

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

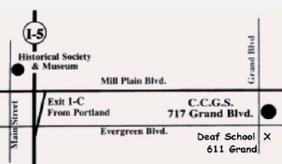
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Hours of operation

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, April 24, 2007

7:00 to 9:00 pm

CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd - Vancouver



Old News is Good News

presented by John Rudnick of Portland, OR.

The presentation will cover assessing, understanding, evaluating and using time saving techniques for family history research in old newspapers on microfilm. John has 35 years of experience researching family history and will share his knowledge of newspaper research and can answer many questions about what to look for in the microfilmed newspapers. Some useful information to aid all audience levels in their family history research.

Welcome new members!

Kathryn Markkanen and Lawrence Nahrstedt

Welcome back!

Robin Cutler

Jeff Ward

A Note from the President

The CCGS Winter class offerings have had great attendance and many have stayed to take advantage of using the research library after the classes. We will be working on another session of classes and hope you will let us know if there are some that you would like repeated or new topics that we can try to add to the schedule. We also have the Spring Seminar coming on May 18 and 19, so don't delay sending in your registration since we do have limited seating for this great presentation by Donna Potter Phillips and Lethene Parks.

As I continue with the history and 35 year celebration of CCGS I discovered a fund raiser that they initiated in 1975. To increase the book fund of the society, members put money into a "kitty" if it was their birthday month. Initially it was suggested that each put in as much money as the number of years celebrated; however, since some were afraid the people would then know their age, it was decided to just donate a dollar. In 1976 the society had established other fund raising money for reference materials by collecting old newspapers to be sold to a local recycling company, saved canned food labels from Santiam and Flav-R-Pac food products, sold cardboard, sewed patches, and sold McNess products.

The first of many research trips for the society was a tour to the Multnomah County Library. Librarian Delores Zegar explained how to find materials that were available for genealogical research.

In the Fall of 1976 Mildred Porter lent her personal mimeograph machine for the society to use. Boy, does that bring back memories of my early working days!

Until next month, have a great day and thank you for the good work at CCGS!

Diana Cruz

Research and Preservation News

Jane Germann, Chairman

Monday, April 16, 2007, is next cut and paste party.

CCGS members Gaydena Thompson, Bea Jackson, Barbara Baker, Lorlei Metke, Bea Hicks, Carol and "Doc" Clark, Evelyn Campbell, Dorothy Person, Lillian Fullerton, Bea Frahm, Annice Sampson, Sue Larson, DeAnn Wilson, Diana Cruz, Anita Roberts, and Jane Germann worked at cut and paste on March 19th. Thanks to all these volunteers progress is being made in the vital records. Our next cut and paste is Monday, April 16, 2007. We need to index all these records we have been working on and plan to set up a computer so volunteers can come in and work together but on their own, on one project. If you'd like to volunteer, plan to attend the next cut and paste for a training session.

Do you have vital records out that you are working on? Can you give Jane a call at 892-8019 and leave your name and the project. We are doing an inventory of the records. I think we have accounted for most, but there may be a straggler and we'd like to catch that project.

Don and Sharon Houck are working on the index to the 1928 maps. Judy Riley is completing the Evergreen cemetery index for the final cumulative index to our cemeteries - except Park Hill which is on line. Indian censuses are available for checking out to put into a spread sheet at home.

New CCGS Focus Groups a success in March

Two focus groups got off to a great start at the CCGS Library on March 10th with nine researchers attending the British Isles Focus Group and seven researchers attending the Early American Colonial Focus Group. A lot of great information was shared on research techniques and locations. Two of the attendees already discovered that they are distant cousins. These groups will likely meet at least once each quarter in the future.

New CCGS Focus Groups to meet on Saturday, April 14th, at the CCGS Library

10 am to noon: German Focus Group

1 pm to 3 pm: Canadian Focus Group

Haben Sie überhaupt Forschung in Deutschland getan? Or, have you ever done research in Canada? Do you plan to do so in the future? If so, then one or both of these focus group sessions might be just the thing you need to find those ancestors! Bring your research, your road blocks, your successes, and be prepared to share these with other CCGS members.

Territory Censuses Index ready!

