



# Newsletter

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## November Meeting

**Tuesday, 19 November 2002**

**10 a.m. – 12 noon**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

**Parish Hall**

**426 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Plain Blvd.**

**Vancouver**

**LARSENS AND OLSSONS AND  
BERGS, OH, MY! –  
SORTING OUT THE  
SCANDINAVIANS  
Mike Thompson**

**Election of Secretary**

## Larsens and Olssons and Bergs, Oh, My! -- Sorting out the Scandinavians

At the November general meeting, Mike Thompson will talk to us about researching Scandinavian families. If you have hesitated to tackle researching your Scandinavian ancestry, this is the meeting to come to! Mike's major themes will be the variations of personal names and place names and the kinds of sources available.

If you don't have Scandinavian ancestors (are you sure?), you should still find the naming systems and source information fascinating and instructive.

Mike is a lifelong resident of Vancouver. For thirty years he has been researching his families from Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark. And for almost that long, he has been teaching others about Scandinavian research. In addition, he has also been teaching the Norwegian language for many years.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



It is wonderful that the growing interest in genealogical research has meant a significant growth in membership of CCGS over the past several years. The down side, however, is that it becomes more and more difficult to get acquainted with new members.

Please join us for our first **New Member Get Together** at the CCGS Library on Sunday, November 17, 2002, from 2 to 4 p.m. We want to learn why you joined CCGS, what activities interest you, and how we can best meet your needs. We'll

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provide an over-view of society activities and tell you about our library. In addition, we want to share with you ways in which you can become involved in CCGS activities and share your interests, skills, and talents.

After a brief presentation, we will have “older”

members available to assist with your research. Bring your questions, pedigree charts, group sheets, or research goals for assistance in finding clues to put the missing pieces together.

We look forward to getting acquainted with you on November 17. See you then!

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## October General Meeting Summary

Fifty members were present at the October meeting. This was the first daytime general meeting in more than a year. The possibility of having two monthly meetings, evening and daytime, was proposed.

Janette Birch volunteered as candidate for CCGS Secretary. The election will be held at the November General Meeting.

Please spread word of our Spring Seminar, a major fund raising activity, featuring John Coletta,.

Members of the Irish Interest Group reported on the advantages of being involved in an interest group. They meet on the third Monday at the CCGS Library.

Diana Cruz introduced the presentation on the Fort Vancouver Tapestry Project by Eleanor Van deWater and Sherry Mowatt. The tapestry is scheduled for completion in 2004.

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## October Board Meeting Summary

The meeting, open to general membership, was held October 14 at the CCGS library. A quorum was present.

The September treasurer's report showed a net income of -\$863; a checking account balance of \$3,908.94 and total assets of \$157,881.63. The largest recurring expense is library rental at \$950 a month. Pat Hanning, Recording Treasurer asked all committee chairpersons to submit their 2002/003 budget numbers by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis (Doc) Clark is the new library Facility Manager. A new listing of vacancies and chairpersons will be compiled and placed on the library bulletin board.

It was suggested that when a member's *Ancestry* subscription expires, it should be renewed through the CCGS web page. This gives the Society a monetary credit. There is no credit if renewal is done by phone or mail.

The Society has received an extensive genealogical collection (200+ books and 20 boxes of material)

from the Kathryn Watson estate. Individuals are being sought to help classify the boxed material.

Jane Germann will chair a committee to review Society by-laws and present to the membership in January.

The Spring Seminar (March 15, 2003) with John Coletta will be held at the Washington Deaf School. Jennifer Warren and Sharon Wodtke will co-chair this activity.

The Board will continue to look at sending the newsletter by e-mail to reduce costs. There are still enough members without E-mail to qualify for bulk mailing.

Bill Duchie and Sharon Wodtke will represent CCGS at the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District design seminar on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Next Board meeting will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the CCGS Library.

Next General Meeting will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM at St. Luke's Church

## Chat Room Mini-Convention !

Jerry Thompson of San Antonio, TX, is one of our newest CCGS members and a regular in the Thursday evening CCGS Chat Room.

Jerry arranged to stop by our library Friday, Oct. 18, on his way to Tacoma to help celebrate his dad's 80th birthday. Several chat room regulars were on hand to meet Jerry. They included Verneice Adams of Dallesport, WA; Betty Ramage of Bend, OR; Sandra Hinzmann of Brush Prairie; Rosanne Simmons of Vancouver, and Pat Bauer of Ridgefield, co-host of the chat room. (Pat's co-host, Nancy Petersen, was still in the middle of moving and was unable to join the group.)

Everyone commented that it was nice to see the actual people from the chat room, instead of just names, as only a few of us knew each other prior to this meeting.

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### PRESERVING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Nancy Petersen found the following information in response to a Chat-Room inquiry.

Newsprint has a high acid content, which is why your old obits, birth announcements, and such become brittle quite quickly. All is not lost, though. Mix 2 tablespoons of milk of magnesia in 1 quart of club soda. Allow the solution to refrigerate at least eight hours before use. Put the clipping in a pan that is large enough for it to lie flat. Cover with the solution and soak for one hour.

A caution on the recipe page: "Always test an unimportant clipping in this process as many inks are water soluble. Inks have been known to entirely disappear during this process."

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

New e-mail addresses

The e-mail addresses for these members will not be included in this online edition. If you want to reach these members, please send CCGS a note.

