



# Newsletter

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## Spring Seminar

16 March

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Parish Hall

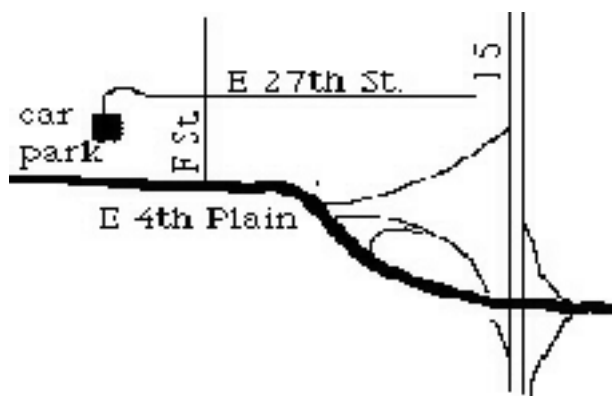
426 E 4th Plain Blvd.

Vancouver

Program:

**Tracking Your Elusive Ancestor -  
Dorothy Wear**

**Registration Still Open!**  
See flyer and registration form  
enclosed with this Newsletter.



## Plan To Come To an Interesting April Meeting

Our speaker for the general meeting on April 23 will be Stanley Clarke, a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and of CCGS. Stan graduated from Lewis & Clarke College with a degree in Journalism and is currently employed by Columbia Helicopters, Inc., as their librarian. Stan will be presenting information about using newspapers in genealogical research. Look for more information in the April newsletter.

Stan's web site is at <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/c/l/a/Stanley-R-Clarke/index.html>.

The link on his web site to the *Oregon Burial Site Guide* gives information about this publication, which he and Ruth Bishop donated to our library. It was compiled by Dean H. Byrd and co-compiled by Stan and Janice M. Healy. It has 1216 pages with 278 photographs, 37 maps, index, bibliography, glossary, and list of tombstone symbols. It is a definitive guide to the cemeteries and individual burials of Oregon. Each site is listed alphabetically in its county chapter. Each county has its own index and all county indexes are in a statewide index. It looks like a fabulous resource for those doing Oregon research.



## February Board Meeting Summary

Thirteen members of the Board of Directors were present at the February meeting.

Annual dues from our 660 members, which have been unchanged since 1997, no longer meet Society expenses. The project shortfall for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, between \$4 and \$5 thousand, would be larger were it not for the frequent fund raising projects. Society and individual interests would be better served if members were focused on genealogical projects. The shortfalls are met by drawing down reserves. This amounts to current members being subsidized by the effort and money of those who preceded us. A task force will be established to evaluate changes in membership-fee structure.

Recent Board appointments are: Gerry Oliver – Endowment Committee, Irene Page – Sunshine Committee, Sandy Thompson - Library Director, and Sharon Wodtke - Membership. A few of the positions that remain open are Vice President, Trail Breaker Editor, Purchasing Agent, Accounts Receivable, Coding and Entry Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, and Endowment Committee Chairperson. Filling these and other positions will remain a priority for the Board of Directors. Society members looking for opportunities to serve are encouraged to check the web site, the newsletter, and the library bulletin board.

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is 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.

*CCGS Board meetings, open to the general membership, are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Library.*

The Holiday Heritage Tea showed a net profit \$1298. The Tea Committee's primary recommendation was to scale back the number of teas or find another group to organize them.

The Education Committee's mini-class series is very successful with 10-12 participants at each session. The library is kept open after the classes. A program is also being developed for Parks and Recreation.

There has been a steady increase in attendance at our general meetings, held the 4th Monday of the month at 7PM at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Recording of volunteer hours is important to our understanding of the scope of work necessary for the successful operation of CCGS. It is also essential to demonstrate our ongoing viability when we apply for monetary grants. All volunteers are asked to submit their hours regularly to Phyllis Dale.

To meet the requests received from service organizations, church groups, senior residents, etc., CCGS will create a speaker's bureau. The intent is to provide a packaged 20-45 minute general interest genealogical program, with a few simple handouts, to facilitate interest in genealogy. It is consistent with the Society purpose and objectives.

