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**January Meeting
22 January 2002**

**7- 9 p.m.
St. Luke's Episcopal
Church Parish Hall
426 E 4th Plain Blvd.
Vancouver
(see map on page 3)**

**Program:
Let History Brighten
Your Genealogy!
Maryalice Gordon**



LET HISTORY BRIGHTEN YOUR GENEALOGY!

Get a good start to your genealogical year by attending the first CCGS general meeting of 2002 on Tuesday, January 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Parish Hall.

Maryalice Gordon, a CCGS member, who has been travelling and researching across the United States and Canada for the past nine years and recently returned to live in Vancouver, will be our speaker at the January meeting. Her topic will be "Let History Brighten Your Genealogy!"

Maryalice says this about her topic: The past actually happened, but history (and genealogy) is only what someone wrote down. Leslie Smith Collier, lecturer, teacher, and a director in GENTEC, admonishes us to not "be satisfied with mere names, dates, and places, for these are as dry as the dust they have become. We can best know those who paved our way if we research their lives and times broadly instead of through the narrow focus of a genealogical microscope." With that concept in mind, are we short changing ourselves and our research? History lives when we add our ancestors, and our genealogy profits when we search history for our ancestors.

Let Maryalice "brighten your genealogical search" as she shares what she has learned about genealogy while looking at history.



IMPORTANT CHANGE IN LIBRARY HOURS

During the dark, rainy winter months of January and February, the CCGS library will be closed during the evenings. We will resume normal hours in March.

Please contact Anita Roberts or Jennifer Warren, or any other library committee member with your comments and suggestions.

If you are one of our wonderful librarians and have questions or would like help with any facet of your volunteering in the library, also please contact Anita or Jennifer.

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**Hours for January & February
2002:**

**Wednesday - Saturday:
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

3rd Sunday each month: 1 - 5 p.m.

And Best of All, if you are interested in helping in the library, please contact Darlene Brown, our scheduler, at 887-7728, allenbnb@teleport.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

It has been decided to put the Newsletter deadlines on a regular schedule. All items will be due on the third Wednesday of months with four Wednesdays, and on the fourth Wednesday of months with five Wednesdays. Or, if you prefer, on the second to the last Wednesday of every month except June and July. (The deadline for the summer Newsletter, if any, will be announced.)

I prefer that items be sent by e-mail with the subject Newsletter or (month) Newsletter.

Trailbreakers Delayed

The CCGS quarterly, *Trail Breakers*, is on hold for the present because we do not have an editor. It would be a shame if we were unable to continue producing this highly regarded publication. If you are looking for a niche in which you can do useful and important work for the society, please call president Bill Duchie and volunteer. You do not have to have prior experience – you will receive whatever on-the-job training you require.

A Note from the President

It has been a busy month within the Society. Some things have been finished, some just started, many remain on the "to do list" and there are many more just entering into our collective consciousness.

When I joined CCGS, about five years ago, I never thought about becoming active, let alone in a governance position. I didn't know much about genealogy and less about the Society. More importantly, I wanted to focus on my own family research.

But as in most things where I develop a passion, I began to look for things that would permit me to learn more and ultimately make a contribution. My experience has shown that if I don't satisfy a new passion, it quickly fades and becomes another project on the shelf. The Society provided many opportunities and mentors to assist me.

I began as a librarian. At first it was "the blind leading the blind." I learned along with the patrons

and sometimes they helped me. And when there were no visitors, I learned by using library assets for my own research. The time spent served the Society and my own interests.

As I met more Society members, I found additional reasons for increasing my level of involvement. However, I always left sufficient time for my own research. Interestingly, at the same time, my efficiency in doing genealogy research was increasing and I was getting more done in less time.

2002 will present many more opportunities and challenges for Society members. Whatever your interests and abilities, there is something that will satisfy your genealogical passion while making a significant contribution.

Looking forward to your participation,

Bill Duchie

To find St. Luke's Episcopal Church Parish Hall:

Holiday Heritage Tea

The Heritage Tea on December 1st was a delightful way to begin the holidays. More than 70 people were in attendance. Each of the sixteen tables had a unique centerpiece to represent holiday customs of national or ethnic groups. These were provided by Society members, and members also created seventeen different kinds of traditional sweets from around the world. The plates of tea sandwiches and fruit were prepared by caterer Dawn Charvat.

