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Spring Seminar
Saturday, 15 March
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Lloyd Auditorium,
Washington State School
for the Deaf

Dr. John Philip Colletta

LAST CALL FOR SPRING SEMINAR

The deadline is March 6 for registration that includes a lunch. However, even if you miss the deadline, you're not too late to register and hear 4 terrific lectures by Dr. Colletta, one of the finest genealogical speakers in the country.

If you register after March 6, you are welcome to bring your own sack lunch or, if you prefer, have lunch at one of the restaurants located close to the Washington State School for the Deaf (The Igloo, Christine's, Chicago Steamer, or several others in the vicinity).

The day of the Seminar, registration will begin at 8 a.m., not before. The Seminar will begin promptly at 9 a.m. After you register you'll have time to look at the fabulous selection of books that our vendor, Heritage Quest Regional Library Bookstore, will have available.

There will be one break mid-morning and one mid-afternoon for refreshments. For the afternoon break a variety of soft drinks will be available for purchase. Both breaks and lunch will be in the cafeteria at the school. Those attending will have to walk from the auditorium to the cafeteria. Hopefully the weather will be nice by March 15. However, if it's raining, you may want to bring an umbrella.

It is suggested that you carpool to the seminar, if at all possible, as parking is limited. There is parking on the east side of the school, entered from Evergreen Boulevard, and in the parking lot on the corner of Evergreen and Gillis, and there is on-street parking on Grand Blvd. and Gillis Street. The west gate of the school, on Grand Blvd., will be open so that people can be dropped off there if needed. See the map on page 2.

There will be a limited supply of books by John Colletta for sale, including *Only a few Bones*, *They Came In Ships*, and *Finding Italian Roots*.

We look forward to seeing you on March 15.

The map of the campus of the
Washington State School for the Deaf
was deleted from this copy of the
March 2003 CCGS Newsletter.
You can print a copy of the map
from our web page at:
<http://www.ccg-s-wa.org/p3361.htm>

**SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS
A MYSTERY?**

These records are explained in detail in the Feb. 3 issue of Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at www.rootsforum.com/newsletter.

LOOKING FOR CLARK COUNTY RECORDS?

Most, if not all, Clark County records have been moved to the new Court House. Start there if you are looking for marriages or other records.

**SOCIAL SECURITY MYSTERIES
SOLVED**

For a really comprehensive explanation of Social Security records, read the Feb. 3 issue of Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at (<http://www.rootsforum.com/newsletter/>).

RESEARCH TRIP TO FHL IN SALT LAKE CITY PLANNED FOR 2003

At the February meeting we viewed a video showing the layout of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and exploring much of its contents. Attractions outside the Library were also highlighted. The video is comprehensive and up-to-date. Attention was also called to a book by the Warrens, who narrated the video, called *Your Guide to the Family History Library*. The book is available at Barnes & Noble. This was a most informative program!

The annual CCGS research trip to the Family

History Library in Salt Lake City is planned for Oct. 5-12 this year. The rates at the Carlton Hotel are the same as before. Call Marge Greenen at 892-6773 or e-mail her at mgreenen@pacifier.com for room reservations and roommate preference or single room. Jeanine Bailiff will make the reservations at the Carlton. Those who prefer to stay elsewhere must make their own reservations. For any questions call Marge Greenen or Jeanine Bailiff (566-9422 or jgmb@pacifier.com).

Information is also on the CCGS web page

Seminars in Our Neighborhood

Fiske Genealogical Foundation

New England Migration Seminar

Dr. Ralph J. Crandall, Executive Director, NEHGS

Saturday, 8 March, 8:30 – 3

1644 43rd Ave. East, Seattle WA 98112

\$20 members, \$30 non-members

checks to

Fiske Genealogical Foundation

1644 43rd Ave. East, Seattle WA 98112

Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Seminar

Laura Pemberton Sparr

**Research Toolbox: Documentation,
Organization, and Evaluation of Evidence**

Saturday, 15 March, 9 – 3:15

Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum

\$15 before 10 March, \$20 at the door

checks to:

JCGS, PO Box 627, Port Townsend WA 98368

South King County Genealogical Society

Gene-A-Rama

Christine Rose of San Jose CA

Topics: **Estates, Military Records, On-site
Research, Little Known Sources**

Saturday, 15 March, 8 – 4:30

First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th
St., Kent (bet. 104th Ave. SE & 116th Ave. SE)

\$25 members, \$35 non-members, lunch \$7

checks to: Kitti Michalowicz, 21626 – 121st

Place SE, Kent WA 98031-2377

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Spring Seminar

Anne Leptich, AG, CG

Genealogy on the Internet

Saturday 12 April, 9 – 4:30

PGE Auditorium, SE 17th bet. Powell &
Holgate

\$30 with lunch to 1 April, \$25 without

\$30 without lunch after 1 April

checks to: Genealogical Forum of Oregon

PO Box 42567, Portland OR 97242-0567

The Genealogical Society of Whidby Island Spring Seminar

Gerald and Connie Lenzen

Topics: **Courthouse Records, Tax Records, Backtrack from America to Germany, Wills**

Saturday 12 April, 8 – 4:30

China City Restaurant, 1804 E Scott Road, Freeland WA

\$35 including lunch; pre-registration to 1 April

Checks to: GSoSWI,

Ms. Billie C. Barb, Spring Seminar Registrar, PO Box 1362, Freeland WA 98249

NOTICE, Snowbirds (and others)!

If your *Newsletter* or *Trail Breakers* is returned as undeliverable, no more mailings will be made until you contact CCGS with a corrected address.

THE CCGS ENDOWMENT FUND

The Clark County Genealogy Society has established an Endowment Fund to provide funds to promote the future study and practice of genealogy and the preservation of historical and genealogical materials, by new means and methods that are not available to the Society under existing sources of funding.

Endowment funds are distinguished from on-going sources of funding, such as dues or other contributions, in two ways. First, on-going funds can be fully expended, while only income from the Endowment Fund will be available; the principle will be maintained. Second, on-going funds are fully available for on-going operation of the Society, while it is envisioned that Endowment monies will be used for special projects such as construction of new buildings, creation of new programs, capital fixtures, or visionary uses such as programs for school children or seniors.

It is possible to contribute to the Endowment in a number of ways. These include cash donations, gifts of securities or real estate, gifts of life insurance,

bequests from wills, and naming the Society in various types of charitable trusts. Seminars are being planned that will more fully explain the purposes of the Endowment Fund as well as various ways to contribute. These seminars will include presentations by a lawyer who can explain the benefits and mechanisms for establishing various types of wills and trusts. We also plan to develop written materials that will help in understanding these rather complex issues.

Implementation of this Endowment Fund is in its infancy. The Board of CCGS has adopted a Charter, and a small committee has held one meeting to discuss its implementation. We are looking for at least one more member to serve on the committee as well as input any member of the Society may have. If you have input or questions please direct them to any of the following:
Jerry Oliver, 883-9189
Clarissa Farnsworth, 695-2935
Tony Birch, 694-5845
Doris Wastradowski, 693-6436
Larry Bone, 944-0959

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The Clark County Genealogical Society will host an estate planning seminar on March 26, 2003 at St. Luke's Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA.

There will be two sessions, at 2:00PM and 7:00PM. Each 90-minute session will cover the same essential material, with ample time for questions at the end, so plan to attend at the most convenient time.

Our presenters will be Robert Ives, a Vancouver attorney experienced in estate planning issues, and Danielle Fischer, Vice President and Trust Officer of West Coast Trust Company. They will discuss

wills, probate, family trusts and living trusts, charitable gifts, and other issues that are important to consider when adopting or revising your estate plan.

Attendance at each session will be limited to 30 people to assure ample opportunity to answer questions at the end. To make a reservation, please contact Clarissa Farnsworth at 360.695.2935 or by e-mail at <clarfarn@pacifier.com>.

CCGS is hosting this seminar as a service to our members and it is the responsibility of attendees to judge the appropriateness of the contents for their individual situations. CCGS is not responsible for seminar contents

Allen County Library Here We Come!!

