

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

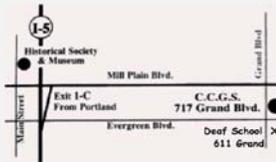
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Hours of operation

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, February 27, 2007

10am - noon

CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd

What can you find at the Clark County Auditor's Office?
presented by Merrilee Sprecher, a supervisor in the Auditor's
office. Come hear what she has to say and ask questions about
those elusive records.

New Membership Form Online Now

If it's time to renew your membership, we've made it easier for you. Thanks to Diana Cruz we now have one easy-to-use membership form, which you can fill out online (without downloading it), then print it from the web page and mail it to CCGS with your check. Click on Membership and Renewal Form on the home page at www.ccgswa.org to find this new form.

Welcome New Members

Carol and Bruce Earhart

New Life Member

Sydney Haines Stephens

Welcome Back!

Joanne Marie Bortniak

Jerry Olson

Jane Wetzel

*Our heartfelt condolences to CCGS member Jane Wetzel on the death of her beloved son, Joel
Freeman Battershell.*

Joel passed away January 23, 2007 at the age of 31.

A note from President Diana Cruz

Since the last newsletter, we have had a shot of cold weather with a little ice and snow to let us know it really is winter. Today the sun was shining and people are enjoying the reprieve from our couple of days avoiding travel and trying to stay warm.

To continue with a little more of the review of the last 35 years of CCGS: The first issue of the newsletter was published in September 1974; the newsletter would be published three times a year, with a fourth to be a surname index of the three previous issues. That first issue began with an installment of the 1850 Census taken by Joseph L. Meek. Members could also submit queries to the newsletter for free. Also in this important first issue, it was noted that the Society was attempting to research all the cemeteries in Clark County, and information was requested from members, especially for small family plots or forgotten burial sites. The first installment of records from Fishers Cemetery was included.

Volume I, No. 2 was published in January 1975, with a cover showing a line drawing of a bastion and the newsletter had been given the title of Trail Breakers, with a drawing of a covered wagon alongside the title. Mildred Finley was the acting editor. Issue No. 2 had 30 pages, and when Issue No. 3 was done it had 50 pages. It was recommended that members use the 2-letter state abbreviations approved by the U.S. Postal Service in their correspondence, along with the corresponding zip code. In June 1975 Issue No. 4 was published and it was noted that Marilyn Dahlquist did the title head drawing and Mildred Porter had designed the cover.

The society had now grown to 52 members and the first book purchased by the society was *Pioneer Women*, compiled by the Daughters of Washington Pioneers; it cost \$3.50, with the money coming from the library collections and donations from members. In April 1975 a small temporary library was set up for the convenience of the society members in the home of member Mildred Finley. The library was open on Mondays from 10 am to 2:30 pm, but reservations had to be phoned in a day in advance. More in the next newsletter

Is this your grandma?

Patricia McKee Bauer

The newest fun project for CCGS will be to try to find kin for the sweet lady in this photograph. The frameless photo was donated to CCGS by Terry Healy of Camas. She said it was in her mother's things that she was trying to clean out. It's about 10 1/2 by 17 inches and at one time was in an old fashioned oval frame with curved glass. On the reverse is the name Mary Bowen Eldridge which we believe to be her name.. We have worked on this project in the GenChat Room and I hope we now have enough clues to find where she lived and when. If you are related, please contact us at the CCGS Library or by e-mail at info@ccgs-wa.org. You can see a larger copy of the photo at www.ccgs-wa.org/p4222.htm



Research & Preservation - Cut & Paste Party:

The Cut & Paste party was canceled in January because of snow. Jane Germann has planned two get-togethers for February. Both are on Tuesdays - Feb 6 & Feb 20. Each will be from 10am until 4pm. You're invited to stay the whole day or only part of it, if that fits your schedule better. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy some visiting and helping with a very important project for CCGS. We will be working on vital records published in our local area papers during the past few years. They must be cut out, pasted to pages and then photocopied so they can be bound into books to be put on our library shelves for use by local researchers.

