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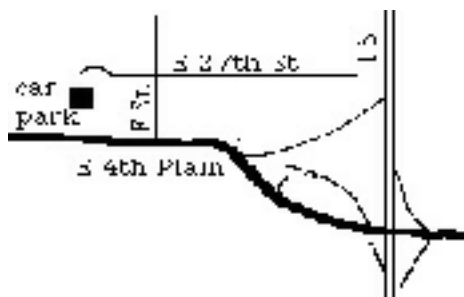
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February Meeting 26 February 2002

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

**Program:
Tracking Your Elusive
Ancestor -
Dorothy Wear**



Tracking Your Elusive Ancestor

Dorothy Wear, who joined CCGS in 2001, is a long-time genealogist. She has taught beginning and intermediate genealogy classes through the Camas Community Education program for almost 10 years.

Dorothy has been a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon since 1974. She is a new volunteer at our library and we're delighted to have her as a part of our organization.



At the February meeting Dorothy will present a wealth of information to help us in our search for those elusive ancestors. She will talk about the various steps one can take to locate the materials needed for this search. Using examples from her own difficult-to-find ancestors, Dorothy will explore the use of family traditions and stories to find the records that separate fact from fiction. She will also discuss documentation and the use of time lines.

Mark your calendar now! Each of us can use all the help we can get in tracking those elusive ancestors.

**Don't forget to register for the Spring Seminar!
The Program and registration form were included in the January
Newsletter, or see the CCGS web site.**

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN LIBRARY HOURS

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

In case of snow, ice, or other severe weather, the CCGS Library will follow edicts of the Vancouver School District. If the schools are closed, the Library will also be closed.

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

If you are a library volunteer and have questions or would like help with any facet of your work in the library, also please contact Anita or Jennifer. Anita Roberts, 892-6189, aroberts@wa-net.com
Jennifer Warren, 573-1253, jwarren@pacifier.com.

CCGS Library
717 Grand Blvd.
360-750-5688
Hours for February 2002:
Wednesday - Saturday:
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
3rd Sunday each month: 1 - 5 p.m.

We still need more volunteer librarians for Saturdays and evenings. If you would like to help by volunteering at least one day or evening a month, please contact Darlene Brown at: allenbnb@earthlink.net. It can be an enjoyable, busy time, you get to meet some of our members and other visitors and you're helping CCGS. You will be trained on the job by experienced librarians.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

All items are due on the third Wednesday of months with four Wednesdays, and on the fourth Wednesday of months with five Wednesdays – that is, 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.

January 14, 2002

Dear CCGS Members,

Thank you for your hospitality and assistance when we visited your library last week. We enjoyed a pleasant and profitable few hours.

*Sincerely,
Four members of the
Lower Columbia G.S.
(from Longview)*

A Message from the President

It has been an exciting month, both personally and as Society President.

- My mother and I continue to work our way through a book, which provides a format for recalling her life. It also brings much of my 62 years to mind.
- We made a remarkable Internet find on Charlene's WILLIS line, 17 new direct families over an eight generations. Documentation remains to be done, but census records are supportive. Four years ago we didn't know the given name of her grandfather Willis.
- A friend networked my lap and desktop computers. Now I can work from either platform and assure backup of my genealogical data.
- Glenna Brock is our new Directory editor. We will seek activities to suit the interests of the other four whom also volunteered.

- The intermediate-level genealogical mini-courses were begun at our library. The education committee is also developing other teaching opportunities.
- As the guest of the Boulevard Kiwanis, I made a genealogical presentation. Several shared family stories after the meeting concluded.
- Through the work of Holly Vonderohe we established a relationship with 7th grade classes in Washougal. The genealogical partnership will develop fully next year.
- As a CCGS librarian on 11/23, we helped a visitor extend their family line one generation, another to find family in the 1880 Washington census microfilm, and signed up two new members.

Bill Duchie

In the *Health Scene*, South West Washington Medical Center's *Journal of Wellness and Good Health Care*, they listed the "10 things you can do to improve your health today,"

1. Take a regular walk.
2. Wash your hands frequently.
3. Every day, do at least one thing that gives you pleasure.
4. Wait out the urge if you are a smoker. (Probably applies to us folks who eat too much as well.)
5. Drive the speed limit.
6. Learn the medical history of your family. (Here is where the genealogy fits in.)
7. Increase the number of natural foods.
8. Eat breakfast.
9. Check your blood pressure.
10. Keep aspirin handy for use in an emergency.



