

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

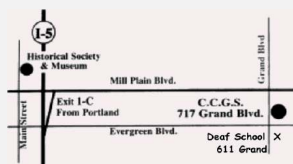
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Tues, Wed & Thurs:

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.

General Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 2007, 6 pm

CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd

Installation of Officers, Potluck, and Show-and-Tell

We will have our annual potluck dinner at our June meeting. Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share with the group (it doesn't have to be homemade). We will install our new officers and also show and tell about some of our genealogical treasures and triumphs. Come and bring something to show - a couple of books, photos, or family treasures, or a work-in-progress or a work completed. This part of the evening is always fun; no speeches are required, and we always enjoy seeing efforts and success of others.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED



At the May meeting, new officers were elected.

They are:

PRESIDENT: Peri Muhich (shown here)

VICE PRESIDENT: Garry Lucas

SECRETARY: **HELP WANTED!**

TREASURER: Dolores Dougherty

ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER: Karen Frost

We offer our condolences to CCGS member Garry E. Lucas on the death of his mother, Geneva Pauline Brundage Lucas, on May 20 in Camas.

Our Education Director, Lethene Parks, underwent surgery May 24. We are thinking of her during what we hope will be a fast recovery.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

AND WELCOME BACK

William & Lynda Brake

Carolyn Rinta

John Feliz

Art Storbo Jen Wright

Suzanne Shatto

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A note from President Diana Cruz

The May meeting was well attended with some good discussion about research trips and how to prepare and some unexpected and surprising finds in some of the researchers quests. The new officers were elected with only a vacancy still remaining for the Secretary position. If you are willing to help with this vacancy (one of the easiest jobs on the board) please let me know as soon as possible. I will be looking forward to my new position as Immediate Past President and helping the new president in her new position. A big thank you again for the great efforts of the nominating committee getting the slate of officers for the election.

We are getting very close to having another issue of the Trail Breakers ready to print. Our aim is to have it ready in June. And speaking of June, our meeting on June 26th will be at 6:00 with a potluck dinner and show and share so mark your calendars now and think about inviting a guest for dinner. The first potluck dinner was held at the annual meeting and installation of officers in June 1979. In October of that year an organizational meeting of the Missouri Interest Group was held at the home of Rose Marie Jonas. (Prior to that time, members of the society who needed or wanted localized help in their particular area of research had to attend the special interest groups available only through the Genealogical Forum in Portland.) This was followed with a Scandinavian Interest Group and the Scottish Interest Group starting in January 1980.

These notes end the first decade of the Clark County Genealogy Society. The beginning of the second decade will start in the next newsletter. Until then, go out and enjoy the beautiful day!

CLARK COUNTY CEMETERIES

If you have never looked at our Clark County Cemeteries project, please stop by soon. We hope you will be pleasantly surprised. See the site at www.rootsweb.com/~waclacem.

This web project is coming along beautifully with many new gravestone photos posted, thanks to so many volunteers. Bonnie Garner recently gave us a CD with photos of every stone in the Washougal Cemetery. Beth Hancock Cross has been transcribing the information from our previously published cemetery books into spreadsheets which are then posted on the appropriate web page. She being assisted by her friend Kathy Clement. Several cemeteries are finished and posted already. Some have

been updated from the time our books were published; others need that work to be done. Everything takes much longer than it should! Beth has also furnished many photos and maps of the Camas Cemetery. Volunteers Paula Peterson and Annice Sampson have each worked on a project for the Camas Cemetery and the burial records from the earliest burial until 2006 are posted.

The St. James Acres Catholic Cemetery, next to the Military Cemetery in Vancouver, has been renamed in a Memorial Day ceremony. It will now be known as the Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery. (There are several links to interesting information about Mother Joseph on our project web page.) Richard Engstrom has been taking photos of the stones in this cemetery. Mary Jo Trensner is working on the Sister's Section. She attended a Catholic school and is able to help us with the proper wording for listing the graves of the Sisters.

MEMBERS FEATURED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Senior Lifestyles is a section in *The Reflector*, a weekly newspaper published in Battle Ground, WA. The May 16 issue featured two of our CCGS members, **Lorie Hector Okel** and **Margaret Colf Hepola**, with pictures and interesting stories. (Both articles are on display at our library.)

Lorie is an avid genealogist and is often greeted with, i Cousin, when she visits our library. It seems she has added many of our members as distant cousins to her expanding family tree. She descends from many early New England families, including that of Richard Warren, a passenger on the Mayflower.

Margaret is a very busy lady as she approaches her 90th birthday. As *The Reflector* notes, Margaret) Hepola history spans the horse-and-buggy age to the space and technology age. She has never lived farther than five miles from where she was born and claims both LaCenter and Woodland as home. She has been named Citizen of the Year in both cities.

