

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## *Newsletter*

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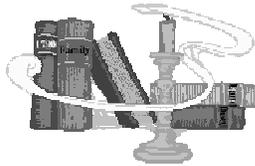
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### **GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday,  
November 15, 2005  
10 am - noon  
CCGS Library Annex  
715 Grand Blvd  
Vancouver, WA

**NO general meeting in December**



### **Heirloom Preservation with Jennifer Cobb**

Bring a keepsake you want to preserve and get some great ideas from Jennifer on how to do it. Clothing, books, papers, pictures - something of special value to you and future generations.

**This meeting is one week earlier due to THANKSGIVING**

### ***WHITE BRONZE GRAVESTONES***

Peri Lane Muhich of CCGS is doing research on "White Bronze" headstones. These headstones look like they are made of stone but if you were to knock on them you would find that they are hollow. Linked on the CCGS web page are two photos of one of these unusual stones. See the pictures at: <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org/p4172.htm>

If anyone knows of one of these stones in a cemetery Peri would appreciate it if you would contact her at 360-210-4172, with the information about where it can be found. Or e-mail to: [pmuhich@yahoo.com](mailto:pmuhich@yahoo.com)



### ***STILL A FEW SEATS LEFT!***

**Fall Seminar**

**Saturday, November 5, 2005**

**10 am - 3 pm**

***World of Genealogy***

**with Ron Bremer**

**Brown bag lunch**

**CCGS Library Annex 715 Grand Blvd.**

**See our web page at <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org/p4029.htm>**

**or phone 360-750-5688 during library hours.**

## ***Overwhelming!***

Overwhelming. That's the word I'd use for the first day of our first trip ever to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City this year in October with about 20 or so other CCGS members. I had viewed the video from our local library twice, read the book about the FHL library (several parts of it twice also), and had lots of tips and information from others who had been there before, but it still didn't prepare me for the first time I entered the biggest genealogy library in the United States. It's purely a hands-on experience. It's rather like someone can tell you what ice cream tastes like, but you have to taste it yourself before you can get the full flavor of it.

I headed to the first floor (B1) in the basement to the British section to find my English ancestors. Not much luck there and a lot more research to do on the other side of the pond. Next, I headed to the main floor to work on researching what other genealogists had found on my ancestors in the Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia area. After printing that out (and there was a lot!) that was it for the day. Later in the week I ventured to the third floor that contained the books with information on the different counties where my ancestors lived and worked. Finally got through a brick wall that had been bothering me for several years. I hired a professional researcher for a few hours and she helped that brick wall come tumbling down a little. Of course, there's always more research to do on the next generation, but I felt it was well worth the time and money to get the information. The people who volunteer their time in the library were very helpful and friendly.

By the middle of the week I was beginning to feel a little more like I knew my way around. The word to describe what I was feeling about the library and the research then was "impressive." If you can't find what you're looking for in the Family History Library then I'm sure you could at least find some clues.

Every morning a number of our group who were staying at the hotel got together in the dining room for breakfast (which is included in the cost of the room) and talked about our research goals for the day. Some of our group went to lunch and dinner together and discussed our finds. Friday night we all got together and each shared their story about what they had found. On Saturday six of us went to dinner at the top of the ten-story Joseph Smith building. The view was fantastic. The restaurant had the roof open so we were able to dine al fresco.

It was a good experience and I got to know some other members of CCGS better. Am I going again? Yes, indeed. Got more research to do and I know where to go to do it.

Janette HELTSLEY Birch  
researching Ruddell roots and more

### ***Research and Preservation workshop***

This workshop will be held November 15<sup>th</sup>, the third Tuesday of the month, from 1 pm until 2 pm or later in the CCGS Library Annex. We will have a "cut and paste party" and see how to use the computer for a split screen display for posting data using digital photos and Excel or Word. There will be projects handed out for doing at home. Come join us after lunch and the general meeting! More information? Contact Jane Germann, chairman, [germann@wa-net.com](mailto:germann@wa-net.com).

### ***Legacy Family Tree***

by Don Finel

We now have the "free" CDs for the latest standard version of the Legacy Genealogy program at the library if you want one for upgrading, or to begin your use of the Legacy program.