One of the newest tools created by the Clark County Genealogical Research and Preservation Team is a cumulative index for the Clark County Territory Censuses of 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887 and the agricultural schedule for 1860. If you have Clark County connections prior to 1890, this may be important in your research. There has not been an index prior to this. You can come down to CCGS and get a copy – we have both a hard photocopy of the census pages or a microfilm copy. You can find the censuses on line at <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/RecordSeriesInfo.aspx?rsid=3> some linked to an image of the census. Ancestry.com has another listing.

AUTOMATIC RENEWAL ON ANCESTRY.COM

Some people are not aware of the policy at Ancestry.com of automatic renewal of your subscription, without any input from you! One of our members recently had two unauthorized charges on her credit card because of this practice. It probably says in small print somewhere that you are agreeing to renew automatically when subscribing to Ancestry.com. If you contact them and tell them you don't want it renewed and they do it anyway, you should contact your credit card company and tell them not to accept any further charges from that company.

ANOTHER FRUSTRATING DEVELOPMENT FROM ANCESTRY.COM

The latest event from Ancestry is that they will discontinue letting the LDS Family History Centers have free access to their data bases. The Church and Ancestry have not come to any terms on what/how the access will be available. With the multitude of centers involved, the regular library discount is probably not acceptable to the Church. There are three centers just in Vancouver.

This is part of the message which we received in March:

For many years, Ancestry.com has provided free access to patrons of family history centers around the world. Ancestry has informed the Church that as of April 1, 2007, it will discontinue this free access to the full Ancestry.com service.

Free access through Ancestry.com to the following databases will continue:

1. Index and images for the 1880, 1900 and 1920 U.S. censuses
2. Full name indices for the British 1841-1891 censuses (England and Wales)
3. World War I draft cards indices as created and miscellaneous other databases

Free access is likely to be discontinued for the remainder of the Ancestry.com databases including:

1. Index and images for the 1930 U.S. census
2. Index and images for the 1901 British census (England, Scotland, and Wales)

Sorry - there is no list of new books this month

Our main computer has had a motherboard problem which we hope will be corrected soon. Because of this, Alice Aultman Allen has been unable to enter our new acquisitions into the database. Next month should be catch-up time so watch for the list in May.

Some interesting Internet sites

Glen Jones, CCGS vice president, reports the Washington State Digital Archives site has been updated and is easier to use now. Take a look at: <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/>

Thanks to Rose Marie Harshmann for sharing the site about "Writing your name in Suetterlinschrift." Check it out to see how your name would look in Old German Script. <http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Englisch/Titel.htm>

Legacy Users Group Update

Don Finel

As moderator for the Legacy Group for almost five years now, I find that I have to step down from that position. It is my hope that either someone from within the group or someone not yet a member will take my place. This is a very good group and an easy one to prepare for meetings once a month. The moderator learns so much about working with a genealogy database program because they work thru the steps so as to present it to the group. I know my understanding of Legacy has grown so much from doing this.

The group could open in the May meeting with going back to some of the beginning basics of Legacy, as we all forget sometimes those things plus there are many new users of the program now..

There is also a session in Portland at the Oregon Historical Society on Tuesday, May 8th from 9a.m.-1 p.m. with Geoff Rasmussen from Legacy. *Technology for Genealogists* will be the subject. There will be a charge of \$15 for the session. Send payments to:

Oregon Historical Society

Attn: Carolyn Hixson

1200 SW Park Avenue

Portland, OR 97205

You can reach Carolyn at 503-306-5296 or by e-mail at: carolynh@ohs.org

Clark County Cemeteries

Patricia McKee Bauer - Project Webmaster

About two years ago, when we first began discussing the idea of putting a web page for every cemetery in Clark County, Washington on internet, it seemed like an overwhelming idea. We now have it well underway and although it's been a huge job, it's coming along nicely because of the many volunteers who have offered to help us.

One of those is Raymond Keith Lawler, the son of John & Karen Lawler of Vancouver. Ray adopted Pioneer Cemetery, east of Ridgefield, as an Eagle Boy Scout project. He headed a group working on burial records and the photographing of every stone. He did an amazing job and we're really proud of him. You can see the results of his work by going to the cemetery web page at <http://rootsweb.com/~waciacem/> and click on Pioneer Cemetery. We thank Ray's dad for the excellent, detailed map included on this web page showing the location of each of the burials in this old cemetery.

