

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Vicki Bonagofski
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Sue Warnke**

SUNSHINE ANYONE?

Irene Page sends cards to members in the case of a member's illness, death in the family, etc. but she needs your help in knowing the names of these members. Email her at pageig@pacifier.com or phone 360-835-7642. Be sure to tell the Newsletter editor, too.

**THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUR
HARD-TO-BUY-FOR RELATIVE OR OTHER FRIEND!
TREAT HIM OR HER TO "A DAY WITH THE FEDS!"**

**The mailed version of this Newsletter contained a flyer for the
Spring Seminar with Dr. John Philip Colletta which was inserted here.**

**You can see information about the seminar,
a flyer you can print and a registration form
on our web page at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/p1716.htm>**

NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE ON MICROFILM LOCALLY!

Fort Vancouver Regional Library has the *Oregonian* from 1985 onward on microfilm at the main branch library, 1007 E. Mill Plain, Vancouver. The Multnomah County Library has it from December 4, 1850 onward. There is also an index card file for events of local significance at Portland. The microfilm of the *Oregonian* is only at Central Library, 801 SW 10th Avenue in Portland. The *Reflector* is available on film at the Battle Ground library beginning in 1909.

You can also see many newspapers at home via your computer, or at your nearby Vancouver library branch, if you don't have a computer at home. ***The Columbian* is available from 1995 to present and the *Oregonian* from 1989 to present.** They are on the library site, www.fvrl.org, click on Magazine & Research Databases; Connect to Databases; log in with your library card number & name; click on Proquest; Publication Search; C for *The Columbian* or O for *Oregonian* and you'll find them. If you have any trouble connecting to the FVRL site, send e-mail to Jane Miller at jmiller@fvrl.org. Happy hunting.

MY FIRST TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY

By Lillian McDonough Fullerton

When I was growing up I always thought I had an unusual surname. I was always asked to spell it at least once when giving my name. A visit to the Family History Center Library proved me wrong. I found hundreds of listings of my surname in the Irish films with at least three additional spellings.

As a first time visitor to the Family History Library I was impressed by the number of films available, over 2.4 million, 825,000 microfiche, and 300,000 books. The library is equipped with 160 computers, 509 microfilm readers, and 46 microfiche readers. Also impressive is the number of people who visit the library each day. I saw a variety of ages and from all walks of life. At 8:00 a.m. each morning the line waiting to enter stretched down the block. The staff graciously greets the visitors and offers assistance, if needed.

The trip with the CCGS group was a positive learning adventure. The experienced veteran members of the group offered advice, direction, and hints on library procedure, the hotel routine and nearby restaurants. For a first time visit to the library and being new to the world of genealogy research I appreciated the advantages and camaraderie of going with the CCGS group.

JANE MILLER'S ANSWERS TO OCTOBER MEETING QUERIES

It was a pleasure to share information about Fort Vancouver Regional Library's Inter Library Loan resource at the October CCGS meeting. Thank you for all your kind comments and additional information. And what a great turnout! A couple of issues came up during the meeting that I was not prepared to address, so I'd like to do that now.

First, it was mentioned that patrons are limited to three film requests at a time. FVRL's ILL department supervisor assures me that FVRL does not place such restrictions on requests. What does often happen is the lending library has limits on not only how many items they will loan to each patron or each library at a time, but how long they will let us keep them and how they may be used. Some lending libraries send only one at a time, and others will send a dozen or more. It depends on their policy. Those restrictions are never ours but the lending library's. If you are being told that FVRL will not accept more than three requests at a time, you are receiving incorrect information.

The other comment touched on periodical requests by phone. Telephone Information does accept periodical requests. It is necessary, however, as I mentioned in my presentation, that you provide the right kind and enough information about the article you are seeking for us to obtain it for you. Also as mentioned, most libraries will not lend entire issues of periodicals. Therefore, we must have the title and author of the desired article, the name of the periodical, and the date and page numbers. With that detailed information, the lending library can copy the requested article and send it to you or FVRL. It is then yours to keep. FVRL is charged for the copy according to the lending library's policy. FVRL absorbs the cost up to \$10 per article. You must indicate on the yellow form your willingness and the amount to make up the difference if there is one. You will be contacted by FVRL and asked for the difference before the request is finalized. Please see the illustrations in the handout about the proper request formats.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call me at 699-8826 or e-mail me at jmiller@fvrl.org.

DON'T FORGET!

Marge Fizzell needs your volunteer hours. Send them to her at mfizzell@earthlink.net or fill out form from the web page or at the library.

DO YOU NEED A TAX DEDUCTION?

CCGS has not been able to raise some needed funds this year because of unforeseen circumstances. We usually bring in several hundred dollars with the Gee Creek Rest Stop project. We didn't do the project this year and would appreciate any cash donations you might like to make to us. This can count as an itemized deduction to a non-profit group on your tax return. It would benefit all of us!

The Gee Creek project has been a long-time fund raiser for CCGS but safety concerns the past few years might make us reconsider doing it any longer.

OUR PRESIDENT'S VOICE

Larry Dean's DNA presentation was interesting and challenging. What is your passion and would you like to share it with the 50 to 70 individuals who routinely attend General Meetings?

Relying on photographs and written and oral histories, some of my family's shared subjects have come to mind.

1. Delightful, although sometimes sharp, sense of humor on both sides.
2. Good to excellent health, although difficulty with depression through both lines.
3. My father's families were small people, both stature and weight. My mother's family, as they used to say, were "big boned." Although the bones of some, as in my case, grew with age.
4. My son has the long and pointed "Dunlop nose,"
5. Mechanical skills have been carried through both lines.

When you gather for the holidays, spend time reminiscing about the shared traits that have been carried forward. Suddenly the gathering grows dramatically as we see our ancestors among us at the table.

Happy Holidays - Bill Duchie, CCGS President

OUR CONDOLENCES

We're sorry to hear of the death of Joyce Wolske's step-dad, Marvin Coy McLarty. A resident of Roseburg, OR, he passed away November 6, 2003.

LEGACY USERS GROUP

Users of the Legacy Family Tree program are meeting from 10 to noon the first Monday of each month at the CCGS Library to discuss various ways we've discovered to use the program. We will begin each time with 30 minutes of beginning use and then discuss more technical things we've discovered. There will not be a meeting in January.

GENEALOGY CLASSES RESUME

Beginning Genealogy classes at Clark College will resume on Saturdays starting 24 Jan 2004 and run through 20 March 2004. (No class 14 Feb.) The tuition will be \$59 and registration is through Clark College.

Intermediate Genealogy mini classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning 20 Jan 2004 at the CCGS Library. Classes will be \$10 each. Register at our library or see web page for more details. Some dates for the mini classes are still tentative

CCGS IRISH INTEREST GROUP

The CCGS Irish Interest Group is updating available information on Irish materials in our library. We ask that anyone with Irish ancestors prepare a one page fact sheet that we can place in a notebook to aid contacts and reference by other people in the Irish Interest Group. Please include the following information on this fact sheet:

- C Your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address
- C Names of individuals and the counties you are researching
- C Names of any books of Irish interest you may have and would be willing to share with others
- C Helpful resources and web sites you have used or found
- C Any suggestions you have as to aids that would be helpful to you in your Irish research

Please send your information to the Clark County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249, Attn: Irish Interest Group. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we are tentatively planning to visit with Mary Jane Sorber, the resident Irish "Expert" at the LDS Family History Center at 106th Street and E. Thompson in Portland for our March 2004 meeting. Those interested should contact the CCGS Irish Interest Group. Next meeting 10 am, 19 Jan 2004, at the CCGS Library.



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CCGS MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Beginning and Intermediate Genealogy Classes will resume January 2004.

8 Dec 2003 CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome.

No Irish Interest group in December - next meeting 19 Jan 2004 at the library.

No general meeting in December

12 Jan 2004 CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome.

27 Jan 2004 General Meeting. St. Luke's Episcopal Church 10 a.m. - noon. - "Memories in Quilts"

20 Mar 2004 Spring Seminar with Dr. John Philip Colletta - Don't miss it!

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.