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October Meeting

Tuesday, 22 October 2002

10 a.m. – 12 noon

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Parish Hall

426 E. 4th Plain Blvd.

Vancouver

FORT VANCOUVER TAPESTRY

**Eleanor Van de Water &
Sherry Mowatt**

IRISH RESEARCH

The Irish Interest Group

OFFICERS FOR 2002 – 2003 ELECTED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Bill Duchie -	President
Al Collins -	Vice President
(Open)	Secretary
Joy Schmoldt -	Treasurer
Karen Frost -	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

There were no nominations from the floor for Secretary, therefore the position is still open.

Also, the Charter for the Endowment Fund was approved by a vote of the membership.

FORT VANCOUVER TAPESTRY - A WORK IN PROGRESS

Eleanor Van de Water, Director, and Sherry Mowatt, Assistant Director, will present the spark of inspiration behind The Fort Vancouver Tapestry project. Embroidered in woolen threads on a linen background, this textile narrative will be finished 28" high by 108' long at completion in 2005. The intent of the Fort Vancouver Tapestry is to honor and celebrate the history and unique significance of this place. Come and see where your family history fits in this pictorial view of Vancouver's history.

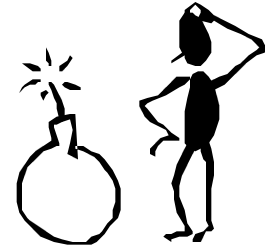
A preview can be seen at their website: <http://www.fortvancouvertapestry.com>

SPREAD THE WORD!
John Philip Colletta
will be the featured speaker for the
Spring Seminar 15 March 2003

MEA CULPA

After reading the September Newsletter when it came in the mail, I found it hard to believe that I was responsible for the master from which it was printed. I debated holding a contest to see who could find the most errors, but after further consideration I decided to just offer my abject apology. I hope that this issue comes closer to the standard I would like to maintain for our Newsletter.

The Editor



September Board Meeting Summary

The meeting, open to the general membership, was held September 9 at the CCGS library. A quorum was present.

The Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers. The Secretary position remains open.

The treasurer's July report showed a net income of \$1,069. Total assets were reported at \$158,831. This included: total cash or cash equivalent, \$67,003; library holdings, \$65,491; furniture and equipment, \$14,667 and CCGS publications, \$11,293.

Planning continues for developing the 2002-2003 budget. Committee chairs were asked to present their information by October 1, 2002. Pat suggested it may be desirable to reduce the number of line items if the detail is not needed to track expenses.

According to our bylaws, the treasurer's accounts should be examined annually at each fiscal year-end by the Auditing Committee. This has not been done. The recording treasurer and nominated treasurer indicated that they are going to work on this.

Board member are asked to call Society members to get a quorum for the September general meeting where we will seek approval for the Endowment program. There are plans for initiating the program as soon as it is approved.

The Library Committee reported there are areas of concern in the library computer program approved by the Board last year. Therefore they recommend "putting a hold" on the program and re-initiating their search. It was approved unanimously.

Considerable difficulty is being encountered in finding an adequate facility, seating 200+ attendees, for the Spring Seminar. The Board gave approval for the committee to find a facility and sign a contract so publicity can begin.

Al Collins will act as interim chairperson of the Grant Committee and Joy Schmoltdt as interim chairperson of the Financial Committee.

Gee Creek was a very successful program, raising \$750 and involving more than 70 Society members. Thanks to Charles Caughlan, Barbara Wasmundt and the other volunteers.

Participation in the two day Oregon Senior Expo was very successful. More that 250, four generation, pedigree charts, were given to people visiting our booth. There were twelve CCGS volunteers.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, October 14, at 10 AM at the CCGS library.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members joining in June, July, August, and September:

A-062A	Jeneifer T. Allen
A-063A	Eileen Abernathy
A-064A	Cleda M. Abourezk
A-065A	Christine C. Anderson
B-189A	Judy Birdwell
B-189B	Howell Birdwell
B-190A	Cheryl Brooks
C-134A	Curtis Condon
D-088A	Julianne Durrell
D-089A	Wilma Dawson
F-083A	John Feliz
G-091A	Shelly Gonzales
G-091B	Don A. Redford III
H-147A	Amor Hirsch
H-148A	Sharon Egger Heston
H-148B	Leonard Heston
K-023B	William F. Kuechmann
M-160A	Patsy McCoy
M-161A	Beverly D. Mallory
O-141A	Jerry Olson
P-068A	Pauline F. Parvin
R-108A	Julius Richter, Jr
R-108B	Shirley Richter
R-109A	Al Rasimas
R-110A	Jody John Ramey
V-039A	Richard Vigal
V-039B	Phyllis Vigal
Y-008B	Norma Drebin

Phone, snail-mail, and e-mail changes & corrections

The e-mail address <Lornalowery@aol.com > has been changed to <Lornacrafty@aol.com>.

E-mail messages sent to the following addresses were returned:

Flen Stephens <flen@cdsnet.net>

Diane Willems <jwillems@wa-net.com>

If anyone wants to receive Pat Bauer's weekly message, they can send a note to her at:

<patbauer@pacifier.com>

If you did that and still aren't on the list, try again. Maybe her computer ate it! (They do that.)

ATTENTION

We're now affiliates with Heritage Books, Inc., Ancestry.com, and Legacy Family Tree. There are links to all three of these on several of the pages on the CCGS web site. CCGS will receive a commission from each of these companies for sales to anyone accessing their site from our web page.

