



# Newsletter

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## WHAT CAN NEWSPAPERS CONTRIBUTE TO OUR RESEARCH?

At the April meeting, Stanley Clarke will help us answer this question. He is a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and of CCGS. He graduated from Lewis & Clarke College with a degree in Journalism and is currently employed by Columbia Helicopters, Inc., as their librarian.

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

**April Meeting, 23 April 2002**

**7 - 9 p.m.**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

**Parish Hall**

**426 E 4th Plain Blvd.**

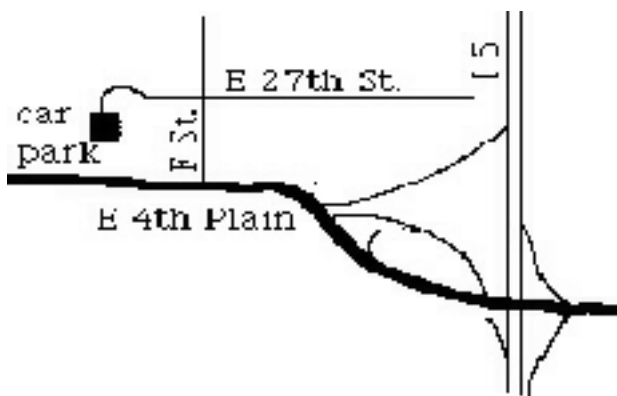
**Vancouver**

**Program:**

**Using Newspapers in  
Genealogical Research -  
Stanley Clark**



Stan has a link on his web site to one that gives information about *Oregon Burial Site Guide*, which he and Ruth Bishop donated to our library. It was compiled by Dean H. Byrd and co-compiled by Stanley Clark and Janice M. Healy. 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.



## March Board Meeting Summary

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

There were seven members of the Board of Directors present. This was not a quorum, so this was an informational meeting only.

The treasurer's report for the month of February showed a net income of \$1,499.30. The gross income for the month was \$3,794.11. Major income categories were: Spring Seminar, membership dues, cookbook sales, and sales of Society publications. Expenses totaled \$2,294.81, with the major items being for the CCGS Library and the Newsletter. The School Employee's Credit Union has stopped paying interest on checking accounts, so alternative institutions are being investigated.

Recent Board appointments are: Marge Greenen & Jeanine Bailiff to coordinate the fall Salt Lake Trip and Marilyn Fitze to become the Editor of Trail Breakers.

To increase our visibility in the community and promote genealogy in general and our publications in particular, we will participate in the Vancouver Retired & Senior Volunteer Program's *Senior Connections Expo 2002* on May 11, 2002 and the *Oregon Forum Family History Fair* on June 29, 2002.

Every effort will be made to encourage officers, as well as other interested individuals, to participate in programs offered for education in the principles of governance for non-profit organizations.

The members and general public are receiving the CCGS Cookbooks very well. Currently there are 649 voting members in the Society.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, April 8, 7 PM at the CCGS library.



**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 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

March was a busy month as we embarked upon and completed several activities directed to the "Purposes and Objectives" of our Society.

*Section 1. "...encourage, foster, educate, and organize activities related to genealogy."*

*Section 2. "...research and publish materials relating to genealogy; to collect and record genealogical and historical material; to develop and maintain a genealogical library; and to preserve genealogical, historical, and family history material." (Article II, CCGS Bylaws)*

1. **Marilyn Fitze** accepted the position of Trail Breaker Editor. **Rosanne Simmons** has offered to assist. You are invited to submit items for this important Society publication.

2. **Anita Roberts** is chairing our renewed effort to provide an index for the 1910 US, Clark County census. The work, in conjunction with the Washington State Genealogical Society is estimated at 300+ hours..

3. The library committee proposed creating surname indexes for the books in our collection.

**Jane Wetzel** is chairing the activity.

4. More than 80 individuals participated in the genealogical mini-classes presented by the education committee. Pass ideas for future offerings to **Burt Paynter**.

5. The Irish Interest Group held its second meeting and continues to grow.

6. We will receive the 1930 US Washington census in April. The librarians have scheduled a training session so we can better serve our patrons with this resource.

7. There were 102 participants in the Shirley Hodges Spring Seminar. Speak to **Jennifer Warren** about subjects for next year's seminars.

8. Our speaker's bureau has scheduled genealogical awareness presentations for Richfield Heritage Celebration, Vancouver Rotary, and Portland Labor Union #290.

9. The Clark County Historical Society has offered copies of their 1929 and 1931 Vancouver City Directories to assist our work with the 1930 census. Our thanks to **Don Fenton** and staff.

