

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

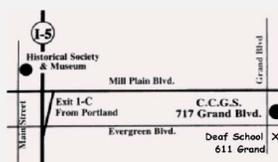
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Noon to 6 pm

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, May 22, 2007, 7 - 9 pm

CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd

Getting Ready for a Field Trip

Hints & Help For Planning Your Next Research Trip

This presentation will feature tips and tricks for planning a research trip, given by CCGS members who have "been there, done that!" Whether it's to the Archives, to Salt Lake City, across the "pond," or to the old home town where Great Grandpa lived, you'll hear suggestions from folks who have already done it

**** ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS ****

Nominating Committee Report for 2007-2008 term

I would like to thank my committee members; Lillian Fullerton, Jeanine Bailiff, Jennifer Warren, and Jane Germann for their efforts. We were asked to secure a slate of officers for the upcoming election. We canvassed most of our members and found individuals that were willing to run for two of our four vacant offices.

For Treasurer: Dolores Dougherty For Vice-President: Garry Lucas

At this time we still need people to come forward to run for President and Secretary.

Won't you please consider helping your Society with some of your time and let us put your name forward as a nomination from the floor? The jobs have a one year term running from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Job descriptions are available in the CCGS folder at Library or you can call Diana Cruz for more information about the president's job.

The election will be held on May 22 during our general meeting from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We need a quorum at this meeting in order to hold an election. Please come out and support Clark County Genealogical Society and those that have come forward to serve.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara L. Baker, Nominating Committee Chair

A note from President Diana Cruz

Our April meeting was well attended. John Rudnick told us that *Old News is Good News*. I know he made me more aware of the tidbits of information that can be hidden in the microfilms of old newspapers. The May meeting will include a panel discussion on getting ready for a field trip, as well as tips and tricks to help us all in our ongoing family history research. At the May meeting we will also elect officers. You can read more about this in this newsletter. A big thank you to the nominating committee for taking on the task of finding people to fill the positions.

As I continue to visit the history of CCGS for the past 35 years, I find that in early 1977 the first Saturday workshop was held, as well as a 6-week series of classes taught by Lois Kullberg at the Grant House. Marilyn Inman was the first editor of the Newsletter, which was to inform members about local and regional genealogical events. In the summer of 1977 the society held its first of many garage sales. No Junk allowed, collectible items only!

In 1978, CCGS started issuing membership cards. *Trail Breakers* was mailed to the members, an improvement on trying to keep track of who had picked up a copy. In February, the Newsletter started listing surnames being researched by the members to help connect people researching the same lines. Membership had grown to 97, and there was a need to find a larger meeting space. There were other items important to the society in 1978: The 1900 US Federal Census for the United States was released to regional libraries and the Mormon Church. In April, CCGS was designated a non-profit, tax exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service.

That's it for this time. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting on May 22nd and also as you take advantage of our library resources.

CLARK COUNTY CEMETERIES

Patricia McKee Bauer - Webmaster for Web Project



CCGS has been given a Heritage Award that is proudly displayed on our Clark County Cemeteries web page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waclocem>. The award is given by Heritage Award For Genealogical Websites. They commented that they wish they had kin in Clark County so they could make use of this helpful site. Although there is no monetary award, it's an honor to be recognize for our effort.

The web page now has all of the Camas Cemetery burial records from the first burials through 2006. Beth Hancock Cross has finished transcribing the entire *Clark County Cemeteries Volume 6: Camas Cemetery*, published by CCGS in 1989. Updated records from 1989 to 2006 were completed by Annice Sampson. Beth also furnished a lot of photos for the site. She has also been photographing random gravestones in Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The St. James Acres Catholic Cemetery site is progressing nicely, thanks to the efforts of Richard Engstrom. He has taken many photos that are now posted on that web page.

This is a work in progress and is never-ending! We still have a lot of things that can be done to help with the project, including transcribing more records from books CCGS published in the past. If you want to help, leave a message at the library or contact Pat Bauer by e-mail at apmb@pacifier.com

Our Condolences

Our condolences are extended to member Karen Frost for the recent loss of her sister, Jean Gregory, who lived in Montana.

Our condolences are also extended to long-time CCGS member June Andrews and her family on the loss of June's husband Lyle and their son William (Bill) Andrews.

LEGACY and more

Don Finel, our long-time leader, has resigned from the position of Legacy Users' Group Moderator. He will be greatly missed. We will try to carry on, but need a volunteer to lead the group. We will meet Monday, May 7, from 10 until noon, and hope to keep the group going. At the last meeting, several people discussed the idea of starting from the beginning, since there are many new users of Legacy. We also discussed the possibility of demonstrating some simple computer skills, such as: BCC for e-mail; how to copy & paste from one e-mail to another; making an e-mail list when mailing to a group; and using Windows Explorer.