English-Danish Dictionaries

There is a free bi-directional English-Danish Lookup at <http://www.babylon.com/define/100/Danish-English-Dictionary.html> This site also provides access to the English to Danish and Danish to English dictionaries and glossaries below, which provide users and learners of both languages with a rich linguistic resource of terms and definitions with clear and concise translations.

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RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

Jane Germann, R&P Chair

R & P Work Party: Wednesday, June 6, 2007, 10am - 4pm. (NOTE: It's on a Wednesday to give others a chance that can't make it on a Monday.)

Did you enjoy the seminar? I am starting to clean out my piles of paper after listening to Donna Potter Philips talking on leaving a legacy not a mess. The summer break will give me a chance to continue organizing. I will use various R & P projects to help break up the job. I will have projects for you to take home for the summer at June meetings and the June work party.

Judy Riley worked on the last segment of the **cemetery books**, so our cumulative index of the books will be complete through Evergreen (Park Hill is on-line). Thanks to Larry Dean for getting us going on this project.

Thanks to our volunteers assembling these clippings, Diana Cruz and Anita Roberts took your work, photocopied and completed the index! Many hands make for completed projects which will be helpful additions to our library shelves..

Volunteers!! You are making all of this possible. Thanks for helping to preserve Clark County History!

CCGS FOCUS GROUPS TO MEET MONTHLY

Scandinavian Focus Group.

Geographic area: Denmark, Norway and Sweden, Finland, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands.
Meetings: 2nd Thursday each month, 1:00pm-2:30pm, at the CCGS library.
Contact person: Richard Engstrom, 503-490-6923, rengstro60@yahoo.com

British Isles Focus Group.

Geographic area: England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.
Meetings: 2nd Saturday each month, 10:30am-noon, at the CCGS library.
Contact person: Bill Whalley, 360-834-4859, bwhalley@comcast.net

UNFOCUSED DISCUSSION GROUP

This Genealogy Discussion Group meets the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30pm at the CCGS Library. Everyone welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to work at the CCGS library as librarians.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! We will train you. You may participate once a month (or as often as you wish), either on a regular monthly schedule or any day that is convenient for you. You will work with another librarian, as we need two people per shift. Our hours are 12-6 PM Tuesday through Thursday; 10-3 PM Friday and on 2nd & 3rd Saturday. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN ORDER TO KEEP THE LIBRARY OPEN. Please contact Karen Frost, Librarian Scheduler, at 360-891-3733 or Karenfrost1@comcast.net.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Donated by Linda Dietzman:

The Stammbaum
Der Stammbaum/Heritage Review
AHSGR Clues
AHSGR Journal, vol. 10-1987
AHSGR Journal, vol. 11-1988
AHSGR Work Paper 1974 - 1977
NDHSGR Heritage Review, volumes 13-19 1976 & 1977
NDHSGR Heritage Review, vol. 20-25 1978 & 1979
Germans From Russia Heritage Society Heritage Review Vol 11 to 14; Vol 16 to 23 & Vol 26.

Some family genealogies donated by Lower Columbia Genealogy Society:

Bernard Smiths of Purton
Smith
Scott

Other acquisitions:

Oregon Genealogical Society Quarterly Publication: Winter 2004-Fall 2005

If I Can You Can Decipher Germanic Records by Edna M. Bentz

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>

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Godfrey Memorial Library and FamilySearch Centers Announce Partnership

The Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, Connecticut has long been a valuable resource for genealogists. This private library houses thousands of genealogy books and also has an extensive collection of hand-written material, much of which is not available elsewhere. In addition, the Godfrey Library produces the American Genealogical-Biographical Index, or AGBI, which is the equivalent of more than 200 printed volumes. This database contains millions of records of people whose names have appeared in printed genealogical records and family histories. The Godfrey Library has been digitizing much of the information and is now accelerating that effort. Even better, visitors to LDS FamilySearch Centers around the world will now have free access to the digitized material available.

Godfrey Memorial Library Director Richard Black has now announced a partnership agreement between Godfrey Memorial Library and FamilySearch, the genealogy division of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Godfrey Library's online materials will now become available at 4500 FamilySearch facilities around the world. The text of that announcement is posted on the Godfrey Memorial Library's web site at <http://www.godfrey.org/announce.html>

LEGACY USERS' GROUP

We will meet Monday, June 4, from 10 a.m. until noon. We will show how to install a new Legacy program and the differences between the standard (free) and the deluxe editions. We still need a leader for the group. We will not meet during the summer and will probably resume in October. The first Monday in September is a holiday.

VACUUM CLEANER NEEDED!

Do you have a spare vacuum cleaner that's just sitting around at your home and taking up room? We need one in good working order for our library and annex meeting room. The one we have is about ready to quit completely. If you have one you'd like to donate, please call the library at 360-750-5688 or send an e-mail to info@ccgs-wa.org Thanks for your help.

