

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

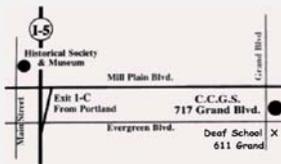
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Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

Tues, Wed & Thurs:

Noon to 6 pm

Friday

10 am to 3 pm

Saturday

2nd & 3rd Saturdays only

10 am to 3 pm

How to get here:

From I-5, take the Mill Plain exit, go east about 1 ½ miles to Grand Blvd and turn south. We are in the strip mall on the east side, north of Evergreen.

General Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

10 am until noon

CCGS Library Annex

715 Grand Blvd.

Our speaker will be
**Elizabeth Ramsey of the
Two Rivers Heritage Museum**
located at 01 - 16th Street in Washougal, WA

She will be telling of the many items available at their museum - including information about the 4700 family history folders!

Research & Preservation

Jane Germann, R&P Chairman

The last of the Clark County Territorial Censuses is being completed and will be sent to the state possibly in January. This is a project that CCGS has been working on with the state for some time. Only a section of 1887 census needed to be completed and that has been accomplished. We have had the microfilm for years, but not an index to them. This index allows a researcher to find a name and a year or years to look at – provided she knew how the census taker spelled the name. The census taker came up with some interesting spellings of names. Probably the brogue of the informant and the abilities of the census taker to interpret the name led to some of the misspellings. And compound that with the interpretations of the extractor – was that an a or an o? Joseph Switzler was extracted as a James Switzler because of this error in the “Jos.” abbreviation of the name. Lucky for me that the Switzler name is uncommon and I already had the record. But it is errors like this that cause a person to be difficult to find. The Indian Census are the current project we are working on for the State. It is wonderful that the state is making accessibility a priority and researchers are a benefactor of this continuing accessibility of records.

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

The Pacific Northwest Cornish Society is one of the groups recently renting our CCGS Library Annex for a group meeting and potluck. Their web page says, “We are people with an interest in the history and culture of Cornwall, United Kingdom; in the contributions of Cornish immigrants; and in Cornish heritage and genealogy. We live mostly in the Northwestern United States and British Columbia.” Another comment from their web page, “Make friends with others who understand that *Cornish* does not mean *game hen!*” You can see their web page at: www.nwcornishsociety.org

Book available again

The popular *Battle Ground, In and Around* has been reprinted and is available from *The Reflector*, PO Box 2020, BG 98604 - \$50 + \$10 shipping +WA sales tax

The Photo Album project

One day recently a lady stopped by our library and donated a lovely old photo album which her grandmother had purchased some years ago in an antique shop. She said the people in the album were of no relation to her and she was hoping CCGS could reconnect the book with the family. Luckily many of the photos were identified which is making our job a lot easier. We know the people in the book were part of the Rands family or were close friends of them. One of the sons lived in Vancouver and purchased the *Vancouver Independent* in 1895. Wade (Edward McKeever) Rands, his wife Margaret Creelman and their two children are buried in the Old City Cemetery. Neither child had married so that line is gone. However Wade was one of seven surviving Rands children and the people in GenChat (our weekly chat room) were able to find out a lot of information about the family.



You can see some of the photos from the album on the CCGS web page at: www.ccg-s-wa.org/p4222.htm The Columbian is going to do a story about the album sometime in the near future. The album will be on display at our library soon and anyone wanting to claim it must prove their relationship to the family. We're hoping the person(s) claiming the album will give us a tax-deductible donation for reconnecting them with their ancestors.

Welcome new members

Patricia Baker
Clifford & Joanne Hathaway

Welcome back

Robert and Ruth Ann Burns
Mary M. Daller
William E. Farrell
Cheryl D. Granby
Dixie Olson

Our condolences to Philo Gregg on the death of his wife Barbara on October 13 at Amboy, WA.

New additions to our library shelves

Frederick County, Maryland
Backgrounds
Donated by the Estate of Jean
Langowski

Inhabitants of Baltimore Co.,
1692-1763
Donated by the Estate of Jean
Langowski

St. John's & St. George's Parish
Registers 1696-1851
Donated by the Estate of Jean
Langowski

Marriages of Surry County, North
Carolina, 1779-1868
Donated by Billie Jo Westby

Scottish Surnames
Donated by Barbie Baker

South Carolina Wills; 1870-1853
Donated by Billie Jo Westby

Cinders & Smoke
Donated by the Estate of Jean
Langowski

History of Scottish Dissenting
Presbyterianism in Franklin Co., PA
Donated by Barbie Baker

North Carolina Land Grants in TN
Donated by Billie Jo Westby

German Immigrants: Lists of
Passengers Bound from Bremen to
NY 1847-1854
Donated by Howard B. Webb

Notices from New Jersey
Newspapers, 1781-1790
Donated by Howard B. Webb

Vital Records of Leicester,
Massachusetts, to the end of the year
1849 Purchased by CCGS

Vital Records of Lynnfield,
Massachusetts to the end of the year
1849 Purchased by CCGS

Guide to the Manuscript Collections
of the New Jersey Historical Society
Donated by Howard B. Webb

Vital Records of Northbridge,
Massachusetts, to the year 1850
Purchased by CCGS

Vital Records of Lynn,
Massachusetts, to the year 1849
Purchased by CCGS

Letter From the Secretary of War
Transmitting A Report of the Names,
etc. Donated by Barbie Baker

Ellis Family History
Donated by Barbie Baker

A note from the President

Diana Cruz

This past month has been a very busy time. On September 23rd I represented the CCGS at the Clark County Historic Museum during their Harvest Fun Day. If you didn't attend, you missed a fun day for all. I chatted with several people and also helped a couple trying to find an ancestor in the City Directories.