If you don't currently use Legacy, you can view some information regarding it at this website address -- <http://legacyfamilytree.com/>

You will find there a demo of the program you can review, along with the features of this latest version of what I contend is the greatest genealogy computer database program out there. When they upgrade and fix bugs and new add-ins, those are free until another version comes out. That seems to happen only about 2 years from when one initially comes out. And, there are many people still using the older version and are very happy with it.

You can also learn about Legacy from our Users Group meetings on the 1st Monday of each month from 10-noon in the CCGS Library Annex.

## ***President's Note***

Fall in the Pacific Northwest can be one of the most beautiful times of the year. I am enjoying the colors of the changing leaves and wonder how I could include these glorious colors in a future quilt project. None of the fabrics seem to be able to exactly reproduce these colors that Mother Nature provides. This time of year seems to remind me also about the fact that we continue to deal with change in our lives. The birth of a child, the death of a family member or friend, a move to a new home in another city and a change of job are just a few of the examples of dealing with change. The real fact is that change is constant. Changes will include endings as well as beginnings. The leaves signify an ending but the good news is that in just a few months we can look forward to the beginning of new growth that will emerge next Spring.

At CCGS we have some classes offered during November and December. A class flyer will be included in this newsletter. We will be putting together some additional classes to begin after the first of the year. If you would like to teach a class or have a class offered in the future please contact me. We are looking for teachers to share what they have learned as well as class topics to add to our list. You can reach me by email: [dacruz@pacifier.com](mailto:dacruz@pacifier.com) or by phone 573-7128.

Volunteers are still needed in various positions at CCGS especially as librarians. Give it a try. Where would we be without our volunteers. They are the best!

Until next time, enjoy the season  
Diana



## ***Spring Seminar plans being made now!***

Our Program and Spring Seminar chairman, Peri Lane Muhich, has announced plans for a seminar March 25, 2006 in honor of Womens' History Month. Those elusive female ancestors are often the brick walls that we have a hard time climbing over!

*Searching for Your Female Ancestors*  
Saturday, March 25, 2006  
Washington State School for the Deaf  
Lloyd Auditorium  
611 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA  
featuring  
Sharon DeBartolo Carmack  
Certified Genealogist, author and speaker

Lots of help needed! (Complete information on our web page at <http://www.ccgswa.org/p4307.htm> and more in the next Newsletter)

Vice Chairs needed for: Publicity, Coffee & Snack, Lunch, Door Prizes, Signage, Facilities, Seminar Packet, Vendor and Female Wall of Fame.

A special pre-seminar coffee & dessert (with attendance limited to the first 100 registered guests) will be held Friday evening, March 24th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Clark County Genealogy Society Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA.

Sharon Carmack interviews

### ***The World's Oldest Living Genealogist: Ole Smirnoff***

Peri needs some special help for the Friday evening affair. She wants to borrow 100 sets of china tea cups and saucers which can be used that evening. Also, some tablecloths (any color) to fit the six-foot long tables. Contact her if you can help. 360-210-4172 or [ccgs\\_programs@hotmail.com](mailto:ccgs_programs@hotmail.com).



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### ***CCGS Meetings and Programs***

- 5 Nov. Fall Seminar with Ron Bremer, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 7 Nov Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 - noon
- 14 Nov CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, **10 am**; All are welcome.
- 15 Nov General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, **10 a.m. – noon**
- 15 Nov Research & Preservation workshop - CCGS Library Annex - beginning about 1:00
- 16 Nov Deadline for Dec Newsletter; e-mail news To: [gskuech@pacifier.com](mailto:gskuech@pacifier.com); CC: [patbauer@pacifier.com](mailto:patbauer@pacifier.com)
- 19 Nov, 3 Dec, 10 Dec CCGS Mini Genealogy Classes - see attached flyer or web page.**
- 5 Dec Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon
- 12 Dec CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, **10 am**; All are welcome.

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except November) at CCGS Library Annex. Morning meetings: Oct - Feb, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m..  
**No General Meeting is held in March (Spring Seminar), July, August, or December.**