Clearly items 3 and 6 are directly related to genealogy. So when you begin to feel a little bit guilty because you are enjoying your genealogical effort, remember that it is one of the ten steps to good health. And if you are too busy to do your genealogy, you may be shortening your life! B.D.

COMING EVENTS

INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY CLASSES BEING OFFERED AT THE CCGS LIBRARY

This winter and spring, CCGS is offering a series of classes/workshops on intermediate genealogy topics. The classes are held at the CCGS Library, 717 SE Grand Ave. on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Each class is limited to 12 people. Cost is \$10 per class.

Make check payable to CCGS, leave at library or mail to following address:

CCGS Mini-Classes, c/o Education Director
P.O. Box 5249

Vancouver, WA 98668-5249

For more information contact Burt Paynter at 891-9411 or <walkeriii@attbi.com>.

REVISED SCHEDULE for the remaining classes:

Feb 5 - Publishing Your Family History >

Jane Germann

Feb 12 - Germans from Russia > Lela Miller

Feb 19 - Finding U.S. Passenger Records >

Connie Lenzen

Feb 26 - European Research >

Gene Kuechmann

Mar 5 - Military Records > Dorothy Person

Mar 12 - Genealogy Research on the Internet >

Burt Paynter & Others

Mar 19 - Land Records > Gerry Lenzen

NORDIC ROOTS 2002

Sponsored by The Scandinavian Genealogical Society

Michael J. (Mike) Thompson will be the featured speaker at a four-class series to be held at Portland State University, Cramer Hall 171 and 124, SW Broadway at Montgomery. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. til noon. Cost is \$20 (free to members of SGS). Pre-registration is recommended. Make checks payable to SGS and mail to Nancy Dickey, 8143 Olney St. SE, Salem OR 97301. Undercover parking is available for \$3.

Bring family group sheets, ancestor charts, etc. Traditional and computer research resources will be covered. Alternate activities are planned for more experienced members.

- 16 Feb. "My Name is Yohn Yohnson"
Locating and identifying Scandinavian personal and place names; old printing style.
- 16 March "Til Nord-Amerika"
Tracing your immigrant families back to the Old Country; old handwriting styles.
- 13 April "It stands in the book"
Finding and researching Scandinavian records; very old handwriting styles.
- 15 May Smorgasbord
Tying together preceding classes with simple research projects, charts, etc.

BLM Advises That Its Web Site Is Temporarily Inaccessible

You are currently unable to access the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) web site because of litigation against the Department of the Interior (DOI) regarding access to Indian trust data or assets.

On December 5, a court order from U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lambert required DOI and its agencies to disconnect from the Internet all information systems until it can be demonstrated that systems housing or providing access to individual Indian trust data or assets meet appropriate security standards.

We are currently reviewing all information systems and certifying to the court's satisfaction that all of BLM's computer systems protect all critical information. As a result, you cannot view the BLM's home page or send e-mail to DOI or its agencies.

We are working diligently to comply with the court order so that we can restore full service to our customers as soon as possible. Until that time, please telephone your local BLM office for assistance. We apologize for the inconvenience this presents.

Access to UK Census for 1901 Temporarily Withdrawn

The Public Record Office in England put the 1901 Census Records for all 32.5 million residents of Edwardian Britain on the web at <www.census.pro.gov.uk> on January 2. However, the demand so far exceeded expectations that access was quickly withdrawn while the system is upgraded to more adequately serve the demand.

For the first time a UK census (1901) has been released with an index of names. You will be able to access the index for free over the internet, and your editor understand it will give name, occupation, census place, and where born, but no folio number or relationship. For a fee, you will be able to view or obtain an image copy of the actual census page, which reveals additional information, including mental health. Every one of the handwritten census records was scanned. Though the index and census are not accessible at the site at the time of this writing, there is available a tour of the site that gives complete details on its use and on the fees that will apply. It is definitely worth a visit if you plan to make use of this census.

