

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## *Newsletter*

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### *No General Meeting in March because of the Seminar.*

March is **Women's History Month** and on Saturday the 25th CCGS is taking time to focus on the female side of our genealogical research.

Throughout history our women ancestors have been overlooked and sorely neglected. Too often our they have just been known as a name on a chart.

All of our female ancestors had lives worth researching and recording. Even those too busy being mothers & wives to get herself into any kind of trouble that might leave behind records.

Women were the ones who carried on family traditions and passed on the culture they learned from their mothers. Those women who could read and write were most often the ones to record the family history in Bibles, letters & diaries.

I think we can all agree that our female ancestors were as much a part of our heritage as the male members of our families and that they deserve as much effort in our genealogical research and family histories.

Come to the CCGS Spring Seminar and let Sharon Carmack help you discover special strategies for uncovering information about your female ancestors and how to record their stories for future generations.

**When:** Saturday, March 25, 2006

**Where:** Washington State School for the Deaf Auditorium, 615 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

**Time:** 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Cost:** \$40.00 for members \$45.00 for nonmembers (includes lunch if registration postmarked by March 17.)

To register, go to the CCGS web page and print out the registration form or stop by our library. There is a map on the web page showing the location of the Deaf School.

#### **PLAIN JANE trip**

I will be driving to the BLM office in downtown Portland to do some homestead research, probably during the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Would be glad to ask about anyone's homestead research for them, or let someone "hitch" a ride. (I am calling this a "Plain Jane" trip, in honor of the FVRL research librarian who recently passed away.)

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#### **QUERIES:**

Seeking any connections to the Thomas Calvin FINEL family of Stevens county, WA state. Wife:

Sylvia I. (Warner) FINEL. 3 children, James, Edith, & Hattie. Lived at Dunn, Stevens, WA, buried Stranger Creek (Maud) Cemetery. Thomas b. 22 Oct. 1858 in WI; d. 7 Nov. 1940 Addy, (Stevens), WA; Sylvia b. 23 Dec. 1864 OH, d. 6 Aug 1911, Maud, (Stevens), Washington.  
Contact: Don Finel, 812 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Ave Camas, WA 98607  
Ikie4@netzero.com

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Seeking obituary or burial location for Nancy L. McKee Blackwell, d. 5 Feb 1852, St. Louis Co, MO. Contact: Pat Bauer, 15917 NE Union Rd, #6 Ridgefield, WA 98642  
patbauer@pacifier.com

#### ***Gene Kuechmann's illness***

Our newsletter editor, Gene Kuechmann, had surgery recently and is still on the road to recovery. The good news is: although it was cancerous, they got it all! Take care of yourself Gene and get well soon. We're missing you big time!

#### ***2006 SALT LAKE TRIP***

The annual CCGS research trip to Salt Lake City to use the many resources at the Family History Center is planned for October 1 through October 8. Contact Jeanine Bailiff - 360-566-9422 - or by e-mail jgmb@pacifier.com for more information.

## **A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** by Diana Cruz

### **COMMUNICATION**

One of the definitions in my dictionary for Communication is: “a giving and receiving of information by talk, writing, etc.”

Can you imagine where you would be in your family history research without this tool of communication? So much information is gained by communicating with others whether they are friends, family or even strangers. Across the country or around the world our ability to communicate in this age of technology has been such an improvement over the long awaited replies to letters sent seeking information about another missing piece in our family history. I have been hearing so many wonderful stories of how a little bit of communication and sharing have brought such joy. Sometimes it was because you could give information and other times you were the recipient of information that you had not been able to find before.

I have a friend in Texas named Barbara. We have never met in person but have communicated for a couple of years now because of a distant tie between our two families. We have worked together trying to find information on her ancestor, Amanda Jane Lewis born about 1870 in Missouri. Sometimes we don't have any new leads in our search so we just send a little email to say I've been thinking about you and hope you are doing fine. We have a lot in common and both lead very busy lives. I always look forward to hearing from her and hope to meet my friend, Barbara in person some day. Have you had a chance to communicate with someone that brings a smile even receiving just a small note? With that in mind I'd like to communicate a big “HI” to Bill and Charlene in Mississippi and a “Get Well Soon” to Gene Kuechmann as she recovers from surgery.

