,

neighborhood survey information, city directories dating to the late 1880s and hundreds of oral histories. In addition, the Genealogical Society and the Clark County Museum have extensive collections of books useful in historical research. There will also be an introduction to the process of filling out the nomination form that is the basis of applying for local historic register status and information about tax incentives for homeowners of historic register properties.

The workshop will be April 28, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street in Vancouver. The workshop is free, but reservations are requested.

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We extend our condolences to Jennifer Petersen and her family. Jennifer's stepmother, Colleen Cornwell Byers, of Elkton, Oregon, passed away recently at St. Catherine's in Coos Bay/North Bend.

## NGS Conference Parking

Parking is likely to be a major problem at the NGS Conference. The Convention Center's main parking lot is closed because of a two-year



expansion program. There are four alternate lots nearby, two of which have restricted hours, and you should check for updates on their availability at <<http://www.oregoncc.org>>. The cost at these lots is \$5, and a free shuttle to the Center is provided near each lot.

NGS has arranged with Tri-Met that all paid registrants will have a letter pass that will allow conference attendees to ride the Max train and busses in an expanded fareless square. (This is basically from the Lloyd Center to the Convention Center to Downtown. Downtown is already in fareless square.)

The Conference Planning Committee suggests that we in Clark County consider using public transportation from Vancouver to the Convention Center. Call C-TRAN customer service at 360-695-0123 for planning assistance, schedules, and system maps. In Portland call 503-283-8054. The C-Tran web site is <<http://www.c-tran.com>>. However, examination of the schedules posted there shows that while many routes or combinations of routes with Max trains will get you to the Convention Center, the return may be a problem. Evening C-Tran service seems to be nonexistent and Saturday service is scarce. We'll let you know more next month.



Information about the Conference can be found at <<http://gfo.org>>.



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## CCGS Meetings and Programs

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| <b>13 April -</b> | <b>Introduction to Genealogy, 10 a.m. - 12</b>                            |
| <b>8 June</b>     | <b>Town Plaza, Rm. 102 (no class 18 May)</b>                              |
| <b>14 April -</b> | <b>Intermediate Genealogy, 1:30 - 3 p.m.</b>                              |
| <b>15 June</b>    | <b>Town Plaza, Rm. 102 (no class 19 May or 26 May)</b>                    |
| <b>17 April</b>   | <b>Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - 12</b>                                      |
| <b>20 April</b>   | <b>Senior Connections Expo 2001, Luepke Center</b>                        |
| <b>21 April</b>   | <b>Heritage Tea IV, Covington House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. CANCELLED</b>       |
| <b>24 April</b>   | <b>General Meeting, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.</b>                                  |
|                   | <b>PUD Community Room, Ft. Vancouver Way</b>                              |
| <b>28 April</b>   | <b>Historic Properties Workshop, 9 a.m. - 12,</b>                         |
|                   | <b>Clark Co. Historical Museum, 1511 Main St.</b>                         |
| <b>16-19 May</b>  | <b>NGS "Conference in the States," Oregon Convention Center</b>           |
| <b>15 Sept.</b>   | <b>Fall Seminar, Ron Bremer, "Jurisdictional Approach to Research"</b>    |
| <b>7-14 Oct.</b>  | <b>Research trip to Salt Lake City (see March Newsletter for details)</b> |