January Program Links History and Genealogy

At the January general meeting, Maryalice Gordon entertained and enlightened us with stories of how she came to appreciate the role of her husband's and her ancestors in the history of our country. Her talk was especially meaningful to me, since my husband and I had just returned from an Elderhostel in Panama, where we studied the history of the country and of the Panama Canal. We had with us a copy of an account by a man who crossed the Isthmus of Panama in the fall of 1849, before either the Panama Railroad or the Canal were built. He traveled at the same time as, and possibly in the company of, my great-grandfather Alanson Swain, as he refers in his narrative to a Mr. Swain of Nantucket. The story greatly interested our guides and some of our fellow-travelers.

Gene Kuechmann

OUR CCGS WEB PAGE(S)

Are you aware that CCGS actually has two web sites? Our second site is on Rootsweb and is linked to the main CCGS web page. It's possible you will never be aware of going from one to the other - unless you couldn't get back to your starting point. That problem can be solved by always using the back key (or arrow) on your browser.

Our main site is at <<http://www.ccg-s-wa.org>>.

The site at <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/>> has library information and contains the listings of our CCGS publications. I have both sites bookmarked in my Netscape browser.

You will find lots of convenient links for your use as you travel between the two sites. You can search out titles of books in our library with FreeFind from the home page of the main site. Key in part of the name of the title, the author, or

locality, and FreeFind will tell you which page it's on - even if it's on the Rootsweb site. All 160 CCGS pages are indexed by FreeFind!



NEW SECTION ON THE CCGS WEB PAGE

We now have a "Help wanted!" section on our web page that is gradually being completed. Jobs that need chairpersons are listed with the description of the duties for that position. (A few are still under construction.) Look them over and see if you can find the job for which you're not only qualified but that you would enjoy doing. CCGS is a volunteer organization and you can do your share to help by volunteering now. The new section is located at <<http://www.ccg-s-wa.org/p2341.htm>>. You can also access it through our library home page or CCGS home page. It's flagged with a NEW sign as an icon.

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If you formerly had an e-mail address at the domain <home.com>, we assume your address is the same except for the new domain name <attbi.com>. Please advise us if this is not true, and we will publish your new e-mail address in the Newsletter.

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>.

Society Reaps Benefits from Another Unsung Volunteer

by Sharon Wodke

I would like to tell you a little about Holly Vonderohe, our Exchange Editor. Since I also have held this volunteer position, I know how much time, energy, and skill it requires.

Holly was quietly doing her own research, buying books – or trying to – for information about her family lines, when I asked if she would like to extend her search for the society library.



Fortunately for the society, the answer was Yes!

Holly first brought to our attention that we had 14 states with 10 or fewer books. Remediating this was her first project. Next, she took a look at the U.S. map and started writing to genealogical societies in locations along the rivers and/or migration trails. She was also taking requests from society members, when given the state and county of interest. If they had a genealogical society, Holly was hot on their trail. Listed below are the states and number of books received from each since July 2000

3- societies	29 books	California	4- societies	100	Illinois
1- society	1	Alaska	3- societies	8	Florida
1- society	22	Texas	1- society	2	Indiana
1- society	3	Mississippi	1- society	2	South Dakota
1- society	4	Nebraska	1- society	9	Montana
2- societies	10	Colorado	1- society	15	Kansas
1- society	5	Arizona	1- society	48	Michigan
2- societies	5	Oregon	1- library	17	Newberry Library (Chicago)

Like all Genealogical Society libraries, we work with a changing volunteer staff. Holly has stuck with this project and followed through on the "write your letter and wait" process. It once took 15 months to hear back from another society. The continuity that Holly has given to this project is to be commended. In addition, when the Library Committee made up new Library Policies this past year, Holly was asked to contact all societies in Washington state and procure all material published by each of them. (She was surprised to find that not all societies publish.) We now have everything that was published up to the year 2000 from 5 of the 36 active societies in Washington State.

Holly is a quiet and very unassuming delightful person. I have enjoyed getting to know her and watch her quietly go about her very fruitful volunteer job. When you see her at our next genealogical function, stop and say "Hi" and let her know what a great job she is doing.



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Treasurer: Barbara BAKER

Asst. Secy./Treas.: Tammy STURZA

CCGS Meetings and Programs

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