

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

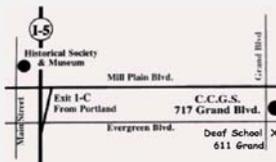
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Tues, Wed & Thurs:

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.

March General Meeting

March 27, 2007, 10 am to noon
CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd



Aprons Through the Ages

presented by Carolyn Ellertson of Kalama, WA

Carolyn has collected aprons for many years and is now sharing her collection with groups such as ours. If you have an apron lying around unused for many years, consider donating it to Carolyn's collection so it can be enjoyed by others instead of being hidden away.

CCGS member Pat Bauer recently gave Carolyn two aprons that were made by her mom, Katy McKee, many years ago. After the death of Katy in 1934, many things she had made were stored away in a cedar chest where they remained for nearly 73 years. By donating these two aprons to Carolyn's collection, Pat has made it possible for others to enjoy Katy's handwork from long ago.

New Membership Form Online Now

Click on Membership and Renewal Form on the home page at www.ccgswa.org to find this new form.

Welcome new member Victor Dobyns.

Condolences

Our condolences are extended to the family and many friends of Toni Kohn, a long-time member of CCGS. She died February 9 while at the home of her daughter in San Antonio, TX. Toni was born in San Antonio 77 years ago. A memorial service is planned for June, 2007, at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

A note from President Diana Cruz

Spring is close, and the flowers are poking up through the ground with the promise of beautiful colors we will soon experience here in the Pacific Northwest. There is always a feeling of renewal during this time of year. The genealogy society is full of activities and the start of some new classes; the flyer is out announcing the seminar coming in May. Today I made some break-throughs with some family research that had been very slow. I hope many of you will be able to take advantage of the classes and seminar opportunities that can help in your family history research.

As I continue with some of the history of CCGS, I have found that Margaretta Zimmerman was the first President and Marilyn Dahlquist was the Treasurer. (Marilyn is now Marilyn Fitze and still active with CCGS.) Mildred Finley was the acting editor of the newsletter. The general meeting was held at the Fort Vancouver Library Hall on the third Wednesday of the month from 9 am until noon. New officers elected for the 1975-76 year were: Mildred Porter, President; Gertrude Hamblen, Vice-President; Marilyn Dahlquist, Treasurer; Judy Worthington, Corresponding Secretary; Mildred Finley, Recording Secretary; Joan Solheim, Trail Breakers Editor; and Margaretta Zimmerman, Adviser. Also in 1975 the members started saving S & H Green Stamps for the purpose of acquiring folding chairs to be used for their meetings.

Looking back at some of this history for the first 35 years I can see that many things stay the same. There is always a need for fund raising and donations, and a need for new people to help fill the elected and appointed positions. The positions for the 2007-2008 elected officers are all vacant at this time. I would like to add your name to the ballot. Give me a call at 573-7128 or email me at dacruz@pacifier.com.

Cemetery Web Pages Project

Burial records covering 1989-2006 for the Camas Cemetery have been completed and are posted on the web page for your use. This was a file completed after several months of work by CCGS member Annice Sampson of Camas. By combining two sources, the Clark County Cemeteries Vol 6 (available at our library) and this new file, we now have a complete file of burials in this cemetery. See the web page at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wacacem/Camas/camas.htm> Click on Burial Records. CCGS member Beth Cross is now working on a spreadsheet compiled from the contents of the Camas Cemetery book, Vol. 6, which will eventually be posted on the web page. This is a volunteer effort and we greatly appreciate the help offered by so many members!

Thanks to long-time CCGS member Mary Katschke for obtaining the translations for five stones in the Brush Prairie Cemetery. They were in the Russian language and Mary obtained not only the names but the other inscriptions which will make nice additions to the burial information for that cemetery.

The Unfocused Discussion Group

Larry Dean

The unfocused genealogy discussion group met Thursday, February 1 at the library annex. Ten CCGS members attended. We enjoyed Roxanne's cookies and tea and discussed a variety of genealogy-related topics. The next meeting will be 1:30-3:30 Thursday, March 1 at the library. All CCGS members are cordially invited to come join in the discussion.

Monday, March 19th, 2007 is next Cut and Paste Party!

Jane Germann, R&P Chairman

In March we will cut and paste on Monday instead of Tuesday to give a chance for new people to come and enjoy the fun. We are working on vitals that will be indexed and used in our library. It only takes kindergarten skills for these projects – no computer for this phase.

