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LAND RECORDS

April Meeting
Tuesday, 22 April 2003
7 – 9 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
426 E. 4th Plain Blvd.
Vancouver

LAND RECORDS
Wendy Erosky

Land records are among the most available and illuminating records our ancestors left behind. It can be great fun to trace their movements from state to state, or just house to house, using these records.

Wendy Erosky will talk to us in April about her experiences with land records.

Wendy has worked as a volunteer for over 8 years at the Vancouver Family History Center on 18th Street in Vancouver. She began her genealogical search in 1985 with her grandmother. She has some fascinating stories to tell about what she has found and how she found it--AND about what she has not yet found!

Born in Southern California, Wendy moved to Washington state in 1974, so she considers herself practically a native Washingtonian. Married and with a son 8 years old and a 5-year-old daughter, she is a busy woman!

We look forward to hearing from Wendy!

After the Spring Seminar, Jennifer Warren received the following e-mail:

Thanks again to everyone there for the marrionberry jam, and for making my all-too-quick trip to the Northwest such a joy! John Colletta

CCGS SPRING SEMINAR 2003: REPORT

Our appreciation to the Volunteers

President: William "Bill" Duchie
Co-Program Chairs: Jennifer Warren, Sharon Wodtke
Registration Table: Jan Mayfield, Charlene Duchie,
Joy Schmoldt, Darlene Brown, Jeanine Baillif
Conference Packets: Marjorie Fizzell, Diana Cruz,
Vi Arola, Darlene Brown
John Colletta's Book Table: Anita Roberts,
Rose Kapranos
Membership Table: Diana Cruz, Karen Frost
Quilt Corner: Jane Germann
Door Prizes: Glenna Brock
Kitchen Crew: Irene Page, Barbara Wasmundt,
Marjorie Fizzell, Marian Thompson, Kathryn
Baer, Sharon Wodtke, Bill Duchie
Audio Visual: Charles Caughlan
Signage: Marjorie Fizzell, Maria Adler [Luepke Florist]
Seminar Flyer and Registration Form: Jane Germann,
Jim Wodtke
Vendor Table: Joan Staley, Sharon Wodtke
WSSD Campus Facilities: David Turpen, Kim Inseth,
Colleen Engh

A very special thanks to Sharon Wodtke who went above and beyond in her help with the seminar. Sharon did a tremendous job in publicizing the event and acting as registrar for the seminar.

Our appreciation to Joy Schmoldt and Karen Frost for all the extra hours spent keeping track of financial matters related to the seminar. Also, a big thanks to Irene Page for purchasing supplies for the breaks, arranging for donations of cookies/breads, and for chairing the kitchen crew.

Cookie & Bread Donations: Jo Ann Alets, Vi Arola, Colleen Atmore, Kathryn Baer, Jeannine Bailiff, Patricia Beck, Jeanette Birch, Cheryl Books, Glenna Brock, Darlene Brown, Jennifer Blunt, Margaret Cocklin, Maureena Cravens, Jim Crossman, Alberta Dawson, Elaine Drury, Charleen Duchie, Clarissa Farnsworth, Marjorie Fizzell, Dorothy Franks, Lillian Fullerton, Mary Geoghegan, Pat & Rob Harper, Elizabeth Henry, Frances Illingworth, Grace Janssen, Naomi Kihn, Lorlee Metke, Jan Mayfield, Virginia Miller, June Odell, Barbara Redwing, Rosanne Simmons, Gaydena Thompson, Marian Thompson, Sandra Thompson, Jane Vogland, Barbara Wasmundt, Pat Wildman, Nancy Vartanian

And to the speaker, Dr. John Colletta

"Informative and entertaining!"
"An excellent speaker. He gave the audience specifics instead of general information."
"Outstanding!"
"It is obvious he loves his work as genealogist, teacher, speaker."
"There's just no better speaker than John Colletta. Bring him back!!"
"Wonderful speaker - great sense of humor."

These are just a few of the comments attendees at the Spring Seminar 2003 wrote on their evaluation papers. And of the Seminar itself, they said:

"Great job!"
"Outstanding seminar."
"Great program overall!"
"Found the whole seminar wonderful."

I think CCGS can count Spring Seminar 2003 a success!

Dr. Colletta is one of those speakers who establishes an immediate rapport with his audience. His energy and enthusiasm seem boundless. He had an audience that was ready for him, having either heard him or heard of him, and he did not disappoint us.