Bill Duchie



### SUNSHINE DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP

Irene Page is now handling the "Sunshine" position for the Society. She asks that members contact her with news of occasions on which messages of recognition or consolation should be sent. It is important that she receive the information promptly in order that messages may be sent in a timely manner. You can reach her by e-mail at <pageig@pacifier.com> or by phone at 360-835-7642.

## Centennia – SUCH A DEAL!



*Centennia* is a map-based guide to the history of Europe and the Middle East from the beginning of the 11th century to the present. It displays an evolving, dynamic map of the changing boundaries of the nations of the region, with a brief statement of the major events taking place. You can zoom in and out, stop the action, call up a more detailed explanation of events, or call for a map for any date you choose. You can print maps or import them into other software and use them in your family history or other projects.

There are versions of the program for DOS, Windows, Mac, and Power Mac. You can read all about it and see demos at <<http://www.clockwk.com>>, the web site of Clockwork Software, Inc., that produces the program.

**Purchased individually, this program costs \$89, and it is worth it. BUT, if I can find 20 people who want to buy it, it will cost only \$19.95 apiece!**

If you are interested in buying the program for this bargain price, this is how to do it:

- 1) E-mail me, [genekuech@aol.com](mailto:genekuech@aol.com), or call me at 360-574-1492 (you can leave a voice message if no one answers) and tell me you want to order the program.
- 2) When 20 people have done this, I will register our group on the company's web site and they will give me a group order number, which I will e-mail or phone to those who have contacted me. I will also publish this number in the newsletter and ask Pat Bauer to put it on the CCGS web page. The group order number is good for 30 days.
- 3) Use the group order number when you go to the Clockwork web site or phone the company (at phone # below) to place your order. After at least 20 of us have ordered, they will start sending out our copies of the program.

Any number of people can order during the 30 days, so you don't have to be in the first 20 to get this price – as long as at least 20 people contact me to get the ball rolling. You don't have to belong to CCGS to order. You don't have to use the Internet – just call the company at 773-281-3132 or 888-281-3132 to find out if it will work on your computer.

But don't order until you have the group order number, if you want the best price!

*Note:* I am leaving town for three weeks on May 11. Can we get this operation under way before then? "Contact me now, while you're thinking of it," as the hustlers would say!

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**T-SHIRT  
LINES  
FOR  
GENEALOGISTS**  
(add your own picture)

- My family coat of arms ties at the back... is that normal?
- My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated
- My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
- Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
- My hobby is genealogy, I raise dust bunnies as pets.
- I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.
- I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.

## WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

**Be very cautious** about upgrading your computer to Windows XP.

If you have an older computer, 2 years old or more, there is a very good chance that NO driver exists for your printer or your scanner. There might not be a driver for internal components as well, such as your modem, your CD drive, or some other component.

Magazine articles mention this problem, but I have not seen articles mentioning that **Your Software may not work**. Since XP is a 32-bit program, and most software is still 16-bit in design you are likely to have trouble.

Microsoft has a web page where you can check out your existing hardware and software for compatibility with XP. The address is < <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=6582>>.

Even if you are updating computers and the new one has XP, you may have problems getting drivers for your existing printer or scanner and your old software – perhaps even your genealogy program may not work under XP.

Ed Peters

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### HELP WANTED SECTION ON THE CCGS WEB PAGE

We now have a "Help wanted!" section on our web page, showing job descriptions for CCGS positions that need filling. Any new openings will be added as they arise. The new section is at <<http://www.ccg-wa.org/p2341.htm>>. You can also access it through our library home page or CCGS home page.

### CCGS Links to Ancestry.com and LegacyFamilyTree.com

If you go to either site 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. Ancestry may phone 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

## CCGS-SPONSORED GENEALOGY CLASSES

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

Beginning Genealogy classes, co-sponsored with Clark College Community Education Department, begin Saturday, 13 April, from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 102 at Town Plaza Center. There is no class 25 May. The course fee is \$40. See the Clark College catalog for registration instructions.

Clark College Mature Learning classes, Computer Genealogy – learning to use the Internet in genealogical research, begin Monday, 6 May, from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 107, Town Plaza Center. There is no class 27 May. See the Mature Learning brochure or call 992-2213 for registration.

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See the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Catalog for details about GENEALOGY OVERVIEW FOR SENIORS (Thurs. 9 - 10 a.m., 11 April - 2 May) and GENEALOGY OVERVIEW FOR ADULTS (Tues. 6 - 8 p.m., 30 April, 7 May), both at the Luepke Center.



## IRISH INTEREST GROUP

The Irish Interest Group meets on the third Monday of each month at the CCGS library, 10 am - noon. There was a good turnout for the March 18 meeting with lots of new people attending. We had an informative talk by Charlie Caughlan on tracing Cork ancestors, and Bill Duchie showed us a beautiful quilt his sister made after their trip to Ireland last summer, using photographs from the trip. We each discussed the Irish surnames we are researching, in case someone comes upon something that might help us. We also shared ideas about what we would like to do as a group to further our Irish research. For one thing, we decided to collect voluntary contributions each month to put toward buying "Irish" books for the Library.