Diana

### **MEETING ROOM AVAILABLE**

**Need a meeting room for your group? Want to have a family reunion? Join the Audubon Society, the Rose Society, Quilters, Knitters, AAUW, Creative Memories, DAR and rent our Annex room. See our website for pictures & particulars at <http://www.ccgswa.org/p4139.htm> Or call Anita Roberts at 360-892-6189**

## ***Adopt a cemetery!***

by Patricia McKee Bauer

One of the largest projects by CCGS in a long time is the publishing of the information and photos for every cemetery in Clark County. This is being accomplished with a massive web site on Rootsweb where we have free space.

The main site is located at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waclacem>. It has links to an individual web page for each cemetery. Three of the linked web pages are at other locations which include Fern Prairie, Post Military and the Poor Farm cemeteries.

Some of the individual web pages already have burial records, a few obituaries and some photos. A few have updated burial records, others are awaiting that information.

In order to keep the expense of doing this project at a very minimum, we are hoping people with digital cameras will offer to “adopt a cemetery” and take photos of stones in that one. They could then be put on a disk or CD and left for me at our library or mailed to me. We are not expecting to have photos of every stone in the largest cemeteries which are Camas, Park Hill and Memorial Gardens but most of the smaller cemeteries can probably be completely photographed.

If you have a few photos and obituaries that are newspaper clippings, you're invited to leave them at the library for me and I will scan them into files. I can take care of the photos but will enlist volunteers to help with the retyping of the obituaries. Contact me if you're interested in helping. [patbauer@pacifier.com](mailto:patbauer@pacifier.com)

## ***Jane Worthington Miller's sudden death***

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Jane Worthington Miller on her sudden death on February 18. After undergoing heart surgery last summer, she was recovering nicely when she suddenly had an intestinal infection that claimed her life.

## *New additions to our book shelves* by Alice A. Allen

### **CLARK COUNTY/ SW WASHINGTON**

Plat Book City of Vancouver, 1900  
Author: City of Vancouver

Vital Records: The Columbian and The  
Reflector, 1987, pt. 1  
Author: The Columbian & The Reflector

Vital Records: The Columbian and The  
Reflector 1987, pt. 2  
Author: The Columbian & the Reflector

### **OREGON:**

Douglas County Oregon 1920 Federal  
Census, Book 1  
Author: Genealogical Society of Douglas  
County

Douglas County Oregon 1920 Federal  
Census, Book 2  
Author: Genealogical Society of Douglas  
County

Old Yamhill; The Early History of its Towns  
and Cities  
Author: Yamhill County Historical Society

Schools of Yamhill  
Author: Yamhill Co. Historical Society

### **SOUTHERN STATES:**

The "Connection" In East Tennessee  
Author: Olga Jones Edwards & Izora Waters  
Frizzell

### **EASTERN STATES:**

Abstracts of Adams County Pennsylvania  
Wills  
Author: Kevin L. Greenholt

Pennsylvania German Roots Across the  
Ocean  
Author: Marion F. Egge

Guide to Genealogical Sources at the  
Pennsylvania State Archives  
Author: Robert M. Dructor

Guide to Genealogical and Historical  
Research in Pennsylvania  
Author: Hoenstine, Floyd G.

Guide to Genealogical and Historical  
Research in Pennsylvania, 1985  
Supplement 1  
Author: Hoenstine Rental Library

Guide to Genealogical and Historical  
Research in Pennsylvania, 1990  
Supplement 2  
Author: Hoenstine Rental Library

Guide to Genealogical and Historical  
Research in Pennsylvania, 1995  
Supplement 3  
Author: Hoenstine Rental Library

1815 Directory of Virginia Landowners &  
Gazetteer, Volume 6: Northwestern Region  
Author: Ward, Roger G.

### **GENERAL:**

Black Genesis  
Author: James M. Rose, Alice Eicholz

Producing a Quality Family History  
Author: Patricia Law Hatcher

Hidden Sources, Family History in  
Unlikely Places  
Author: Laura Szucs Pfeiffer

### **FAMILY HISTORY:**

The Iddings & Their Forebears, 2nd edition  
Author: Iddings, Raymond L.