However, Dr. Colletta was not the only reason for the success of the seminar. It drew folks from Idaho and Oregon, as well as a variety of places in Washington, and I think the members of CCGS can be especially proud of the comment made by one visitor who wrote. "I particularly enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere."

The auditorium at the Washington State School for the Deaf was quite comfortable, though the rest rooms and vendor space were sometimes a bit crowded. The dining area was pleasant, and the lunch was good.

The Spring Seminar would not have been such a success without the contribution of all volunteers. Please accept our apology if we have inadvertently forgotten anyone. CCGS volunteers are GREAT!

THE IRISH INTEREST GROUP meeting on St. Patrick's Day was planned by Charles Caughlan. The theme was Irish music and Irish food. Two young ladies in costume demonstrated jigs and reels, and Charlie gave us a brief history of Irish music. Then the meeting adjourned to a pot-luck spread of Irish dishes brought by members. They were all delicious! What a meeting that was!
The next meeting will be 21 April. No eats, but come join us.

RESEARCH TRIP TO FHL IN SALT LAKE CITY PLANNED FOR 2003

Leave: Sunday, Oct. 5 Return: Sunday, Oct. 12

We will stay at the Carlton Hotel, 140 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

Hotel reservations will be made by Jeanine Bailiff to get the discount offered by the hotel for genealogical groups. Give room preferences to Marge Greenen as soon as possible. If you need a roommate, let her know. If you want to stay at a different hotel, such as Salt Lake Plaza, it will be your responsibility to obtain reservations.

CCGS contacts are:

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Marge Greenen:

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Room rates at Carlton Hotel

Single \$335 + tax = \$371.00 total

Double \$375 + tax = \$415.69 divided by 2 persons

Triple \$415 + tax = \$460.03 divided by 3 persons

Triple with kitchenette, add \$70

Price includes breakfast each morning. (A tip is appreciated!) They will shuttle us to & from the library!

Plane, train, bus, reservations are to be made by each individual. Southwest and Delta airlines are usually the airlines used for direct flights. The hotel shuttle will pick us up whenever we arrive. Check with the airline when purchasing your ticket to see if it is refundable. Some senior fares are refundable if circumstances prevent you traveling at that time.

Seminars in Our Neighborhood

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

Benton County Genealogical Society

Genealogy Book Fair

Saturday 10 May 2003, 10 a.m. to noon at the College United Methodist Church, 1123 Main St., Philomath, OR, next to the Benton County Museum

They are selling off a large collection of used books from their library; other societies and individuals may also have tables; also Village Genealogy Bookshoppe. The Society library will be open 12:30 to 3 p.m.

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

**Join CCGS for our First Genealogical Research Trip to
Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 12 - 19, 2003**

The October 2002 issue of *Family Tree Magazine* has an article by Allison Stacy about the Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library. Some excerpts:

"Roots researchers reserve the term mecca for Salt Lake City. But when they describe genealogical nirvana, another destination quickly comes to mind: Fort Wayne, Ind.

"Nearly 110,000 people from all over the country - and around the world - travel here each year just to trace their roots.

"The reason Fort Wayne is on every researcher's radar: Indiana's second-largest city boasts the second-largest genealogy library in the world. Over the past 42 years, the genealogy department has amassed a whopping 317,000-plus printed volumes, including 49,000 family histories, and more than 306,000 records in microform.

"The ACPL's genealogy materials don't circulate, so you have to trek to the main library in downtown Fort Wayne to revel in its resources. You'll discover it's worth the trip.

"The department owns more than 150,000 local history books: county and town histories (including foreign places) and cemetery, church, court, land, naturalization, probate and vital records."

Hopefully this will whet your appetite and encourage you to join CCGS in October for their first genealogical research trip to Fort Wayne. You can find the complete article online at:

<www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/oct02/fortwayne.html>.

Ten rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The group rate is \$59 for single or double occupancy. Reservations are due by September 15 by 3 p.m. You can guarantee your reservation with one night's pre-paid room and tax or with a major credit card. Phone (260) 422-5511, or Fax (260) 424-1511. Be sure to indicate you are coming to Fort Wayne with Clark County Genealogical Society.

We are checking out possible flight arrangements. Prices have been increasing in the last few weeks and a round trip ticket is currently a little under \$500. Chicago and Cincinnati are the main connecting hubs for Fort Wayne. United and American use Chicago and Delta uses Cincinnati. We'll try to have more information regarding travel in the May newsletter.

Be sure to attend the general meeting in May to learn how to prepare for your visit to Fort Wayne.

For questions or information, please contact Jennifer Warren, jwarren@pacifier.com, or Sharon Wodtke, wodtke@wa-net.com.

Note From President Bill Duchie

What a Spring Seminar! The speaker, topics, facility, food and time to interact and share stories with other attendees was wonderful. Our thanks to Jennifer Warren, Sharon Wodtke, Irene Page and more than 60 people who worked to make it such a success. It is another example of the work by selfless volunteers to make this Society a premier genealogical organization.

We are in stressful times. As we do our genealogy we realize there have been many such times in personal and national histories. As we seek to know our ancestors on a more personal level we often read newspapers and histories about the events taking place around them. Think about your elation when you found letters or diaries written by the ancestors themselves.

Each of us has his or her own unique view and perspective of the situations at hand. Think how appreciative your descendents would feel if they were to find a record of your views. It also has the advantage of helping to collect and clarify our thinking and response.

Therefore let me encourage you to write your thoughts while they are fresh in your mind. It can be something very simple (a single page) or a more complex analysis. Writing in real time, as events occur, is preferred over writing a conclusion, a historical perspective. It helps to show the dynamic nature of events and the evolution of our own thinking.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

H-150A Bev Howard	W-125A Robert W. Williams
R-113A Suzanne Rollins	M-164A Frances McCuiston
C-138A Julia V. Connor	C-137A Tim Cannell
P-070A Kelly Punteney	L-076A Willis R. Littke

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.

My Family Used to Say . . .

Every family had its own set of sayings in response to activities and events that occurred on a day to day basis. At my house, when mother fixed something new for dinner and we children asked, "What is this?" she always responded, "Just eat it, I wouldn't poison you." Of course there were many more such 'standard responses' and we have been recording them as a part of our genealogical effort.

Let me urge you to write some of your family sayings. Please forward some of them to me, Bill Duchie, so they can be put together for a future issue of the *Newsletter* or *Trail Breakers*.

IN THE LIBRARY

With Sandy Thompson
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SPRING IS HERE!

Free First Friday of Month a Success!

The Library Committee is wrapping up the projects begun during the winter months. The inventory is still being processed due to the donation of large numbers of books. I want to thank all those helping!

We have recently received another medium-sized donation of books from Dorothy Wear that will be processed in the near future. Thank you Dorothy!

Karen Frost, the new scheduler for the volunteer librarians who help keep our Library open, has been doing excellent work and we are thankful for the time she gives to this necessary job. Thanks Karen!

I also want to commend the dedicated efforts of the following people: Alice Allen, in charge of the accessions for our collection; Irene Page, in charge of the donation slips and the checkout pockets and cards; Don Finel who has helped immeasurably with the CDs and organizing of other key items; Joyce Wolske and Lori Okel, in charge of accessioning, labeling, and shelving our periodicals, and Colleen Atmore, in charge of binding. Thank you all!

Due to other commitments and obligations, I must step down as Library Director. In that capacity, I have been blessed to work with all those members that have really kept this Library going and together. Thank you to everyone who has consistently served our membership and also the non-members who have visited the Library or requested information over the phone. I have enjoyed so much working with all of you. Sandy

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

Thank you,
Heritage Quest!

At the Spring Seminar, Heritage Quest Research Library and Bookstore donated some great materials for our Library –

- *Tracing Ancestors among the Five Civilized Tribes, Southeastern Indians Prior to Removal*
- *Finding Your African American Ancestors, A Beginner's Guide*
- *Uncle, We Are Ready, Registering American's Men 1917-1918*
- *Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 3rd Edition*
- *Address Book for Germanic Genealogy, 6th Edition*
- CD: *Virginia Colonial Abstracts* (includes 3 volumes)

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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 re-subscribe from our web page.

Remember - If any mailing is returned to us, no further mailings will be made until you contact us with a correct address. If you feel you have missed a mailing, check to see if this is the reason. Of course, if you are going away for a spell, why not sign up for electronic delivery of your Newsletter? Contact our membership chairman now.
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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 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.
- 14 April** CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library, 7 – 9 p.m. All members welcome to attend.
- 21 April** Irish Interest Group Meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon
- 22 April** General Meeting, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 7 – 9 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

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

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

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