**CCGS Library**  
**717 Grand Blvd.**  
**360-750-5688**  
**Wednesday - Saturday:**  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, Thursday 6 - 9 P.M.**  
**3rd Sunday each month: 1 - 5 p.m.**

## A Message from the President

An important task for anyone in a CCGS governance position is to determine which activities are vital to Society success. They are many and varied. Some involve stewardship of assets. Others are unique to our purpose and objectives. Whatever the activity, it must meet short and longer-term member needs or we simply cannot continue doing it.

I recently spoke with Phyllis Dale and learned that members currently volunteer more than 25,000 hours/year in support of the Society. That is equivalent to more than 12 employees.

In addition, members constantly come forward with important new ideas. To proceed with a new idea means we must either give up a current activity or involve new volunteers. There are also monetary implications associated with each one.

The Society's annual budget is approximately

\$45,000/year. The membership dues structure, unchanged since 1997, does not meet our financial need. Even with substantial fund-raising activities, we still project a \$4-\$5 thousand shortfall for this fiscal year. More importantly, fund raising distracts members from doing the things they joined the Society to do. Both personal and societal research activities suffer.

A task force to study member dues structure will target to provide a proposal to the membership this spring. The Board will also begin to "brainstorm" new genealogical activities consistent with our Societal purpose and objectives, while offering additional benefit to members.

I look forward to seeing you at a future Society program. They offer a wonderful assist in your genealogical study.

Bill Duchie

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## HAVE WE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!

### Research Project Coordinator

#### Time Requirement: To Be Determined

Act as the coordinator for projects which are intended to meet the Society objectives to "...research and publish materials relating to genealogy; collect and record genealogical materials and historical material...and to preserve genealogical, historical and family history material" (CCGS Bylaws, Article II). Identify potential research opportunities, including project scope, funding, and member time requirements for consideration by the Board of Directors. Work with the project team leader to provide progress reports.



### Nominating Committee Chairperson

#### Time Requirement: 10-15 hours

Create a five-member committee to develop a slate of nominees for the elected officers (five) of the Society. Present the slate at the April General Meeting and publish in the May Newsletter. Supervise elections at the May General Meeting (CCGS Bylaws, Article V).

## **JOBS (cont'd)**



### **Volunteer Director**

**Time Requirement: estimated at 2-5 hours per week.**

Primarily, maximize involvement of members in the governance and operation of the Society. Remain alert to the needs for volunteer assistance. Design a questionnaire that can be given to individuals when joining or renewing membership that will help to match individuals' interests and skills with activities vital to the Society. With the assistance of committee members, make follow-up contact by telephone, e-mail, or written correspondence with new members. Finally, provide names of interested people to Society leaders so specific requests can be made.

### **Membership Director**

**Time Requirement: estimated at 2-5 hours per week.**

Maintain a current database, updated weekly, of Society membership using membership applications (new and renewals). Provide a copy for the library committee for use by Librarians. Provide mailing labels for the newsletter (monthly), Trail Breaker (quarterly), and the Directory (annually). Issue membership cards. Send a list of new members (monthly) to the Newsletter Editor, Volunteer Committee, and President. Provide a current list of members to the President prior to any meeting at which a quorum is needed for voting on issues. Send reminder notes to those whose memberships will expire in the following month.

### **Trail Breakers Editor**

**Time Requirement: 50 hours per quarter.**

[Trail Breakers is a quarterly publication containing information of a genealogical nature with articles of local and national interest (CCGS Bylaws, Article X). This publication is a primary reason for those outside Clark County joining CCGS.] Seek items or research by Society members and others with a genealogical background. Develop a format that is consistently appealing to members and potential members. Prepare a print-ready copy and deliver to printer. (Others handle labeling and mailing.)

### **Mailing Committee Chairperson**

**Time Requirement: 2-3 hours per month**

Responsible for bringing the mailing committee together, at the library, to label the Society Newsletter (10 times), Trailbreakers (quarterly) and Directory (annually). Communicate with the committee (currently 6 members) by e-mail. [Labeling takes 45 minutes. The labels are pre-sorted by zip code, so bulk mailing takes an additional 45 minutes. Because the newsletter contains dated material, it is mailed the first week of each month. The timing is more flexible for the other publications. The treasurer maintains the bulk mail account.]