On October 1st I flew to Salt Lake City with several CCGS members and spent the week exploring the Family History Library. I was very impressed with how well it was organized and so easy to find the items that I had listed from the catalog prior to going to Salt Lake City. There are so many volunteers and staff that are very helpful if you need questions answered or something translated. I got brave and ventured to the International floor to see what I could learn about my grandfather from Sweden. If I had known how well the Swedish have documented the births, marriage, deaths and clerical records I would have started the week in that section. Translating the Swedish became easier as I found each item on the microfilms. I know I will try to go with the group from CCGS again next year. An exhausting week but very worthwhile.

On the return home I got to teach the *Searching the Census* class to the students attending the series of classes on Tuesdays. We have a great group teaching the classes and hope to have many more classes available during the year for others that are interested in some individual classes. I also got to teach a quilt class the following Friday which is my other love. It turned out to be the beginning of a non-stop weekend. As soon as class was over my husband George and I headed up the highway to Everett to be able to see at least one soccer game for each of the grandsons. We were able to do that on Saturday with no rain and had lunch with the kids before we headed to Gig Harbor for a banquet dinner with the Washington Association of Educational Office Professionals and a presentation of an award for 1st place in the website competition of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals. It was fun to see many of the people that I served with on the board of WAEOP and receive the award for creating and managing their state affiliate website.

The next week we got to do some family history presentations at a couple of retirement centers and give them a brief glimpse on how to begin their family history research. I am leaving several things out of this message to save some space but am glad to have a few days to finally get some rest and input some of the new data into my family tree. If you have not been to Salt Lake City I will encourage you to put the next group trip on your calendar now. It was a fun trip!

Success in Salt Lake City FHL

CCGS Member, Bea Frahm

This was my second year to do research in the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Anyone who is researching family history, should go to Salt Lake. They have an amazing amount and variety of copies of records abstracted in books or actual records on microfilm. Seventeen of us from CCGS made the trip October 1 to October 8. Everyone shared successes they had experienced in finding information about ancestors. I had great success in finding information on my father's family, including cemetery records, marriage records, biographies, and histories of the areas where they lived.

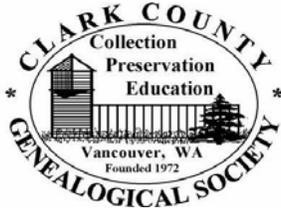
My most exciting success was being able to find and read Swedish Parish records in Habol and Artemark Parishes in Alvsborg County. My grandparents on my mother's side came from Sweden in 1913 and lived the rest of their lives here. In 1973 my mother and aunt made a trip to Sweden after contacting relatives in Sweden and Norway. While there, my mother got information from relatives on both of their parents. Unfortunately, they knew only my grandfather's parents and their birth dates but nothing beyond that. Armed with that information, I spent two days searching Swedish records with the help of several Swedish speaking people on the International floor. One lady took my information and came back with a list of films for birth, Parish clerical records, death records, plus others. I was able to find my great-grandfather's birth record which told me his parents' names, which were different from his, his birth date, and the place where they were living when he was born. I took that information and matched it to Parish clerical records and found the family. Wow! That was so exciting. It told the name of each member of the family, birth date and place of birth. Women carried their maiden name throughout the records which made it easier to match, as so many had the same names. I followed them through the records until I found my great-grandfather's family and the birth of my grandfather. In the process I learned the maiden name of my great-grandmother and where she was born. The next day I was able to find her birth record which told her parents' names and place of residence. I followed them until 1885 when they moved from Artemark to Habol. Since I have the list of films for the records in Habol, I can now continue following them. I am already looking forward to making the trip again next year!

ANNOUNCING!

FREE INTERNET NOW AVAILABLE AT CCGS!

The internet is now available for researchers free on three computers at the CCGS library and for those who have laptops with wireless capabilities. Researchers using our library now have some additional resources available on the internet. Also many new books are being added to our shelves.

This is an easy way for you to download updates to programs on your laptop. If you're still on dial-up, then this is a perfect solution for you - just visit our library!



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

6 Nov Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am – noon
13 Nov CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon; All are welcome.
22 Nov Deadline for Dec Newsletter, e-mail material to gskuech@pacifier.com, patbauer@pacifier.com
28 Nov General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon
4 Dec Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am – noon
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30 Sep - 7 Oct 2007 research trip to Salt Lake City

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at CCGS Library Annex.
Morning meetings: Oct - Feb, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m..
Usually 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 or 360-835-7642.