Photos for the Cemetery Pages:

Several people have asked lately how to include their photos on the Clark County Cemeteries web pages. A disk (3.5" floppy, CD, or DVD) can be left at our library or mailed to CCGS, Attn. Cemetery Project, PO Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249. Please either rename each file with the entire name(s) of the person buried there (last name, complete first name & initials) or include a list showing the names. If you have only one photo to send, it can be e-mailed to apmb@pacifier.com. Pat is not on DSL so one at a time is sufficient! It should be in a JPG format.

Reminder for submitting information for this Newsletter

Any item to be included in the Newsletter must be sent to BOTH editors. This is a cooperative effort and we both must receive the material so it doesn't get lost! Send it to Gene Kuechmann at gskuech@pacifier.com and Pat Bauer at apmb@pacifier.com. A text file usually works best but we can usually read Word files. Please don't send PDF files, unless it's something approved by the board to be included such as seminar or class information and registration forms. If you want part of a PDF page included, please retype it before sending.

Another helpful item from Don Finel

Don subscribes to some unusual e-mail exchanges that send him interesting information. Here is one recent item:

Through support from an IMLS grant and in collaboration with Project Perseus at Tufts University, the University of Richmond has digitized the Richmond Daily Dispatch newspaper for the Civil War years. The project is not yet complete. However the newspaper is now available for use and exploration. Please bring it to the attention of faculty who study or teach about the Civil War era at your school or college. We welcome your comments and feedback on this work in progress; just click on the survey link on the newspaper's homepage at <http://dlxs.richmond.edu/d/ddr/index.html>. We hope this will be useful to a broad audience encompassing scholars, students, genealogists, Civil War buffs, re-enactors, and more. Please feel free to bring it to the attention of other librarians and interested parties.

CCGS Spring Seminar - May 18-19, 2007

The seminar topic is ***Immigration and Migration***. Presenters are Donna Potter Phillips and Lethene Parks. The seminar will be held at the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA, 9 am-5 p on Saturday, May 19, 2007. Plan to bring your own sack lunch. On Friday, May 18, Donna Potter Phillips will present a program on "Leaving a Legacy, Not a Mess" for CCGS members only. This program will also be held at the CCGS Annex, 7-9 pm. More information on programs and fees will be in next month's newsletter.

Additions to our CCGS Library Shelves

Ohio Wills & Estates to 1850

Author: Carol Willsey Bell

Donated by the Family of Ruby Vassar

Pioneers of Old Ste. Genevieve

Author: Lucille Basler

The District of Ste. Genevieve

Author: Lucille Basler

Pennsylvania Soldiers of the Revolutionary War

Author: Paul W. Myers

Donated by Barbie Baker

Will Abstracts of Northampton Co., PA

Author: John Eyerman

Donated by Barbie Baker

Complete Guide to Battlefields of Britain

Author: David Smurthwaite

Donated by Dixie Olson

Family Histories & Stories

Author: Old Mines Area Historical Society

Pennington-Price Family's Genealogy

Author: Walter C. Burgner

The Gemmer Family: A Study of Ancestry

Author: Patricia L. Gemmer Braddock

Donated by FVRL

The following books were donated by the Lower Columbia River Genealogy Society of Longview, WA.

Hudson Records of North Carolina, volume 1

Author: Donald Claire Hart

Hudson Records of Virginia, Volume 1

Author: Donald Claire Hart

Hudson Records of Virginia, Volume 2

Author: Donald Claire Hart

Hudson Records of Virginia, Volume 3

Author: Donald Claire Hart

Hudson Records of Virginia, Volume 4

Author: Donald Claire Hart

5000 Scott Marriages

Author: Craig Roberts Scott

Preston and Susan Hutson Dulany 1800-1993

Tennessee, Illinois & Beyond

Author: Ann Austin Hecathorn

The Sommer-Sommers-Somers-Summers That Missed the Boat

Author: William Clark Sommers

Hott Ancestors

Author: Richard and Kathryn Hott

The Unfocused Group

The unfocused genealogy discussion group met for the second time January 4. There were 15 in attendance again. Genealogy really is more fun if you have someone to discuss your research successes and problems with.