The Vocal Music group from Vancouver's School of Arts and Academics, led by Vocal Music Teacher Margaret Green, made a wonderful and spirited holiday presentation. Three young ladies from Hudson's Bay High School, Olesya Chelak and Dina & Khristina Kisilifsa shared music, traditional customs, and stories of their former homes in Russia.

Approximately 30 members of the Society, men and women, put forth significant effort to plan and execute this very successful fund raiser. Many thanks to all those members who were involved in the planning, provided cookies, designed center pieces, participated in the set-up and clean-up, and

served as wait staff. Special thanks to those who invited family and friends to join them for tea. The CARNELIAN ROSE Tea Company (Jennifer Petersen) donated a special blend of peppermint tea for the occasion.

The tea generated a total of \$1,695 in ticket sales to adults and children. Expenses of \$370 left approximately \$1,325 for support of CCGS programs. This is equivalent to about one and a half month's rent for the library.

As of now, the timing of subsequent teas is uncertain, but we are unlikely to have another before spring. Watch the newsletter for an announcement.

Editor's note: I tried to sample each of the seventeen treats, but didn't quite make it. I understand, however, that the recipes will be in the CCGS Cook Book that will soon be in print and available at the Library or by mail. Maybe if I try to sample one a week I'll be more successful – and gain less weight, or at least gain it more slowly?

WANTED: IDEAS FOR 2003 SEMINAR

It's not too soon to start thinking about a speaker for our 2003 Spring Seminar. If you heard a speaker at the NGS 2001 Conference in Portland (or at any other time) whom you'd highly recommend, please contact Jennifer Warren at <jwarren@pacifier.com> or 573-1253. Member input in deciding upon a speaker is tremendously helpful and will be appreciated.

Jennifer Warren

COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE SPRING SEMINAR

As we welcome in the New Year 2002, we are looking forward to our Spring Seminar on Saturday, 16 March at St. Luke's Parish Hall. We're delighted to have Shirley Hodges as our featured speaker in 2002. The Seminar flyer and registration form is enclosed with this newsletter. Send your registration in early as seating will be limited.



INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY CLASSES TO BE OFFERED AT THE CCGS LIBRARY

This winter and spring, the CCGS is offering a series of classes/workshops on intermediate genealogy topics. The classes will be held at the CCGS Library, 717 SE Grand Ave. on Tuesdays from 10:00 to noon. Each class will be limited to 12 people. Cost will be \$10 per class, and a cost-savings incentive will be available for those who take multiple classes.

For classes in the spring, we are considering a 2nd session in the afternoon or evening for some classes, depending on the demand and instructor availability. For more information contact Burt Paynter at 891-9411 or <walkeriii@attbi.com>.

The schedule below is for confirmed classes. Additional classes, including Military Records and Internet Research, will be announced when instructors have been confirmed.

Jan 22 - Immigration & Naturalization >

Connie Lenzen

Jan 29 - Migration Patterns > Ann Leptich

Feb 5 - Publishing Your Family History >

Jane Germann

Feb 12 - Germans from Russia > Lela Miller

Feb 19 - Land Records > Gerry Lenzen

Feb 26 - European Research >

Gene Kuechmann

BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH CLARK COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Beginning Genealogy class will again be offered in winter term through Clark College Community Education. Sessions begin on January 25, and will be held for 8 consecutive weeks from 10:00 am to noon at the Town Plaza Center. Session topics include: Basics of Genealogy, Vital Records, Libraries, Organizing Your Material, Family History Centers, Census Records, Courthouse Records, and How Computers Can Assist You. For more information, contact Burt Paynter (address above).

Contact Clark Community Education at 360-992-2939 to register.

A GENEALOGICAL SUCCESS STORY

by Pat Bauer

Each Thursday evening, a helpful friend logs into the CCGS online Chat Room as Mikkel. Although I've known him as Charles M. Hansen for many years, I've known him only via e-mail and have never met him in person. He's a Spokane resident, an active member of Eastern Washington Genealogical Society and is most helpful to our many visitors with his knowledge of genealogy.

