

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

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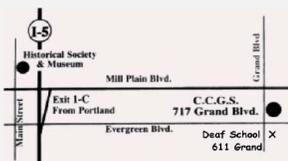
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Tues, Wed & Thurs:

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.

CCGS General Meeting

November 27, 2008, 10-12 noon

CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd

Diana Cruz on *FamilySearch Indexing*

During our recent CCGS group trip to visit Salt Lake City and to research in the Family History Library, we learned a lot about the current project of digitizing and indexing historical documents and making them accessible to all of us in the future at no charge. The indexing portion of the project has been divided into very manageable portions so volunteers can do as little or as much as they want to do to help. Even if you are not interested in doing any of the indexing, this meeting will offer a sneak peek at what is coming online for our research.

RED FACE DEPARTMENT

Your editors offer their sincere apologies for failing to notice the mistaken time in the General Meeting announcement on page 1 of the October Newsletter. The correct time was given elsewhere in the Newsletter and on the web page, so we hope that no one was inconvenienced by our error.

SHAMBAUGH BOOK WANTED!

An Iowa researcher is interested in buying a copy of *The Shambaugh Family, Lancaster Branch*, by Nadine Shambaugh Mikesell, copyright 1991. If you have one you might sell please contact CCGS - 750-5688 or send an e-mail to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org with "Shambaugh Book" in the subject line. She is also looking for *Chronology of the Nine Generations of the Shambaugh Family in America*, by Lois Shambaugh Castleberry, copyright 1948.



Condolences

Our condolences to Bea Jackson on the death of her brother, Rex O. Warren, on October 1 in Yacolt, WA.

We offer our condolences also to the family and friends of June Andrews, who died September 22. June was the first Life Member of CCGS.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

Jane Germann

Next R&P workshop is Monday, November 19th, 10 to 4, at the CCGS annex.

The coffee pots are a brewing. The volunteers are hard at work. Progress is being made. The last work party was October 15th and these people took time to come into the annex and work on various projects – mainly the cutting and pasting: Susan Mills, Darla Brock, Nina Williams, Gaydean Thompson, Laurlei Metke, Beth Cross, Barbara Baker, Lillian Fullerton, Jeannine Bailiff, Dolly Merrick, Glen Jones, Anita Roberts, Diana Cruz and Jane Germann. Thank you wonderful volunteers! Thanks also for those who have worked on the vitals projects in the past – Diana Cruz reports that she got a request for an obituary just three days after the index for the year went on line and she was able to get a copy for the person. This is a result that we were working for and it came in big time! Wouldn't it be great if all obits were as easy to request!

The **cumulative territory censuses** for Clark County are finally printed. If you have Clark County people before 1900, these may be a help. They should be on line at the state, but it may be more convenient to come down and get a hard copy at CCGS. Thank you Anita Roberts.

The **Indian Census** project for the state is being completed. It was a hard one to do – figuring out the phonetically spelled Indian names that varied from year to year. The English names were fairly straight forward, but it still took a lot of time. The first of the batch were sent to the state in late September and another batch will be on its way soon. Bea Hicks bravely took on a segment as did Steve Connick. Dixie Arata and Amy Singer tried to proof one series but the Indian names were complex. Those still working on the census are Diana Manning, D Becker, DeAnn Wilson, and Jane Germann.

Don and Sharon Houck should complete the **Clark County map index** for 1928-9 soon – this does not contain city of Vancouver people, but should help with finding out-lying people on the 1932 census, which has not been indexed for Washington state. Thanks for doing this job.

Just a reminder: Donations to CCGS are tax deductible (to the extent allowed by law).

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Have you renewed your membership lately? Did you resist filling out the membership form because it was a renewal and they already know all the stuff on the membership form? **Why do I have to fill that out each year when I renew my membership?**

This is a question we have often heard when someone was writing their check to pay for renewing their membership to CCGS. Each month membership forms are sent to remind members that their membership is expiring. Completing this form or a form at the library is the **only verification that your membership has been paid**. The Membership Chair does not receive any money or see any money for membership dues. The money is processed by the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and deposited into the CCGS account. All completed forms included with payments for membership, classes, or seminars are then distributed to the proper committee chairs. So, if no form is sent how does the committee chair know you have paid for renewal of membership or other activities with CCGS? Please help all of us by **COMPLETING** the forms. It will decrease the chance that your payment slips through the cracks and is missed by the committee chairs needing to know you have paid.

A BIG THANK YOU to all in helping our volunteers do their jobs efficiently and quickly.



Sunshine, anyone?