GENCHAT

Our genealogical chat room, which we've named GenChat, continues to have busy Thursday evenings. We "open the door" about 6:45 pm each Thursday, but you can post things anytime you want and we'll see them when we are officially open. We have been using "brick walls" from our members and other friends as projects each week, and we invite you to send yours to us to see what we can do to help you. Nancy Elder Petersen and Patricia McKee Bauer have been co-hosts for a long time, and several others who visit with us weekly are very helpful. Joy Kersteter usually finds a lot of information to post ahead of time for our brick-wall subject. Jerry Thompson in Colorado also enjoys finding solutions to the many questions. Charles Hansen in Spokane has the Washington Death Index fiche & films at home and he looks up things for us while we're online. Many others also help, so drop in and see what's going on. There is a link to GenChat on our CCGS homepage at <http://www.ccgswa.org> Past transcripts are available on our web page. There are many other members helping us but too many to mention this time. We thank all of you.

CCGS FOCUS GROUPS to meet on Thursday May 10th, at the CCGS Library

1 pm to 3 pm: Scandinavian Focus Group.

This will be the initial meeting of the CCGS Scandinavian Focus Group. "Scandinavia is a historical and geographical region centered on the Scandinavian Peninsula in Northern Europe and includes the three kingdoms of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The other Nordic countries, Finland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands, are also sometimes included because of their close historic and cultural relations to Norway, Sweden, and Denmark." [source: Wikipedia]

3 pm to 5 pm: British Isles Focus Group.

The first meeting of the British Isles Focus Group (in March) was quite successful, with a lot of information shared on research techniques and locations. Geographically, the British Isles consist of the islands of Great Britain [political subdivisions England (including Wales) and Scotland], Ireland [political subdivisions of Ireland and Northern Ireland], the Channel Islands [Guernsey and Jersey], the Isle of Man [a self-governing crown dependency], and many smaller islands.

For both sessions ... bring your research, your road blocks, your successes, and be prepared to share these with other CCGS members.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

June Nack
Jackie Jamison
Chauncey R. Morton
Kay & Bob Cooke

Richard & Mary Baldwin Sr.
Glenna & Rory Bowman
Maura Rohan Quilling &
Jane Haneberg

WELCOME BACK

Beverly Mallory
Teresa Foster
Robin Cutler
Ramona Bennett

Now on our web page is an easily searchable up-to-date list of the CCGS Library holdings, including books, CDs, fiche, film, and vertical files.

This PDF file is at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/p2098.htm>

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Donated by US Army Corp of Engineers, Seattle Div.
*Northwest Passages: History of the Seattle District US Army
Corps of Engineers Volume II 1920-1979*

Donated by Rose Marie Harshman:
Genealogist's Handbook for Atlantic Canada Research

Donated by Clarissa Farnsworth:
*Pickaway & Washington Townships Cemetery Inventories
and
York County, Pennsylvania Records and History*

Donated by CCGS Research & Preservation Committee:
*1887 Washington Territory Census and
Clark County Cemetery Records: Camas Cemetery 1989-
2006*

Donated by Barbie Baker
*History of the Seventy-Third Indiana Volunteers in the War
of 1861-65*

Lancaster County South Carolina Tours

Oregon Biography Index

Becquet Bequette Beckett Family History

Donated by Nanette & Jay Puryear:
Index to Texas CSA Pension Files

Donated by Dixie Olson:
*The Witchcraft Delusion in Colonial Connecticut 1647-
1697*

Donated by Lower Columbia Genealogical Society:
*History of LaCenter, Washington and
Cowlitz County Washington Territory Auditor's Census
with Surname Index*

Donated by the family of Ruby Vassar:
Mitchell County Cemeteries, .vol 1 and vol. 2

*Cottage Grove Genealogical Society - Oregon Quarterly
Publication 2004-2005*

Donated by Helen Hinshaw Bales
*Cemetery Inscriptions From St. Mary's Cemetery, Silver
Run, MD*

Donated by Carol A. Clark
*Vital Records of Ashfield, Massachusetts To The Year 1850
and Howes Genealogy 1637-2004*