For several years there has been discussion about planning a research trip to the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At last plans are in the works for a trip October 12 – 19.

We will stay at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 300 E. Washington Blvd., two blocks from the library. Rooms have either one king or two double beds. The group rate is \$59, single or double occupancy, and \$10 per additional person. The Holiday Inn offers the following amenities:

- a. Complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport and to the library or to local restaurants when the shuttle is not on an airport run.
- b. A restaurant that serves breakfast and dinner. The evening menu is Italian, from \$12 to \$15,
- c. An indoor pool.

While the Allen County Public Library is being renovated and expanded, its holdings are at an interim location at 200 East Berry St. in Renaissance Square. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the library.



The Chat Room, The Web, & e-mail

Nancy Petersen and I are still busy each Thursday night trying to help our visitors from around the world. Several of them are regulars who are also helping newcomers with ideas, links, and tips for genealogy. We all work together. Last Thursday evening we had visitors from Germany, North Carolina, Texas, (3 from) California, Washington, Oregon, and the local area. The fellow in Munich, Germany gets up at 4 a.m. to join us! Nancy is able to find Internet sites for our visitors that constantly amaze me. Thanks to Jennifer Petersen for supplying the chat room space on her business site for our use. It's a good advertising tool for CCGS.

Patricia McKee Bauer
Webmaster for CCGS
www.ccgswa.org

Be sure to check out the CCGS web page frequently to see what Webmaster Pat Bauer has added. She constantly works to improve the site and to make it as useful as possible for our members. This takes time, and she is doing a wonderful job. Thanks, Pat!

Pat also sends out a weekly “chat room reminder” that often contains other items of interest. Send her an e-mail if you want to get on her list.

Jane Wetzel (Indexing Project Chairman) has a new e-mail address: WetzelPair@comcast.net.
Returned as unknown:
Donna Davis <ddavis1597@cs.com>
Dayton Smith <mstex50s@aol.com>

Note From President Bill Duchie

Currently CCGS has more than 650 members. Some have been members for less than a year and others for more than 25 years. Each one has their own reason for joining and for remaining with the Society. In our dynamic 30-year history, the Society has become a premier genealogical organization in the Pacific Northwest. The vision and dedicated hard work of our members have been the primary contributing factors.

In the short time I have been President, many members have shared their CCGS experiences and how they have aided their research. Our educational classes and seminars, library resources, society publications, and participation in public forums are repeatedly identified as major benefits and important factors in the furtherance of genealogical study.

The Board of Directors are currently in the early stages of developing the July 2003 – June 2004 budget. This effort is very important to continued Society success and growth. Therefore I would like to invite all members to share their thoughts with Board members or myself (StratDev@aol.com or 576-2915). We would like to hear your ideas as to what you think the Society should do doing in the next two or three years to be more responsive to member needs, further expand the library, broaden community interest in genealogy, and assure preservation of local historical information.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this important activity.

The following appointments were announced at the Board meeting on 10 February:

Jan Mayfield - Nominating Committee; Marge Frizzell - Volunteer Hours;
Charlene Duchie - Library Window; Sharon Wodtke CCGS/FVRL networking.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

A-067A Phyllis E. Anderson	B-192A James W. Brady	N-039A Lynne Novotny
B-194A Robert A. Bartel	B-192B Nancy Brady	P-069A Mark Pelletier
B-193A Edward O. Bartlett	C-135A Evelyn Campbell	R-111A Gene Ritter
B-195A Floyd E. Bettis	C-136A Beth Cross	R-112A Keith Ross
B-183B Robert Bradley	M-163A Cecile Morrison	S-173A Carolyn Sorter

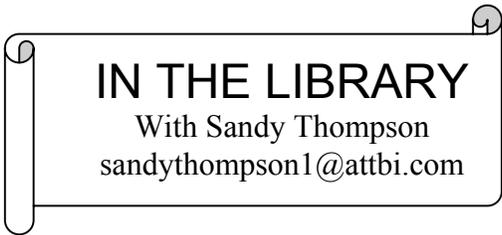
PLEASE KEEP US POSTED

Irene Page, <pageig@pacifier.com>: news that calls for a greeting from the Sunshine Department.