## **JOBS (cont'd)**

### **Purchasing Agent for Office Supplies**

**Time: 1-3 hours per month**

Once or twice each month, purchase routine office supplies necessary for the operation of the society. Supplies to be billed to the Societies account. [Society officers and library volunteers are responsible for maintaining a list of needed supplies on a clipboard at the library.]

### **Accounts Receivable**

**Time: 3 hours per week**

Once a week, collect funds from library operation, process checks received by mail, make bank deposits, and provide information to the recording treasurer. Distribute other mail received to appropriate officers and volunteers within the society. Marketing Director Time: 2-5 hours per month Responsible for marketing of the 40+ CCGS publications. Responsible for developing sales strategies, pricing advertisement, correspondence, tracking inventories, arranging for reprinting and shipment of orders. Activity is conducted at the CCGS Library.

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### **NEW SECTION ON THE CCGS WEB PAGE**

We now have a "Help wanted!" section on our web page. The jobs descriptions above are also shown there, and any new openings will be added as they arise. 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.

### **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](mailto:patbauer@pacifier.com).

# COMING EVENTS

## INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY CLASSES

Intermediate genealogy 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 524, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249

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

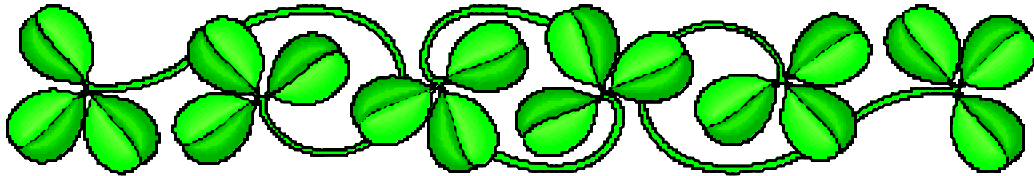
SCHEDULE for the remaining classes:

Mar 5 - Military Records > Dorothy Person

Mar 12 - Genealogy Research on the Internet >

Burt Paynter & Others

Mar 19 - Land Records > Gerry Lenzen



## IRISH INTEREST GROUP

The Irish Interest Group held its first meeting in February, with thirteen attending. The group shared their family surnames and counties of origin, heard from Charles and Judy Caughlan about their research experience in Ireland, discussed a format for future meetings, and reviewed resources in the library.

The group agreed to continue meeting on the third Monday of each month at the CCGS library, 10 am - noon. The next meeting is March 18th, and items of discussion will be a book review of *Finding Your Cork Ancestors* and an experience of hiring a professional genealogist to do some research in Ireland.

Contact Anita Roberts if you have any questions:

<aroberts@worldaccessnet.com> or 360-892-6189.

**Please join us!**

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## Olympia Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

WHEN: Saturday, 20 April 2002, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia WA

HOW MUCH: Society members \$30; Others: \$35 until 8 April, \$40 thereafter; LUNCH: \$10

REGISTRATION: online at <www.rootsweb.com/~waogs/>

or mail check to the Society at PO Box 1313, Olympia WA 98507-1313

SPEAKER: Paul Milner, author of *Discovering Your English Ancestors*

TOPICS: Has Your British Isles Research Already Been Done?

Are You Lost? Using Maps, Gazetteers and Directories for British Isles Research

Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During and After the Famine

Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest?



# IT'S THE LAW IN WASHINGTON !

## The Public-Records Act

Last fall, in a discarded Seattle Times for Sunday, 21 October 2001, I found a report on how some government agencies in Washington illegally block a resident's right to see and copy documents. This abridgement of rights can be a serious problem for any citizen seeking information to which he or she is legally entitled, including genealogical researchers. The article is part of a series distributed by The Associated Press, and it can be found on the Web at <<http://www.openwashington.com>>. I urge you to read the entire series.

Some of the useful information I found there:

The Public Records Act contains a mandate for broad disclosure of government records.

A government agency or bureaucrat cannot make you explain why you want to see a record.

If you run into problems, ask to speak to a supervisor. If you still have problems, put your request in writing (keep a copy). Cite the Public Records Act (RCW 42.17) in your request.