A CALL TO ARMS (and legs and bodies)

DOC (Dennis R. Clark)

My fellow CCGS members, let me introduce myself. My name is DOC. My wife, Carol A. Clark, and I have been life members for ten plus years. Over the years we have volunteered as librarians, at cut and paste parties, and Carol is now working on the "obits project" at home. Presently I am the assistant to the facilities manager, Anita Roberts. She's the brains, I'm the brawn. My task is the physical upkeep of the library/annex: lights, plumbing, heat, cleanliness and security.

The reason for this letter? My request to the 500+ members is to commit yourself to as few as 4 hours/year in service to the Society. This would greatly assist the people who are spending 20+ hours/week (as is my boss). We have many small tasks that need attention. Be a gate keeper – open the annex for the many groups that rent our meeting space. Then come back later to lock up. It only takes minutes. Setting up for classes, or providing refreshments for seminars, would be a great help. Assist new members with their research and find a friend at the same time. Provide assistance to the various committees with "phone tree" reminders, or join with a fellow member or spouse as a relief librarian. Just a few additional hours may allow us to keep the library open an extra day a week. Ask if there is a specific task you can do, like making copies or updating records. Some of these jobs can be done at home or with a quick trip or two to the library once a month, and could be fitted in among your personal errands.

If we want this society to be successful and last into the future, we need to help. Just a little. If the time to help is just not available, a small check (\$10) in lieu of labor would be greatly appreciated. Earmark it for cleaning the carpets or a new vacuum cleaner or your favorite project. Every little bit helps.

Avoiding Spam

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by Steve Aberle

This is the third installment 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”, and in the second installment we looked at “Strategies for Preventing Spam.” Now we look at folks who are (usually unknowingly) part of the overall problem. Please don't let one of them be YOU!

Part III – Help others, Don't Let Your Computer Relay Spam

Sophos, a UK company that produces anti-spam software, estimates (based on January through March 2005 data) that 60% of all spam comes from “zombie” computers. These are computers that have been compromised (by a virus, worm, visit to a malicious website, etc.) and have been, without their owner's knowledge, taken over by a remote user. Once a spammer is in control of your computer, they can use it to relay spam out to anywhere they want. Ever notice your Internet connection speed slowing down each time you use it? This is one of the tell-tale signs that your computer is a zombie.

What you can do?

1. **When you obtain a new computer, install all the security fixes for your Operating System before connecting to the Internet for the first time.** Yes, this means obtaining and using a CD from your manufacturer. Otherwise, your new computer can be infected faster than it takes to download and install the needed updates.
2. **Use multiple computer logins.** Your administrative login (with full system privileges) should only be used for installing operating system upgrades and applications software. Create and use a “user” login (with no system privileges) for doing everything else (downloading upgrades, web surfing, email, word processing, spreadsheets, music, games, etc.). If you, as a user, don't have permission to write to your computer's system files, then neither will that virus you receive.
3. **Be very cautious about signing up of “automatic” software updates.** A safer strategy is to download updates first using your non-privileged computer login, and then install them using your administrative login.
4. **Keep your computer's software up-to-date.** According to Sophos, a Windows XP computer without a firewall, patches, or anti-virus protection stands a 50% chance of being infected by an Internet worm within just 9 minutes of being connected to the Internet. After 40 minutes there is a 90% chance of infection. A blunt discussion of Microsoft Vista security can be found on the http://www.theregister.co.uk/2007/02/20/vista_security_oversold web page.
5. **Install a firewall.** This software (or preferably hardware) blocks the bad guys from compromising your computer. Using a firewall is especially important if you have an “always-on” Internet connection (DSL, cable, T1, etc.).
6. **Disconnect from the Internet whenever you can.** Turn off your computer when you are done using it or unplug your computer's network cable when you don't need the Internet. You can't be invaded if they can't reach you.
7. **Use anti-virus software and keep it up-to-date.** There are numerous commercial and free (yes, free) software packages available.
8. **Don't open email attachments that you are not expecting.** Attachments are a favorite way to spreading infections to unsuspecting users.

The final installment in this series will be *So How Effective Are These Techniques?*



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 4 June Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am – noon
6 June R & P Work party, 10 am to 4 pm, Library Annex
7 June Unfocused First Thursday Discussion Group, Library Annex 1:30 - 3:30 pm
9 June Focus Group: British Isles; 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
11 June CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon. All are welcome.
14 June Focus Group: Scandinavia; 1 pm - 2:30, CCGS Library
26 June General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 6-8 pm; installation, pot-luck & show & share.
22 Aug. Deadline for September 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.
30 Sept.-7 Oct Research trip to Salt Lake City

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month unless announced otherwise at CCGS Library Annex.

Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 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 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