The Washougal Memorial Cemetery burial records will be online soon. Paula Peterson has been working diligently on the project. The cemeteries always end up being so much larger than they appear - once you begin putting the information down on paper! Annice Sampson updated the information on the Camas Cemetery from 1989 to 2006 and that is posted now. Beth Hancock Cross is transcribing the records from the Camas Cemetery Book which was done in 1989. Part of that huge file is already posted and the entire file will be posted when she completes the project. Beth has also furnished a lot of photos from the Camas Cemetery, including the Niche Walls and a photo of each separate niche.

In viewing the niche photos, we discovered a new (**not necessarily approved though**) use for duct tape. One family wanted to leave flowers for their loved one and had no way of doing it so they attached a small bouquet of bright artificial flowers to the front of that niche with duct tape! Necessity is once again the mother of invention.

Many other people are working on various facets of this project. The many people helping with the jobs make less work for each of us and we'll be able to complete the job much sooner.

Avoiding Spam

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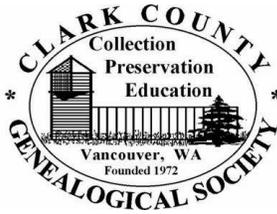
Those CCGS members who do some of their genealogy research on-line know how annoying it is to receive unsolicited email (spam) for things like discount pharmaceuticals, weight loss schemes, body part enhancements, and requests for helping folks somewhere in Africa reclaim their rightful share of a lost bank account. So what would life without spam be like? In this issue of the CCGS Newsletter, we begin a special four-part CCGS series on avoiding spam. You're invited to copy and share this with others, as long as you give Steve Aberle credit as the author.

Part I - How Spammers Obtain Your Email Address

There are (at least) five methods used by spammers to figure out your email address:

1. Unscrupulous ISPs. On (thankfully rare) occasions, an Internet Service Provider will sell the email addresses of its customers directly to spammers.
2. Unscrupulous Web Services. Websites hosting free "event" and/or "member" list services may be fronts for spammers collecting email addresses. The email address of anyone who signs up on the website, along with anyone that that member subsequently sends email to, become the property of the website to use as they please.
3. Harvesting email addresses from on-line bulletin boards and discussion groups. It doesn't matter whether the forum is "open" to the public or "closed" to just members. All a spammer has to do is subscribe to every list they can and then use an automated script or program to strip email addresses out of the messages they receive from that board. Those email addresses are then compiled into a list which the spammer later uses and/or sells to other spammers.
4. Harvesting email addresses from web pages. If one does a "View -> Page Source" from their browser, the computer coding that created the web page they are viewing is visible. That code is stored in a file on the web server. A spammer will run special "web crawler" software that inspects all the web page source files on a publicly viewable website. If any email addresses are displayed on those web pages, the spammer's software then automatically strips them out and places them into a list which the spammer later uses and/or sells to other spammers.
5. Brute force method. Many people use their given name as their login at an ISP. The list of all domain names is public, so spammers can easily obtain that. All they have to do is combine the two, a dictionary list of common first names plus the downloaded list of domain names, to come up with a vast list of email addresses to try. If the spammer keeps track of the addresses that do not "bounce", then they have a list of valid email addresses that they can use again themselves and/or sell to other spammers. The brute force method is sometimes referred to as a directory harvest attack. Popular email addresses for brute force spamming frequently include widely used email aliases (examples: accounting, accounts, admin, administrator, advertising, billing, contact, feedback, guest, help, home, info, mail, majordomo, orders, postmaster, sales, service, support, test, webmaster).

Just when you may have thought there was nothing you could do to avoid spam, in the next part of this series we will cover "Strategies for Preventing Spam." The third installment will be "Help others, Don't Let Your Computer Relay Spam," and the final installment will be "So How Effective Are These Techniques?"



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

2 Apr Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am – noon
5 Apr First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Discussion - Annex, 1:30 - 3:30pm
9 Apr CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon; All are welcome.
14 Apr Two Focus Groups - CCGS Library - 10-noon, German; 1-3pm Canadian - everyone welcome
24 Apr General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 7 – 9 pm.
14 May CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon; All are welcome.
18-19 May Spring Seminar, CCGS Library & Annex, see web page for info - limited seating!
25 Apr Deadline for May newsletter; e-mail material to gskuech@pacifier.com, apmb@pacifier.com
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 - March, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m..
Usually no General Meeting is held month of Spring Seminar, 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