On February 6th were Bea Hicks, “Doc” and Carol Clark, Nancy Ellifrit, Jeanine Bailiff, Lorlei Metke, Bea Frahm, Evelyn Campbell, Cheryl Spalding, Bea Jackson, Anita Roberts, Pat Bauer, Diana Cruz, and Jane Germann came to the cut and paste party. Fun was the order of the day as we organized vitals for 2006 and tore apart periodicals for the library. Over 70 man-hours were cheerfully logged for CCGS! Thanks for putting in the time, volunteers!

We had another lively group on the day after President’s Day. Lorlei Metke, Gaydena Thompson, Stephen Cornick, Carol and “Doc” Clark, Bea Hicks, Darla Brock, Bea Frahm, Annice Sampson, Evelyn Campbell, Jeanine Bailiff, Lillian Fullerton, Bea Jackson, Anita Roberts and Jane Germann enjoyed the day cutting and pasting. That’s nearly 100 more man-hours! Many hands make the work lighter. And this is a way you can say thank you to those who have spent many hours indexing something you were grateful for having. Come join us in March!

A special thanks to member Judith Riley who seldom came to CCGS meetings, but had projects dropped off to her and worked many volunteer hours over the years indexing, compiling, and data-entering. She also gave us nearly 25 reams of paper to use on the cut and paste or the copier. Thanks so very much, Judy, for your cheery smile and volunteering all the while doing a child care business and making quilts for charity – where did all that spare time come from?

Oregon Research Library Workshops

Reservations required two weeks prior to each workshop. To reserve space, call Carolyn Hixson, 503-306-5296. Each workshop is limited to 25 participants. Fee: \$20 for OHS members; \$30 for non-members. Each workshop includes research in the OHS Research Library from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. that afternoon.

Researching Your House & Neighborhood History

Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 9am-noon.

Learn about the history of your house and neighborhood using the extensive resources of the OHS Research Library. This workshop will focus on key research tools, including maps, photographs, and directories, as well as outside resources. After this workshop, you’ll have the chance to put this knowledge into practice in the OHS Research Library (open 1-5 pm)

Dig Into Your Roots: Family History at the Oregon Historical Society

Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 9am-noon.

Explore the genealogical resources of the OHS Research Library, including directories, family papers and photographs, and specialized indexes. Learn about pioneers, donation land claims, Oregon Trail diaries, oral history recordings, census records, and other publications of the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

Be alert to Genealogy Scams & Hoaxes!

Don Finel

Every so often Genealogists / Family Historians are sent offers of books or other materials relating to their family surname. Please be aware that these seldom offer material of any value..

I was recently sent a flyer from a Denver, Colorado, company, "*The Family Yearbook*", offering me a book and CD with data about my surname. I knew about an older group, "Halbert's Books", located in Bath, Ohio, but this was a new one to me, so I did some internet searching and found out what I suspected was true. The Colorado Attorney General took them to court and I found a posting on a family surname site with information, a portion of which follows.

(DENVER) - Attorney General John Suthers announced today that his office has settled a consumer protection lawsuit against Morphcorp LLC, a Parker, Colorado company, as well as the company's President and General Manager, Maxwell MacMaster, for alleged deceptive advertising and sales of "Family Yearbooks."
"The 'Family Yearbook' was nothing more than a photocopy of the same material deceptively sold to thousands of consumers," said Suthers. "We are pleased that Morphcorp and MacMaster have agreed to stop making these deceptive claims and pay penalties and fees for misleading consumers." Under the terms of the settlement, approved by the Court on February 3, 2006, Morphcorp and MacMaster have paid a \$30,000 civil penalty and have agreed to significant changes in the way the "Family Yearbooks" are marketed.

This group, from the flyer I received, have changed the wording to "protect" themselves, but it is still misleading. You have to read the statements they make over and then you get a clearer understanding that the material and photos offered probably do not relate to your family.

There are two sites that I highly recommend you take a look at and review the postings there.

- Cyndi Howell's list of *Myths, Hoaxes & Scams* at: www.cyndislist.com/myths.htm
 - National Genealogical Society, NGS, at: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/comconsumerpsst.cfm>
- Cyndi, in part of her page, lists 9 MYTHS to be aware of and some sites to further review how to deal with them. Further down that web page she has more relating to the Hoaxes and Scams that you should be sure to review.