Lorna Lowery

Flen Stephens

Phyllis Dale

Mary Orange

Virginia Miller

June Pehlke

E-mail message sent to the following address was returned: Jason Lovell: <jason@jlovell.net>

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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.)

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### ATTENTION

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

### HOWEVER

**Ancestry's automatic renewal system does not credit CCGS. Please refuse the automatic renewal and resubscribe from our web page. It doesn't cost you any more.**

## Note From President Bill Duchie

My head is still spinning. Some of the material I brought back from Salt Lake and the Family History Library is still piled on the floor next to my desk.

This was my second trip, the first being two years ago. I met individuals who routinely return to Salt Lake, some several times a year. Researching ten to fifteen hours a day is both exhilarating and tiring, and certainly requires detailed preparation. Periodically I ran a bit wild. Library volunteers and CCGS members got me back on track.

I went looking specifically for information on my maternal lines in Ireland and Scotland and eastern US. Highlights of my week were:

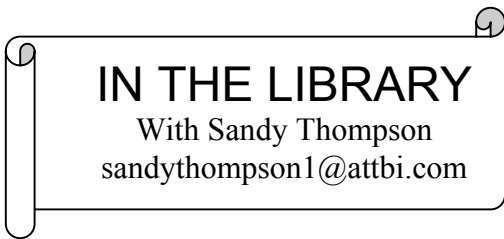
- Arriving early Saturday morning, I was at work in the library by 11 AM. I worked with indexes and other sources to verify information we had gathered from a distant relative while on a trip to Ireland last year. It built my self-confidence in working with the collection. Copies of original documents, to verify my findings, will have to be ordered from Irish sources.
- The library is closed on Sunday. After visiting a local Episcopal Church I went to the Salt Lake Public Library. They had local histories for areas where my maternal ancestors had resided at the turn of the century. I didn't make it to the University Library to go through their newspaper collection. Both libraries are on the light rail system.

- Jeanine and Marge arranged a one-hour seminar for CCGS members with George Ott on Mon-day. He gave us insights that proved most useful during the week.
- By Tuesday I had become bogged down in my effort to wade through "Griffiths" and "tithe" records. I threw in the towel and moved upstairs to look through US records.
- Using new computer tools available at the library, I found my great-grandfather in Pennsylvania in 1850. Using an approach suggested by George Ott, it looks like he was naturalized in Philadelphia in 1852. If the files verify this we will have closed a significant time gap.
- The opportunity to talk, over breakfast at the hotel, was a wonderful opportunity for making work-plan adjustments. A Doris Wastradowski success story had me going back for another short at Griffith's. In three hours, on my last day, I found my g-g-grandfather and several members of his family. It will now allow me to seek other records directly from Ireland.

I don't know when I will return to Salt Lake but hopefully it will be next year with CCGS. By focusing my effort over an extended period of time, utilizing the wealth of material and with the aid of helpful volunteers and fellow researchers, I was very successful in breaking through some long-standing walls.

### 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 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  
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### **The CCGS Library Committee is making an exciting new service available for members!**

Have you wondered how to get that Family History created by your genealogy program into book form to give to relatives? Or how to get copies of important papers together for them?

The CCGS Library Binding Committee will bind your copies of your family history or other important papers, rebind any type of damaged paperback books, rebind paperback books to add a table of contents or index or additional pages, and so on. Proceeds will help us purchase a new binding machine in the future, as well as binding supplies.

Binding will be done using Velobind, which sandwiches the edges of the sheets between two black binding strips. Because the resulting book does not open flat, allow a generous left-hand margin on all pages. (If your sheets are printed on both sides, be sure the wide margin is on the left on both sides.)

Binding prices will be:

\$3.00 for up to 1 inch thickness

\$5.00 for 1 to 2 inches thickness

Books over 2 inches thick will be bound in more than one volume.

Special additional services available at \$10 an hour include: creating a front cover with border and text; scanning a title page, including photo, onto a front cover; creating a Table of Contents; creating a spine label.

Call NOW to make arrangements to review your material and to schedule your project.

Contact: Colleen Atmore at 687-4304 or at [atmorec@earthlink.net](mailto:atmorec@earthlink.net)

## **MINI-CLASSES OFFERED AGAIN**

Special-topic mini-classes are being offered again. 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 remaining fall and early winter schedule is:

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

*Our condolences go to member Judy Riley and her family. Her mother, Mildred (Mattson) Wannamaker, died Thursday 17 October in Vancouver.*

**CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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**President: William DUCHIE**

**Vice President: Al COLLINS**

**Secretary: (open)**

**Treasurer: Joy SCHMOLDT**

**Past President: Sharon WODTKE**

**CCGS Meetings and Programs**

**4 Oct. – 22 Nov. Fall Quarter Clark College Continuing Ed. / CCGS Beginning Genealogy Classes**

**11 Nov. CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. – noon**

**17 Nov. New Member get Together, CCGS Library 2 – 4 p.m.**

**18 Nov. Irish Interest Group, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon**

**19 Nov. General Meeting, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 10 a.m. - noon**

**5 Nov., 19 Nov., Special-Topic Mini Classes, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**

**3 Dec.**

**15 March 2003 Spring Seminar with John Philip Colletta**

**2002 – 2003**

**General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in November) at St. Luke's Parish Hall.**

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

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