It was finally "payback time" when Charles sent me a message asking if someone in our group could help him with a project.

Charles had recently helped Jim Boyce, who is stationed in Switzerland, find information on his grandfather's death. When Jim came home on leave, he used other information Charles had found to locate the place in a Spokane cemetery where an uncle was buried in 1932 by the Jerue Funeral home. The funeral home had a contract with the county to bury indigent people, and the plot where Jim's uncle, Benjamin Boyce, was buried had several other graves. None of the graves had a marker of any type for identification.

With help from Charles, the genealogical helpers

at the public library, and the lady with the records of the cemetery, it was discovered that a total of 20 people are buried in four plots in this one area. In some cases there was only a first initial and a last name in the records. Jim Boyce decided he wanted to have markers made for all of these folks. He wanted to order four markers with five names on each. The problem was, he needed the complete name for each person.

This is how our CCGS members came to help. The LDS church library on NE 18th street in Vancouver has the death certificates for Washington state from 1907 to 1952 on microfilm, and the only charge is for copies from their film copier. Nancy Elder Petersen and Rosanne Dodson Simmons, both CCGS members and regulars on the CCGS Chat Room where Nancy is co-host with me, volunteered to get the copies and send them to Charles so this project could be properly completed.

This is what genealogy is all about – friends helping friends all over the world! We were glad we could play a part in this effort.

REMINDER: CCGS Links to Ancestry.com

If you go to Ancestry.com using the link on the CCGS web page, the Society receives a commission on every item you order. It doesn't cost you one cent extra, and benefits our Society. Sometimes, Ancestry phones to ask for your renewal or order. Be sure to specify that you want CCGS to get the credit, and if they can't do that, go through our web page and do your business on line.

The Newsletter comes out periodically, while the CCGS web page is continually updated (thanks to Pat Bauer). If you have access to the internet, check there for the latest news and information on Society programs and activities. And if you see important changes noted there, please call your friends who are not on the net with the information! Also, if you want to receive Pat's "Weekly chat room reminder and other notes" by e-mail, contact her at <patbauer@pacifier.com>.

A Letter to Grandma, from Jennifer Gobin Bailes



Dear Grandma,

I want to thank you for your courage. If you had not been brave enough to marry a metis fur-trader, by the name of Pierre Dorion Junior, I would never have existed. You left your family and tribe on the upper Mississippi River to travel with your husband and sons, Baptiste and Paul, on the John Jacob Astor overland expedition in 1811. It must have been so very difficult to travel as the only woman in the group with two young children to look after and another on the way. Was it uncomfortable to travel with around sixty rugged men? Did your native language skills come in to play on the long trip? Were the tribes that you encountered reassured that your group had a woman and children in tow?

Thank you for your endurance. To give birth to a child in the midst of a terrible snowstorm at The end of December, 1811, tuck the child into your clothing and mount a horse to catch up with the rest of the expedition is nothing short of amazing. Did it break your heart that the baby, Snowbird, only lasted a few short weeks? Was it a great relief when January first of 1812 was declared a day of rest and celebration? I can't imagine your pain and loss when Pierre was murdered by the Dog-Ribs Tribe. How you must have suffered in the cold and snow that winter keeping your two young sons alive.

You must have been a great woman, Grandma. I am certain that the Whites would not have given you the title Madame if you were not well respected. That you were buried under the Catholic Church in St. Louis, Oregon, gives further proof to the fact that you were held in high esteem. Thank you and rest in peace.

Your Granddaughter,

Jennifer

Madame Marie Aioise (Marie Iowa Dorion Lafantaisie Toupin) was buried under the old St. Louis Church in French Prairie on September 6, 1850. She has become known as the Madonna of the Trail. Madame Dorion was my 3G-Grandmother. Jennifer Gobin Bailes can be reached at jennifercorvallis@yahoo.com. Names I am researching from the Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: Boucher, Gobin, Venier/Vagnieur, Lafantaisie, Ward, Rainville, Humpherville, Crowblanket; and from the Montana Flathead Reservation, Hull.

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