

Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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General Meeting
January 25th, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
4300 main St., Vancouver WA

“Beyond the Census with HeritageQuest*” will be the topic of the January CCGS general meeting. Jane Miller, Reference and Genealogy librarian at Vancouver Community Library, will demonstrate non-census features of HeritageQuest*.

Do you have a Revolutionary War Ancestor? Has a book been published about a line you are researching? What was life like in the communities where your ancestors lived? HeritageQuest* and FVRL have resources to help answer such questions.

You will learn how to use HeritageQuest* to find people, places, and publications; to print, save, and take notes on the server; and to e-mail citations to yourself and others. You will also find out how to use FVRL services to obtain hard copies of publications referenced in the database.

Jane Miller is a native Oregonian with Oregon Trail ancestors and several known lines that go back to Colonial America. These include Worthington, Lewis, and Van Doren surnames. She became interested in genealogy in the 1970s but set this interest aside as family, graduate school, and work crowded out leisure time. After moving to Washington to work for Fort Vancouver Regional Library, she was approached about developing a genealogy reference specialty and has resumed her own research. She is married to Joe Miller and has four children and 4, almost 5, grandchildren.

*HeritageQuest is a paid subscription database offered by FVRL at all library branches and remotely on the Internet with an FVRL library barcode number.

A Ladle of Library News

Mary Anne Best, Library Director

Library Donation Tree Money:

First books to arrive.....

1. The Sourcebook to Public Record Information 6th. Edition \$89.95
2. Klickitat Co. Marriages (Yakima Valley Genealogical Society) \$30.00

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Library Donation Tree Money Jar.

Books on Move:

We are closing in on the end of this first phase. Thanks for your patience, we are still in progress...

Newsletter on line: Do your part to help CCGS and yourself at the same time. Subscribe to the online version of the Newsletter to save CCGS the printing & mailing charges while receiving the Newsletter a week or more earlier than by mail. There are two versions on our web page – one is a PDF file identical to the mailed version, the other is a text file that anyone can open. Send a note to membership chairman, Diana Cruz, to subscribe now.

Note from President Bill Duchie

Holiday greetings to you and yours.

Charlene and I spent Thanksgiving with our two older children and families in MS. We spoke of past experiences, comfort foods and family traditions. We also learned more from our daughter-in-law (she grew up in a military family) and our son-in-law (a long family tradition in East Texas). And of course each of the new families has already begun developing their own traditions.

Our youngest daughter and her family will travel from CA and spend Christmas with us in Vancouver. Our son-in-law is a first generation American. His family is from Mexico. Jenifer and Frank have been married nine years, so our Christmas dinner menu will be an interesting mix

Update of CCGS Space Acquisition Study: The feasibility study for expanding the CCGS space to include the store front between ourselves and Bader Wines was completed and presented to the Board of Directors at the December meeting.

Conclusion: Cash flow generated by using the space for meetings (CCGS & others) and educational classes (mini classes, seminars and moving the Clark College Beginning Genealogy classes to CCGS) will offset facility expense within one to two years. Greater community visibility will also lead to Society growth. The cash flow will continue increasing and allow the Society to make greater progress in meeting its long held purpose and objectives.

Board Action: The Board authorized the President and Vice-President to enter final negotiations with the landlord, using the CCGS financial projections. The results will be presented to the Board at the January meeting for a final decision.

The Duchies Have Found a Home in Mississippi (MS): Since the death of Charlene's brother and my parents it has been our plan to move closer to our children. On our last few visits to MS we have been looking at houses. Over the Thanksgiving holiday we found one in Brandon, MS (near Jackson). We expect to close on the purchase by year-end 2004. We will place our Vancouver home on the market in the spring. Even if we sell before summer it is our intent to stay in WA and move about a year from now.

I will continue in my role as President through the end of my term. There are many exciting things happening and it is great to be a part of it.

The Clark County Genealogical Society Presents Spring Seminar 2005 Saturday March 19, 2005 with Cyndi Howells

Cyndi Howells is the owner and webmaster of *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites* at <http://www.CyndisList.com/>, a categorized index to over 209,500 online resources. It has three times been voted the best genealogy site on the Web and receives more than 3.2 million visits each month. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 24 years, is a member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society. She is the author of three books for research on the Internet, titled *Netting Your Ancestors*, *Cyndi's List*, and *Planting Your Family Tree Online: How To Create Your Own Family History Web Site*.

Seminar Topics:

Googling for Grandma: Everyone loves Google, the most popular search engine online. Now learn all the secrets and tricks hidden within this tool and find out how to optimize them for genealogical research

Evaluating Web Sites: Wonderful! You found information on the Internet regarding your 2nd-great grandparents. Now ask yourself: Where did this information come from? Who made this information available online? Is this information

freely available to use in my own research files or publications? How can I know the details are reliable and the sources are accurate? This topic will illustrate how to explore a web site to find the answers to these questions and more.

10 Commandments of Internet Genealogy: Instead of spending a lot of time online learning things the hard way, by trial and error, why not learn about the ten most important guidelines for participating in the online world of genealogy? Benefit from lessons learned by others along the way.

Question and Answer Session: Seminar attendees may ask questions about any aspect of using the Internet for their genealogical research. This session at the end of the seminar gives people a chance to clarify anything that they learned during the other sessions presented that day.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for kitchen crew, acquiring door prizes (contacting various magazines or other genealogical vendors), door prize announcer, sales table for Cyndi Howells' books, signage (break and lunch directions), membership table, conference packets, let me know if you would like to be involved. We will also need lots of snacks for the breaks, yum yum. Contact Maria Adler at amadler@myexcel.com.

REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

First, we want to thank all of you who participated in the survey. We had a healthy return and garnered some very important information to help us during the next phase of the planning process. There were some glowing responses, some excellent suggestions, and some very hard to hear but valuable critiques. We will be posting an anonymous collection of ALL the responses (good and bad) in the library for you to view. For those of you who cannot get to the library, please call, and the information will be sent to you.

The Society belongs to all of us and it is important that we all understand where we excel and where we fall behind expectations.

Next steps in 2005:

- January** Committees will be formed from the membership, which will use all the information from the survey, the strategic map exercise from the October general meeting, and individual interviews to begin to form operational plans for each one of the five Objectives of the Society.
- February** Presentation from the committees to the Strategic Planning Team.
- March** Integration across Committees — filling gaps and checking for overlaps across plans for each Objective.
- April** Presentation of draft integrated operational plan to the Strategic Planning Team.
- May** General Meeting “roll out” of the draft operational plan to the general membership— followed by a question and answer period.
- June** Final strategic plan with operational targets completed.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ON ANY OF THESE COMMITTEES, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM: Diana Cruz, Jane Germann, or Bill Duchie

WSL Presents Tom Laidlaw as William Cannon

Wednesday evening February 16th, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington State Library, Tom Laidlaw will be there as the spirit of William Cannon, the first blacksmith and millwright at Fort Vancouver. Born in 1744 before there was a United States, William traveled cross country with the Overland Astorians, worked for the Hudson's Bay Company, was a fur trapper and a miserable hunter. Join us as Tom entertains us with his portrayal of William Cannon, a true Jack-of-all-Trades.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 3 Jan. Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 10 Jan. CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. - noon; All members are welcome.**
- 19 Jan. Deadline for January Newsletter; e-mail material to gskuech@pacifier.com**
- 25 Jan. General Meeting, 10 a.m. & 7 p.m., 1st Presbyterian Church, Vancouver**
- 16 Feb. Tom Laidlaw Program, 6:30 p.m. at Washington State Library**
- 19 March, 2005
Spring Seminar with Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List**

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