If you order by telephone or by mail, please mention that you heard of them through CCGS and request they honor the affiliate arrangement.

Thanks for your help.

A Message From President Bill Duchie

It all began with my mother's recent death and continued with my experience at Oregon Senior Expo. It became clear with a major donation to our Library. Each situation demonstrated how easily important pieces of family history and research could be lost. Some times forever, other times until someone begins the study anew.

There are so many issues associated with breaking up a household. The most difficult is sorting through family heirlooms and the collections of many years. Because of my interest in genealogy, everything of a historic nature was boxed and passed to me. Had this occurred ten years ago, before we understood the value of this material, it probably would have gone directly to recycle. After all that is what happened when Charlene's parents died. We were young and 2,000 miles away when their household was broken up.

At Senior Expo we handed out 264 four-generation pedigree charts and encouraged people to enter the information they could remember. In most instances, there was no designated family historian. Through our conversation these people recognized

they possessed information no one else knew and would soon be lost. Each person said: "...*I wish I had talked more with my own parents.*" Each vowed to use the form so their children would not be saying the same thing years from now.

A man whose name will be announced at a later date recently offered the Society the extensive genealogical collection of his deceased wife. The collection had to be moved quickly to allow new tenants into the home. There were 300+ books and eight boxes of paper files. We are in the process of working out the details of the final donation.

These events all point out the importance of:

- A. Encouraging our friends, family and neighbors to fill out a four-generation pedigree chart as a minimum way of preserving their unique family history. They may even get hooked on genealogy.
- B. Insuring our own collections and life work are handled according to our wishes by including their disposition in our wills.

Our belated condolences go to member Amy Seyfried and her family. Her father, John Van House, died last April 22 at age 76. Survivors include his wife Pat, six sons, and six daughters including Amy.

PLEASE KEEP US POSTED

Please contact Irene Page, at
<pageig@pacifier.com>
with news that calls for a greeting from the Sunshine Department, and contact Gene Kuechmann, at
<genekuech@aol.com>
with news that calls for notice in the Newsletter. Be sure to give all details; e.g., in the case of a death in the family please give the name of the member, the name of the deceased, their relationship, and the date and place of death.

For news and items that might be suitable for the CCGS web page or for Pat Bauer's weekly news bulletin, contact Pat at

<patbauer@pacifier.com>.

IN THE LIBRARY

With Sandy Thompson
sandythompson1@attbi.com

The "Germans to America" fund has been fully subscribed and the CDs will be available soon at the Library. Thanks to all who helped with this project!

A large number of fine genealogical books and paper files were recently donated to CCGS (see President Bill Duchie's message). The librarians are busy working to assimilate these materials into the Society's collection.

MINI-CLASSES OFFERED AGAIN

Special-topic mini-classes will be offered again beginning October 29, 2002. Each class will be presented at the CCGS Library on a Tuesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The fee for each class is \$10. A maximum of 16 people will be able to attend each class. Register by visiting the CCGS Library and signing up or by calling in and reserving a space.

Payment must be made prior to attending a class. Class space reserved but not paid for by the class date may be offered to people who walk in that day.

For additional information, call Burt Paynter, CCGS Education Director, at (360) 891-9411.

The fall and early winter schedule is:

Oct 29 - Church Records	Connie Lenzen
Nov 5 - Finding Your European Roots	Gene Kuechmann
Nov 19 - Publish Your Family History	Jane Germann
Dec 3 - Recording Oral History	Jim Strassmeier
Feb 4 - Searching the 1930 Census	Gerry Lenzen

SALT LAKE CITY 2002

Oct. 6-13, 2002



By the time you receive this Newsletter, approximately 21 members of the Society will be about to leave – or will already have left – for a week of research at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City.



I'm sure that when we put our envy aside, we all wish them a safe trip and good hunting.

There are advantages to going to Salt Lake City with a group. The after-hours and breakfast sharing sessions are, in essence, seminars in genealogical research. In addition, members of the group keep one another's problems in mind as they work and alert each other to helpful ideas and materials as they come across them. And then there are the sightseeing side trips ...

SEARCH FOR MONTICELLO CONVENTION PETITION SIGNERS

A search is being conducted to locate descendants of pioneers who met near Longview in November 1852 and petitioned for the creation of Columbia Territory (later known as Washington Territory), to be separated from Oregon Territory.

The list of pioneers and their known descendants resulting from a similar search in 1952 appear on their web page. A special commemoration to honor the historic event is being planned jointly by the Cowlitz County Historical Society and the City of Longview in conjunction with the upcoming Washington Sesquicentennial celebration.

The commemoration is scheduled for Sunday, November 24, 2002. See further information on the web page at:

<<http://www.drizzle.com/~jtenlen/wacowlitz/monticello.html>>



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 4 Oct. – 22 Nov. Fall Quarter Clark College Continuing Ed. / CCGS Beginning Genealogy Classes
- 6 - 13 Oct. Research trip to Salt Lake City
- 14 Oct. CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library 1 p.m.
- 22 Oct. General Meeting, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 10 a.m. - noon
- 29 Oct. First Special-Topic Mini Class, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon
- 11 Nov. CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library 1 p.m.
- 15 March 2003 Spring Seminar with John Philip Colletta

2002 – 2003

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at St. Luke's Parish Hall.

Evening meetings will be 7 - 9 p.m. in September, March, April, May and June.

Morning meetings will be 10 a.m. – noon in October, November, January, and February.