At our next meeting, several people will tell about what they have found out concerning the various ports of entry – Canada, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia – that could be helpful in the search for immigrant Irish ancestors.

Come join us at 10 a.m. at the CCGS Library on April 15th (after you file your tax return, of course).

Contact Anita Roberts if you have any questions:

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

## 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/](http://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?

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## The Genealogical Forum of Oregon 2002 Spring Seminar

TOPIC: This Old House: Exploring the History of Your Home, Inside and Out.

WHEN: Saturday, 4 May 2002 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tabor Heights Methodist Church, 6161 SE Stark St., Portland

HOW MUCH: Before Apr. 20, \$20 for members of GFO, \$30 for non-members

\$6.50 for on-site lunch (sandwich of your choice, two side salads, desert, drink)

After 20 April, \$35, no lunch available

SPEAKERS: Louise Burgess: Researching House Histories; Alice Cotton: Historic Architecture;

William Hawkins: Classic Houses of Portland; Harvey Steele: Antiques and Collecting

Send check with name, address, phone, e-mail address, special diet requirements to:

Spring Seminar, GFO, P.O. Box 42567, Portland OR 97242-0567

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## NGS Conference in the States

The 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States will be held 15-18 May 2002 at the Midwest Express Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is expected to attract some 2,500 genealogists from across the nation and several foreign countries. A copy of the program and registration information can be found on the NGS web site at

<<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/2002cover.htm>>.

The local host of the 2002 Conference is the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society. For more information, see the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society web site <<http://www.wsgs.org>>. Please direct all inquiries and letters to: Jack Brisse, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5106, Madison, WI 53705-0106.

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## SALT LAKE CITY 2002

Jeanine Bailiff and Marge Greenen are coordinating the 2002 Salt Lake City research trip. They will welcome anyone wanting to assist them! Another stay at The Carlton Hotel is being planned, and the dates are Sunday, Oct. 6, through Sunday, Oct. 13. Anyone wanting to stay longer can usually be accommodated by the hotel.

Contact Jeanine at: <[jjmb@qwest.net](mailto:jjmb@qwest.net)> or Marge at <[mgreenen@pacifier.com](mailto:mgreenen@pacifier.com)>.

It will be the responsibility of each traveler to obtain transportation, whether it's by plane, auto, or train.

When more plans are made, the information, including the prices for the hotel rooms, will be posted on the CCGS web page, in Pat Bauer's weekly e-mail, and in the Newsletter.

## CCGS SPRING SEMINAR WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

I have been co-chair of our spring and fall seminars on and off for the last few years. I am always amazed how this intrepid band of volunteers pulls everything together at the last hour.

I have heard many comments about bringing Shirley Hodges back again (she still has 20+ topics to share). Her donation of two books to our Library was a pleasant surprise. Susan and Jim Baird from "The Tree House" brought a load of church record books that were gone before lunch. We especially want to thank them for their donation to our Library.

A few of the key players in this production were:

Seminar Co-chairs: Jennifer Warren, Sharon Wodtke

Flyer design, morning pot of coffee: Jim Wodtke

President and affable moderator: Bill Duchie

Kitchen: Betty Forgy, Jo Ann Lee, Barbara Wasmundt

Library table: Don Finel, Sandy Thompson

Registration table: Jane Germann, Jan Mayfield, Irene Page

Last but not least, the marvelous group of bakers who provided the muffins and quick breads for morning and afternoon breaks.

Publicity: Marilyn Fitze

A.V. Chair: Charles Caughlan

Door prizes: Charlene Duchie

Membership table: Barbara Baker

Cook Book/ Name Badge table: Pat Bauer

*Sharon Wodtke*

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Our Spring Seminar was a great success, with 102 people attending. Shirley Hodges gave us an interesting and well-presented set of talks, ending each with a humorous or touching poem before taking questions.

She began the first session, on tracing female ancestors, with a litany of the legal and social restrictions that make it so difficult to identify our female ancestors. However, she countered that with advice on a number of places to look for clues and hard data. She pointed out the necessity of examining the records reflecting each of the many roles a woman might have filled: child, sister, student, wife, mother, stepmother, mother-in-law, niece, cousin, aunt, grandmother, widow, church member, Bible-record keeper, neighbor, business woman, naturalized citizen, even autograph collector and journal keeper.

I hoped that in the session on researching Ohio ancestors Shirley would tell me how to surmount my Ohio "brick walls." However, it seems each set of records that I could have used caught fire (the Hamilton County records, the Symes Pur-

chase records). But she supplied us with a useful list of Ohio archives and genealogical facilities, and elaborated on their collections and the helpfulness, or lack thereof, of their staffs.