As for "Halbert's Books," I am not sure they are still in business, as they were issued a Cease & Desist order at one point because of a United States Postal suit filed against them. I had the opportunity to see one of their books that my sister-in-law purchased for her granddaughter. I felt so bad for them because I could not convince them that it was all fake and stuff they could have gotten for free by other methods, and had no value to the family surname.

Read any such offer very carefully. Think it over, DON'T just put a check in the mail for this stuff. When you read it a second or third time, it will become clear to you that the offer just does not sound good. Good Luck and don't be taken for a ride.

New on our library shelves

Donated by Columbia River Genealogy Society:
Cullison Descendants From Maryland Westward Vol. 1
Cullison Descendants From Maryland Westward, vol. 2

The Heartland: Rockingham County
Donated by Lower Columbia Genealogy Society

Will Rogers Family Tree
Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Descendants From Reverend Benjamin Doggett of Virginia
Donated by Billie Jo Westby

Beaver Briefs

Central Illinois Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. VI 1970, 1-4
Donated by the family of Ruby Vasser

Ft. Vancouver/Hudson's Bay High School 45th Reunion
Donated by Vonda Erickson

Vassars Since the Civil War
Donated by the Family of Ruby Vasser

Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry

*American Historical Society of Germans From Russia:
Work Paper 1972 No. 9*
Donated by Linda Dietzman

One Day, Two Great FREE Sessions Saturday, March 10th, at the CCGS Library

10am to Noon: British Isles Focus Group.

Do you have ancestors that came from the British Isles? Are you having trouble finding them? Can you find British resources on-line? CCGS member Steve Aberle, a veteran of nine research trips to the British Isles (so far), will chair a session looking at the resources available in the CCGS library, what is available on the web and where else you might look for information.

1pm to 3pm: Early American Colonial Focus Group.

Many of us have ancestors that arrived in the colonies in the early half of the 17th century. If we are researching the same lines, there is a good chance that we are distant cousins. This focus group will look at early colonial records and other information sources and try to help each other in their research.

For both sessions: bring your research, your road blocks, your successes, and be prepared to share these with others. You're welcome to stay for both sessions.

Web Sites You Might Find Interesting

<http://www.lostcousins.com> (connecting researchers: Great Britain, Canada, USA) Signing up is free.

<https://www.military-genealogy.com> (British in WWI & WWII)

<http://www.rootstelevision.com/index.htm> (Program on Genealogy)

<http://www.familyrootsradio.com> (radio show about genealogy)

<http://www.angelfire.com/il/ClevelandFamilyChron/index5.html> (lots of links)

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~armmps/MeltingPotGenealogicalSociety> (AR society)

Spring Classes

On Wednesdays through March 28, CCGS is offering a series of stand-alone classes to be held 10 am-12 noon at the CCGS Annex. Fees are \$10 per class if you pre-register and prepay, or \$12 at the door with no guarantee of receiving a copy of the handout. See the web page for more information and a registration form at <http://www.ccgswa.org/p4064.htm>.

Upcoming classes are:

March 7: Organizing, Documenting, and Preserving Your Genealogy – Instructor: Jane Germann

March 14: County Land Records – Instructor: Lethene Parks

March 21: Researching Your Indian Ancestor – Instructor: Glen Jones

March 28: Military Records: Revolutionary War and War of 1812, DAR and Civil War – Instructors: Lethene Parks, Sandy Thompson, Alice Allen

Congratulations

The Vancouver law firm of Stahancyk, Kent, Johnson & Hook has received the Heritage Award for genealogical excellence for its website www.charlesbrownhouse.com for focusing on the history of its Vancouver office. CCGS members Jody Stahancyk and Vince Roman are members of the firm.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 1 March Unfocused First Thursday Discussion Group, Library Annex, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
5 March Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am – noon
10 March British Isles and Colonial American Focus Groups, CCGS Library, 10 am - 3 pm
13 March CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon. All are welcome.
19 March Cut & Paste Party , CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - 4 pm. Come join in the fun.
22 March 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 March General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon, All are welcome
7-28 March Genealogy Classes, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon on Wednesdays. Must pre-register.
18-19 May Spring Seminar CCGS Library Annex with Donna Potter Phillips & Lethene Dennis Parks
30 Sept.-7 Oct 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