Government agencies have five business days to respond once your request is received. At the end of five days, the agency may fulfill the request, deny it, or indicate it needs more time to address it. Denials must be made in writing and must cite the specific exemption detailed in the act. GSK

## Cemetery Laws

A recent communication to CCGS from the Orange County Genealogical Society in Goshen, New York, calls attention to a lack in their area of adequate legal protection for family, historic, and so-called "abandoned" cemeteries. They have found ancestral graves desecrated by developers and private builders alike – and even "ground up" by a gravel company! The letter from Goshen prompted Pat Bauer to research the situation in Washington. Our laws do seem adequate, but I am sure we have lost ancestral graves because of a lack of knowledge or enforcement of those laws. To check them for yourself, follow this Internet trail: go to <[www.wa.gov/dol/bpd/cemfront/htm](http://www.wa.gov/dol/bpd/cemfront/htm)> and click on Title 68RCW under References in the column on the left; on the next page that appears, go to the Notes at the bottom of the page and click on Title 68RCW; on the next page, choose Chapter 68.60.

It is unfortunately beyond the scope of this Newsletter to print the entire law. Perhaps the next Trailbreaker Editor will be willing to print it for the benefit of all of us, including those who don't use the 'Net. I'm sure it would also interest our members in other parts of the country, such as Goshen, New York. GSK

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## LOOKING FOR THE NIEMI FAMILY

Judy Goldmann of GFO advises that the Evidence Officer at the Washington County (OR) Sheriff's Office has **NIEMI** family memorabilia she wants to return to family members. She has custody until the end of this year, may be contacted at 503-846-2783. There are certificates, pictures, information about property taxes, all from a family from Woodland,

Cowlitz County, WA. There is a marriage certificate for Peter Niemi and Marie Baart Butler, Cowlitz County, WA, 20 Sep 1943. Wit: Impi Rosenberg, Bert Kessels. Also a yearbook for Woodland High School, and numerous pictures that are older than the 1943 date. Other names: Ocea Niemi, Impi Niemi Rosenberg.



See Order Form on next page.

**The wait is over and the cookbooks are here!** To order by mail, send a check to the CCGS Library PO Box. Write "cookbook" in the memo space on the check. The cost is \$12.50 per book plus 7.7% sales tax. Add \$2.50 S&H fee for the first book and \$.50 for each additional book. The Cookbook is also for sale at the CCGS Library. Questions? Call Jeanine Bailey at (360) 566-9422. [If you do not have transportation, it may be possible to arrange delivery (within reason).]

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

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## THE HUDSON'S BAY SALE SHOP AT FORT VANCOUVER

*British Connections*, the journal of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, in Vol 2 Issue 4 (Oct.-Dec. 2001), reprints the Meredith B. Colket Memorial Lecture delivered by Harvey Steele at the NGS Conference in Portland in May. The Title is "British Artifacts in America: Guidelines for Genealogists." The article is of particular interest to those of us who live in Washington, as it concerns in part the history of the Sale Shop at Fort Vancouver and the goods that were sold there, and then it goes on to give an account of British exports to America, even into the 20th century. GSK



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### CCGS Meetings and Programs

<b>1, 8, 15 March</b>	<b>Beginning Genealogy classes at Town Plaza Center, Room 101 (Winter quarter)</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>CCGS Library open again Wednesday, Thursday evenings</b>
<b>5 March</b>	<b>Military Records Class, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>11 March</b>	<b>CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library 7 p.m.</b>
<b>12 March</b>	<b>Genealogical Research on the Internet Class, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>16 March</b>	<b>Spring Seminar at St. Luke's Parish Hall; CCGS Library closed.</b>
<b>18 March</b>	<b>Irish Interest Group, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>19 March</b>	<b>Land Records Class, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>20 March</b>	<b>April Newsletter deadline</b>
<b>23 March</b>	<b>Ridgefield Heritage Celebration</b>
<b>8 April</b>	<b>CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library 7 p.m.</b>
<b>13 April - 8 June</b>	<b>Spring Quarter Clark College Continuing Education / CCGS Beginning Genealogy Classes</b>
<b>17 April</b>	<b>May Newsletter deadline</b>
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