The Fix Family in America 1757-1960  
Author: McDaniel, Carrie Fix

Armenian Families: A Record of the  
Terzian Family and their Descendants  
Author: Donna Jennings

The Whitcomb Family In America  
Author: Charlotte Whitcomb

Descendants of Bartholomew Stovall  
(1655-1722) (First Five American  
Generations)  
Author: Bishop, Donald E.

The Descendants of George Davis and  
Blanche Shain of Harrison Co., Missouri  
Author: Davis, Lisa

### **NORTH AMERICA/USA/ NATIVE AMERICAN:**

Dawes Roll "Plus" of Cherokee Nation  
"1898"  
Author: Bob Blankenship

Guion Miller Roll "Plus" of Eastern  
Cherokee East & West of Mississippi 1909  
Author: Bob Blankenship

### **MICROFILM**

1860 Federal Census, Henderson Co. IL  
Author: NARA

1880 Federal Oregon Census Soundex  
Author: NARA

1840 Federal Census, Warren Co. IL  
Author: NARA

1850 Federal Census, Henderson Co. IL  
Author: NARA

1855 State Census, Illinois: Gallatin,  
Hancock, Henderson, Iroquois, Jackson,  
Jasper, Johnson & Kane Co's.  
Author: State of Illinois

## **RESEARCH & PRESERVATION REPORT**

by Jane Germann

You're invited! Tuesday,  
March 21, 10 am to 4 pm in the library  
annex, Spring Research and Preservation  
cut and paste party:

We will put photocopies of the  
records recently sent from the state for  
transcription into books for our library.  
There will be some digital photos to be  
taken of old newspapers for the old  
vitals project. And if anyone is  
interested, we still have a bulletin board  
to put together. We'd love to see you  
there helping!

Bea Hicks, Judy Riley, Jeanine  
Bailiff and Dorothy Wear have  
completed the latest projects sent down  
from the state last fall. The work they  
and others have done will make it  
possible to go on-line and see if there are  
records available for your ancestor.

Jane Germann is finalizing the  
records before sending them on to state.  
When completed, we will have all the  
Clark County Territorial Census  
(Washington was not yet a state) 1871,  
1883, 1885, 1887 and an agricultural  
census for 1850. Birth and Death  
Records up to 1907 and more  
naturalization records are being added.  
CCGS gets to keep a hard copy of the  
records for their library. This is our way  
of thanking those who created many  
indexes we use.

Larry Dean's project of  
indexing our cemetery books is nearly  
complete. Larry, Glen Jones, Judy Riley  
and Clarissa Farnsworth have completed  
the first 6 volumes. This index will be  
helpful as just one index instead of six  
can be used. Thanks Larry for getting us  
going on this project!

Rose Marie Harshman has  
given Pat Bauer the Park Hill and  
Evergreen Cemetery to put on line for  
the cemetery project. Pat is continually  
making progress with the cemetery  
project - Anita Robert's photographing  
of stones and updating of Finn Hill  
Cemetery is the latest contribution.



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### *CCGS Meetings and Programs*

March No General Meeting because of the seminar.  
6 March Legacy Family Tree Interest Group - CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon.  
13 March CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am; All are welcome.  
**24-25 March Spring Seminar - See web page or flyers at library for more information.**  
3 April Legacy Family Tree Interest Group - CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon.  
**25 April General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 7 – 9 p.m.**  
**1-8 Oct. Research trip to Salt Lake City**  
22 March Deadline for April Newsletter; e-mail material to [gskuech@pacifier.com](mailto:gskuech@pacifier.com)

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.

**Notify Irene Page, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. [pageig@pacifier.com](mailto:pageig@pacifier.com) or 360-835-7642.**