The "unfocused group" will meet again on the first Thursday of February (Feb 1) from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the CCGS library. All CCGS members are cordially invited to join in the discussion.

Can you help?

A Nominating Committee is needed to secure candidates for our elected positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Please let me know if you can help with this committee. My phone is 360-573-7128 or email dcruz@pacifier.com

This item is from a current copy of RootsWeb Review although it was originally published in the RootsWeb Review 20 October 2004, Vol. 7, No. 42.

Supporting Local Societies by Jane Grezlik in Ohio

I would like to address an issue that many genealogical and historical societies are experiencing in this day of busy schedules and Internet access -- the loss of membership.

Internet researchers should be aware that much of the information available on the many research sites is there because genealogical societies all over the world have done a wonderful job of abstracting and publishing that information. However, without members this work and these wonderful small libraries cannot survive long. Both financial support and volunteers are needed. Larger libraries are having difficulties, too. These are special libraries, run by the local societies, and are not part of the public library system and therefore not funded by them.

I want to encourage every researcher to support her or his local society and/or the society that is in the area they do most of their research. Many of these societies have a nominal annual fee that most anyone should be able to afford. It goes a long way in helping to cover operating costs of the library and the publishing costs of larger books. While sales of their books do offset costs, it is the membership that is most important.

Join and support genealogical and historical societies. Help to ensure the continued flow of information and research availability at the local level.

Tip offered from Don Finel:

If you have, or had, family in Missouri during these time periods you need to check this website out. I received five from them when it first opened for \$1 per copy. But, there are so many more that are online now, and the images are superb.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates> - available as a link on the CCGS web page!

Legacy Family Tree tips

Our active Legacy Users Group meets usually the first Monday of each month, unless that day is a holiday or if we get snowed out! The moderator is Don Finel. He has formatted several tip sheets which are now posted on the Legacy section of the CCGS web page at: <http://www.ccgswa.org/p3620.htm> Don does several tip sheets each month and they are available for your use. If you'd like to join the Legacy group, please send Don a note with the link on that same page. The group meets from 10 am to noon in the CCGS Library Annex.

CCGS Helpful Links

Do you use our CCGS web page to help with your genealogical research? We have many helpful links at <http://www.ccgswa.org/p883.htm> On that page are links to several other lists. You can find Oregon and Washington links; vital statistics online for the entire U.S.; links to Social Security records - including the free one on Rootsweb; phone books; ship lists; e-mail exchanges and just about anything else you can think of. There is also a link to Cyndi's List! A very helpful link is to several sites which you should check before ever forwarding that offer that sounds too good to be true. You are not going to get paid for forwarding e-mail to everyone you know! Check out Urban Legends and find out why.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 1 Feb Unfocused First Thursday Discussion Group, Library Annex 1:30 - 3:30 pm
5 Feb Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am – noon
6 & 20 Feb R&P “Cut & Paste” CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - 4 pm. All are welcome
12 Feb CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon. All are welcome.
21 Feb Deadline for March Newsletter; e-mail material to both gskuech@pacifier.com & apmb@pacifier.com
the Newsletter is a cooperative effort, so please copy both editors.
27 Feb General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon, All are welcome
28 Feb - 28 Mar Genealogy Classes, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon on Wednesdays. Must pre-register
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18-19 May Spring Seminar CCGS Library Annex with Donna Potter Phillips & Lethene Dennis Parks
30 Sept - 7 Oct 2007 research trip to Salt Lake City

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except November) at CCGS Library Annex. Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m..

No General Meeting in July, August, or December.

Notify Verneice Adams, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. vadams234@gorge.net or call our library and leave a message - 360-750-5688