AN EXCITING NEW RESEARCH TOOL

Gene Kuechmann

If you haven't used the RootsWeb or USGenWeb Internet sites, or any of the state and county sites or other sites hosted by RootsWeb, you are missing some useful and important research tools. Now a great new research tool has become available at <http://www.USGenWeb-Search.us>. This free site provides the opportunity to search for people, surnames, or other items by state. While not all states are available yet, they will be soon. As an experiment, I chose Iowa and entered a surname I knew occurred there. I was quickly presented with a number of sources and citations referring to this surname, some of which I was familiar with and some of which were new to me. The sources included marriage indexes, church records, county histories, etc. Another member reports selecting Washington and entering a name and getting listings relative to CCGS. (Thus, researchers anywhere who search Washington may very well discover CCGS, to the benefit of both parties.) Of course, turn about is fair play, so if you have sources that are not listed, you can improve this research tool by contributing your information to the USGenWeb.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

At our March 19th cut-and-paste party, Carol and Doc Clark, Evelyn Campbell, Dorothy Person, Bea Frahm, Sue Larson, DeAnn Wilson, and Anita Roberts came to cut and paste. At both the March 19th and April 16th parties, Annice Sampson, Lillian Fullerton, Bea Jackson, Barbara Baker, Lorlei Metke, Garydena Thompson, Bea Hicks, Diana Cruz, and Jane Germann worked on projects. Darla Brock also joined the group in April. Thanks volunteers! We are cutting down the pile of work that needs to be done. We will resume with a work party in early June, then take the summer off. We always have work to be taken home, if you want to work at home. Just call Jane at 892-8019. *No cut-and-paste party in May – enjoy our seminar!

Avoiding Spam

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by Steve Aberle

This is the second in a special four-part CCGS series on avoiding spam (unsolicited email). In the first installment, we looked at “How Spammers Obtain Your Email Address”. One can procure all the software they want for dealing with spam after it arrives, but results are more effective if you are not on a spammer's email list to begin with.

Part II – Strategies for Preventing Spam

Here are some suggestions:

1. ISP privacy policy. Be sure that your ISP does not sell your email address. Carefully examine the ISP's privacy policy before signing up. Make sure that the language in your service agreement (which, by the way, is a legal contract) specifically states that it will be binding on any subsequent owner(s) of that ISP.
2. Email address selection. When you create a new email alias, select one that is not a common name or job function. Do things like adding numbers or inserting a hyphen, an underscore, or a period in order to make it harder for a computer to guess the alias you use.
3. Website privacy policy. Before signing up for any list on any website, carefully examine their published privacy policy. If they do not have a privacy policy, conveniently avoid the data ownership issue, are vague in any way, have a policy that is too complicated to understand, or will not let you retain ownership of the data that you provide to them (including the email addresses of your friends), then go elsewhere.
4. Discussion groups. Refrain from postings to bulletin boards or discussion groups. If you really must do this, then never use an email address that you want to keep for a long time. Either post using a fictitious email address (like nospam@yourdomain.com) or use a “throw-away” email address (one of those extra email addresses that you might get with an ISP account). When you start to receive spam on the “throw-away” address, have your ISP change it to something else (which then becomes your new “throw-away” address).
5. Contact information on a website. Whenever you (or your webmaster) puts an email address into contact information on a web page, always place that address into a graphics file instead of using straight text. The spammer's automated scripts work by sifting through text. It takes human intervention to look at the graphics, and this is extremely inefficient for the spammers, so they don't do it.

Okay, so it's too late to prevent the spam, now what?

1. Spam blocking software. Try using one of the free or commercial spam blocking software packages. Some email client software, like Mozilla's (free) Thunderbird product for example (see <http://www.mozilla.com/thunderbird>), allows you to train it as to what you consider to be spam. It then does a decent job of applying your rule set to the incoming email and either moves spam into a separate folder or deletes it as you prefer.
2. Help from your ISP. Some ISPs run spam filtering software on their mail server. This may be included with your basic service agreement or be an “up charge”, but even paying a bit extra might be a small price compared to the value of your time in dealing with unwanted messages. If you do receive spam, send the network administrator of your ISP the full message header from that message and ask them to block that IP address (and/or domain name) using their mail server's “access list”. This may benefit their other customers as well.

The next installment of this series will be “Help others, Don't Let Your Computer Relay Spam”, and the final installment will be “So How Effective Are These Techniques?”

IMPORTANT! Please use **CCGS Newsletter** in the subject line of all submissions for the Newsletter.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 3 May Unfocused First Thursday Discussion Group, Library Annex 1:30 - 3:30 pm
7 May Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am – noon
10 May Focus groups: 1-3 pm Scandinavian, 3-5 pm British Isles
14 May CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon. All are welcome.
18-19 May Spring Seminar at CCGS Library Annex with Donna Potter Phillips & Lethene Dennis Parks
22 May General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 7-9 pm; Election! Please come.
23 May 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.
Put **CCGS Newsletter** in the subject line.
22 Aug. Deadline for September Newsletter; follow instructions above.
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 - Feb, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 am
Usually no General Meeting is held in March (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