After lunch, Shirley spoke on church records. While we all seek out baptism, marriage, and burial records, there are many other useful church-related records and publications. However, to understand any church record it is necessary to understand the practices of the particular denomination that made the record, and Shirley pointed out a number of the most important of these practices. She also mentioned the unfortunate effects on church records of "man, mold, and church mouse."

I had to leave before the session on research facilities in the Great Lakes States, but I am told that it was equally instructive. After commenting on the facilities listed in her handout, she reminded her listeners that good research techniques are the keys to the success of a research trip, and she provided guidelines to follow.

Do come to our next seminar – there is always much to learn!

*Gene S. Kuechmann*



# LIBRARY NEWS

We are currently planning for the 1930 census, which will be arriving sometime in April. A class is offered for those interested in finding out how to use the 1930 census. You are welcome to come to this class at the Library on Monday April 8th at 10:00 AM or Tuesday April 9th at 10:00AM. Check out our new books in the library. We will be acquiring four new census index books: 1850 New York City; 1850 Michigan; 1850 Vermont; and 1850 Louisiana. We also received a book from our Spring Seminar, the Dictionary of Surnames, donated by the Tree House in Portland. We have some fantastic librarians. They are so dedicated to coming in and helping the patrons.

Recently one librarian worked 3 out of four days to help fill in. That is true dedication! We are in need of librarians who will be able to work evenings and on Saturdays. One day a month is all you are expected to volunteer, and the reward of helping others is really worth it.

Jane Wetzel is one of our new library committee members. She has graciously volunteered to work with indexing the non-indexed books in the library. There is a need for volunteers to help in this area. Her email address is wetzelpair@aol.com.

If you haven't been to the library recently, come down and visit us. We are growing.

Sandy Thompson

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## FILM READERS NEEDED

CCGS would like to borrow two microfilm readers to use for a short time in the Library. We want to be prepared for a lot of demand when the 1930 census arrives! We have only one reader, plus the reader-copier, and we don't have funds available at this time to purchase more. If you know of any microfilm readers that we can borrow for two to six months, please send a note to Library Director Sandy Thompson at

<sandythompson1@attbi.com>.

## CITY DIRECTORIES ANYONE?

Our CCGS Library Director, Sandy Thompson, is trying to locate old City Directories for the Vancouver/Clark County areas that can be used in correlation with the 1930 WA Census films. She is asking anyone with directories from 1928 through 1940 to contact her. Since the 1930 census is not soundexed, it will simplify finding entries to locate the residence area in a directory and then find that area on the film. Please contact Sandy if you can donate such material to the library.



*"Chow time" at the Spring Seminar – participants enjoy a delicious box lunch prepared by Cindy Hammond (C&L Catering).*

# **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS**

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Our condolences to the family of CCGS member Betty Condit Dollar. A resident of Lincoln City, Oregon, she succumbed to cancer March 15, 2002. Betty graduated from Vancouver High School in 1949 and married Dick Dollar of the Dollar's Comer family in June of that year. They moved to the Oregon coast after they retired. He passed away in 1987. Betty's favorite hobby was genealogy and collecting cousins by e-mail from all over the world.



We extend our condolences to CCGS member Jane Germann, her husband Larry, and their family. Larry's mother, Leona M. Germann, passed away March 2, 2002, at age 86. She was born in Ridgefield and was a life-long resident of Clark County. Besides her son Larry, she leaves a daughter, Linda Christensen of Vancouver, six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.



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### **CCGS Meetings and Programs**

<b>8 April</b>	<b>CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library 7 p.m.</b>
<b>11 April - 2 May</b>	<b>Genealogy Overview for Seniors, 9 - 10 a.m., Luepke Center</b>
<b>13 April - 8 June</b>	<b>Spring Quarter Clark College Continuing Education / CCGS Beginning Genealogy Classes (no class May 25)</b>
<b>15 April</b>	<b>Irish Interest Group, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>17 April</b>	<b>May Newsletter deadline</b>
<b>20 April</b>	<b>Olympia Genealogical Society Spring Seminar</b>
<b>23 April</b>	<b>General Meeting, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 7 - 9 p.m.</b>
<b>30 April - 7 May</b>	<b>Genealogy Overview for Adults, 6 - 8 p.m., Luepke Center</b>
<b>4 May</b>	<b>Genealogical Forum of Oregon Spring Seminar</b>
<b>6 May - 10 June</b>	<b>Computer Genealogy using the Internet, Clark College Mature Learning Classes</b>
<b>11 May</b>	<b>Senior Connections Expo 2002</b>
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