Gene Kuechmann, <genekuech@aol.com>: news that calls for notice in the Newsletter.

Pat Bauer, <patbauer@pacifier.com>: news and items for the CCGS web page or weekly news bulletin, and requests to receive her weekly message.

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. But Ancestry's automatic renewal system does not credit CCGS. Please refuse the automatic renewal and resubscribe from our web page.



The Free First Friday on February 7th was slow in the morning but was busy in the afternoon. People mentioned that they had read about it on-line and in the Newsletter. Continue to pass the word among your friends and family members for the next FREE FIRST FRIDAY IN MARCH -March 7th!

A new bookcase has been added to the Library, thanks to the help of member Phil Thompson and volunteer Robert Hinds, who moved it out of the back area and set it up out front. As a result, on January 27th the members of the Library Committee worked very hard, with help from Carol Whitney (volunteer), and moved all the books in the state book section, spacing them so that each state has room for more books to be added.

An added bonus are two extra shelves erected in the back area by Phil and Robert and being used for books in the process of being added to the Library or being repaired.

We are pleased to announce another new member of the Binding Committee, Linda Dawson, who did a very good job during her first learning session and finished up binding six books.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB HELPING TO IMPROVE OUR LIBRARY.

Sandy

See page 8 for the new Library schedule.



In February, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library display case just inside the main library featured genealogy. They included a flyer for our Spring Seminar and several of Dr. Colletta's books.

Thanks, FVRL!



SPRING COMMUNITY ED BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES SCHEDULED

Beginning Genealogy:

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

18 April to 13 June (no class May 23)

Course Fee \$50.00

Place: Room 108, Town Plaza Center,
5411 E. Mill Plain Blvd.

This series of classes will present basics for the beginning family historian and those needing a refresher class. Subjects covered will be fundamentals of genealogy, vital records, library research, LDS records and Family History Centers, census and courthouse records, use of computers in genealogy, and generally organizing your family history records.

See Clark College catalog for instructions on registration. Do not register at Town Plaza.

Community ED: 992-2739

Burt Paynter, Class Coordinator: 891-9411 or
walkeriii@attbi.com

**Attention
volunteers!**

Marge Fizzell is keeping track of volunteer hours, which are an important measure of member involvement and always of interest to grant providers.

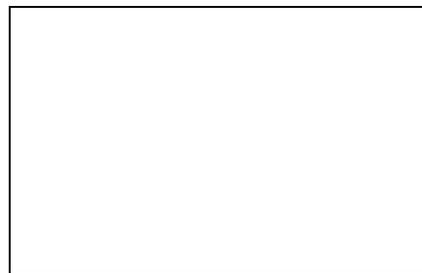
Be sure to send them to her at mfizzell@earthlink.net or drop them off at the CCGS library.

We extend our sincere condolences to member Rosemarie Harslman and family on the death of her brother, Raymond Gene Phenette, who died January 30 in Mist, Oregon.

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360-750-5688



President: William DUCHIE

Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Janette BIRCH

Treasurer: Joy SCHMOLDT

Past President: Sharon WODTKE



CCGS Meetings and Programs

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| 1 March | New Library schedule:
Tues.: noon – 6 p.m.,
Wed. – Sat.:10 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
Wed. and Thurs. evenings: 6 – 9 p.m. |
| 6 March | Deadline for Seminar registration with lunch |
| 10 March | CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library, 7 – 9 p.m. |
| 15 March | Spring Seminar with John Philip Colletta |
| 15 March | CCGS LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY |
| 17 March | Irish Interest Group Meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon |
| 26 March | Estate planning seminar, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. |
| 18 April – | Beginning Genealogy, Clark College Campus, Town Center, room 108 |
| 13 June | 10 a.m. – noon (no class 23 May) |
| 5-12 Oct. | Research trip to Family History Library, Salt Lake City |
| 12-19 Oct. | Research trip to Allen Co. Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana |