

# Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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**November 2004 General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 16 from 10 a.m. until noon at**  
**First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street, Vancouver**  
*(Subject to be announced)*

**RSVP to Bill Duchie ([StratDev@aol.com](mailto:StratDev@aol.com)):** Last month, when we had both morning and afternoon sessions of the General Meeting, there were nearly 100 participants. That is about 60-70 percent more than normal. While I am sure that some of this increase was due to the subject matter, it probably also reflected the flexibility in scheduling. Please let me know how you feel about continuing to schedule both sessions throughout the year rather than continuing morning sessions in the winter and evening sessions in the spring and fall. Also, if you have some thoughts on additional meeting topics, please include them as well.

## ----- Mini-Class Scheduled

*Genetic Genealogy* will be presented by Larry Dean on Nov. 9, 2004, at the CCGS Library from 10 a.m. until noon. Interested people should call the CCGS Library to request a space in the class.

DNA analysis is a recently developed genealogical research tool. Learn what it is and when it might be useful before you spend \$100 or more and end up with three columns of meaningless numbers.

## ----- Library Notes

**Library closure:** The CCGS Research Library will be closed November 1, 2, and 3 and for the Thanksgiving holiday beginning Nov 24, we reopen Nov 30.

**Washington State Materials Wanted:** The Library has a list of Washington State books that we would like to have. If you have any of these titles that would like to donate, please contact Sharon Wodke at [wodke@wa-net.com](mailto:wodke@wa-net.com) or 360-258-9500.

**WANTED for the CCGS Research Library: The New England Historical & Genealogical Register**  
We would like to complete our collection of the NEHG Register. Please help us by donating your copies.

The MISSING volumes are: All volumes from 1863 through 1882; 1884, 1885; all volumes from 1888 through 1957; all volumes from 1959 through 1972; Jan. issue of 1973; all volumes from 1974 through 1978; Jan. issue of 1979; Oct. issue of 1994; Oct. issue of 2004.

## Note from the President

As you may have heard, the CCGS Board of Directors has initiated very preliminary studies to determine if moving to a larger facility is in our near future. Everyone I have heard from agrees on two points:

- The need for additional space for the library and mini-classes
- A necessity for the Society to live within its financial means

If you have been to the library recently you probably noticed the storefront to our immediate north (5,100 sq. ft.) is vacant and the space to the south (1,800 sq. ft.) will soon be vacant. In September the Board authorized exploratory discussions with the owner of these two properties.

Two options were presented at the October Board meeting:

- Adding the southern unit to our existing library, yielding a combined space of 3,200 sq. ft.
- Abandoning our current location and moving into the northern unit.

The Board rejected the first option because the space was insufficient and did not appear to be cost effective. The results of an additional study to determine if the larger site is within our means will be reported at the November Board meeting.

The study will evaluate:

- The additional costs associated with the larger facility (rent, utilities, insurance, classroom equipment, etc.)
- The benefits (having all of our meetings, except the Spring Seminar, on site, increased CCGS classes, renting meeting space to other heritage groups, greater visibility leading to an increase in membership, etc.)

The study is intended to determine if such a move is in our foreseeable future. If it appears to be a viable option a detailed study will be commissioned. Even if the Board determines that the move is not warranted at this time, the information will be extremely helpful in the strategic planning effort currently underway.

If you have input please let me know so your thoughts can be include in these studies.

Bill Duchie

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**GenChat:** To receive the weekly reminder about our online Thursday evening "GenChat" or "GenTalk" (official name: Genealogical Research Exchanges) by sending an e-mail to [patbauer@pacifier.com](mailto:patbauer@pacifier.com). You'll be notified of some upcoming CCGS events that are too late to be in the Newsletter; new Internet sites and other information and hints. GenChat is open from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. each Thursday evening and is accessed from the CCGS home page at: <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org>."

**New Address?** If you have recently changed Internet servers and/or your e-mail address and haven't notified CCGS, please send e-mails to [patbauer@pacifier.com](mailto:patbauer@pacifier.com) and to [dcruz@pacifier.com](mailto:dcruz@pacifier.com).

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# SALT LAKE CITY – WORTH THE TRIP!

## **Jeanine Martinell Bailiff: How We Get Ready to Go**

As co-coordinator of the yearly Salt Lake City research trip, I have seen between 18 and 25 people go each October. There is no limit to the number as long as there is hotel space. More men and couples are going now than when I started going. New people may be hesitant to go because of the unknown. It is overwhelming to start with, but the excitement of finding information soon overcomes this.

There is a potluck get-together before we go, where we share information and get acquainted with each other. At 9:00 a.m. on the first morning at the Family History Library in SLC there is an orientation class by library staff. This year one of our participants suggested holding a class before the trip on how to research. She is very knowledgeable, having worked in a local Family History Library. This would even be beneficial to those of us who have already been to the Family History Library in SLC. It is an exciting time for all when one makes a find. It encourages us to dig deeper. It is a great experience.

## **Clarissa D. Farnsworth: Never Give Up On Your Research**

I had been looking for one line of my mother's family for several years, but had hit a brick wall. I was not even looking for the Lazenby (Lisenby, Lenzenby) family when I started using the computer at the Family History Library last month. Just on a chance of finding my Keyes family, I looked for some new sources for Maryland and Virginia. Lo and behold, up came a reference to a book written by Mary Elinor Lazenby. Part of her book was also on film, so I found the film. Mary Lazenby gave a documented history of the Lazenby families from where they came from in England to the Colonies. She documented the earliest arrival of the three Lasinby brothers in America in early 1664 in Accomac Co. Virginia.

After reading her historical research of the family I decided I would look at the earliest tax census of Pickaway Co., Ohio, where I knew my relatives had been. In going through those tax records I came upon the name Cleon Keyes as a neighbor of the Lazenby men. Cleon Keyes is my great-great-grandfather. He married Mary Lazenby in the late 1700's. Now I had found both families! I spent the rest of my week looking for as much information as I could find on both families. I burned a CD with 44 pages of information about Maryland and the Lazenby families.

How exciting and profitable that trip to the Family History Library was for me. I know I would have not found the information for a long time, if ever, if I hadn't gone to Salt Lake City.

## **Dale Deatherage: Are you a Genealogist?**

Are you a genealogist? I am. So I spent one week last year in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and one week this year in Salt Lake City. Now why would I go so far to do so much?

I'm busy! I bet you are too. So setting aside one week a year to focus on only one thing makes good sense. Once I set the strategy, how could I implement it? I thought that maybe the Clark County Genealogical Society had something planned. They did, and I signed up. Family History Library here I come!

I had a great time in Salt Lake City. I learned a lot about the resources available for research and I advanced my own knowledge of my ancestors. My companions were more than willing to share their expertise with me. They also helped celebrate the discoveries.

Having a bit of trouble finding your folks? A wee bit discouraged? Join the next CCGS trip. The camaraderie and support of fellow detectives may help you crack that nasty "brick wall".

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## **CCGS Meetings and Programs**

- 1 Nov. Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. - noon**
- 8 Nov. CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. - noon; All members are welcome.**
- 16 Nov. General Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main St., Vancouver 10 a.m. – noon**
- 17 Nov. Deadline for December Newsletter; e-mail material to [gskuech@pacifier.com](mailto:gskuech@pacifier.com)**
- 6 Dec. Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. - noon**
- 19 March 2005 Spring Seminar with Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List**

**General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in November) at First Presbyterian Church. Morning meetings will be 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings will be 7 - 9 p.m.**