CCGS needs a “Sunshine Lady” or “Sunshine Guy” to send an occasional get-well card or condolence card to a CCGS member or the family of a deceased member. To volunteer for this job, just send a note to CCGS at gensoc@ccgs-wa.org and put “Sunshine” in the subject line. Verneice Adams resigned because of ill health. Meanwhile, we are sending Verneice our best wishes for a quick recovery.

Google Books:

Glen Jones

Google is in the process of putting thousands of books online. If you have not done so recently, go to Google and type in a family name. If they have anything online it will come up, including scanned pages of books as well as books for sale that may have information you are looking for. I typed in some of my family names and came up with a family tree on one branch and on another branch a book for sale on Ebay that was considerably cheaper than it was when I found it on Amazon.

Message from our president

We humans come from vastly different backgrounds and develop distinctive individual personalities & interests. As a ‘society’, CCGS has banded a group of people with a common interest, our ancestral roots. Some of us are just getting started. Others have been working at growing their family tree for years. Some are content with the information they have gleaned from the internet. Others have meticulously gathered documents from far and wide to prove their lineage. CCGS has a unique set of individuals, systems, and structures built over the years to serve the needs of its members and customers. We continue doing some things because they are necessary to our existence. We do others because we have always done it (and, we have always done it ‘that way’).

Questions I have asked of our board members, and I now ask you, are what is the mission of CCGS, what values exemplify our organization and its members, and what is our vision for the future? For it is our vision, mission and values that should drive our direction and activities.

Time is the most valuable asset any of us possess. How we spend it greatly determines our success or failure. Time spent most effectively is that time spent working toward achieving our goals, individually and collectively. If you don’t know where you’re going, it doesn’t matter which road you take.

Please take a few minutes this week to think about what your concept of the mission, vision and values of the Genealogical Society should be. Then forward those thoughts via e-mail to the Society. Here’s hoping that we here at CCGS are at least the fertilizer that helps you grow your family tree. Yours in service, Garry

Cleaning up my shelves & luring new members to CCGS

Pat Bauer

Have you ever wondered what to do with the genealogy magazines you get each month? You know, *Family Chronicle*, *Family Tree*, etc.? I decided to begin leaving them in waiting rooms. Doctor and dentist offices and beauty/barber shops can always use some new reading material. I put a new label on each one after blacking out my name and address. The label reads:

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Salt Lake City Research Trip

Diana Cruz

The CCGS group of 14 enjoyed some good weather in Salt Lake City while you were getting lots of rain here in Vancouver. Several people drove and enjoyed the beginning of the fall colors and the first snow on the hills and mountains. I think we all had some success in our research. The volunteers and staff at the library were very helpful, as usual. Our group dinner was at the hotel and we ordered in Chinese food for some of us and pizza for the others. Very informal and fun.

Five of us went to a briefing about the digitizing and indexing projects that are the subject of our November meeting.

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the 2008 CCGS Group Research Trip to SLC. The hotel has been booked for arrival on October 5, 2008 and departure on October 12, 2008. There will be more information and reminders later.

Clark County Cemeteries

Pat Bauer

The cemetery project is coming along slowly but surely. I'm changing some of the pages with a lot of photos so they will be easier to post and easier to process. St. James/Mother Joseph Cemetery is the current one keeping me busy. Richard Engstrom has furnished us with so many photos that I'm breaking several of the letters of the alphabet into more pages, such as SA; SCA-SCU; SE-SP and ST-SY.

We have some obituary indexes posted now with which people can order copies from us. The indexes are composed from the many pages of information which are being compiled by our "Cut & Paste" parties. The books of obituaries will be on our library shelves for visitors to use. See Clark County Cemeteries at www.rootsweb.com/~waclem

Two Memorials

If you would like to donate toward a memorial for either Betty Hart or June Andrews, you are invited to send a check to CCGS at PO Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668. It has been suggested we use the donations for Betty Hart to buy an "Open" neon sign for the library. The board will make the final decision on this. When donating, please put a note with your check so we will know how to use the money. Anyone can start a collection for a memorial for any deceased member. It just takes someone to do it! Funds can also be given when attending a meeting or visiting our library.

Prizes at the Anniversary Celebration

We have a lot of great prizes that have been donated for the November 3rd celebration. Below is the list.

Legacy Family Tree Ver. 6 by Millennia
Deluxe Edition bundle - Donated by Millennia (abt. \$60)

Beacon of Light with Deanna Rose
CD donated by Deanna's mother, Dorothy Wear
Retail value - \$15.00

1851 British Census (CD)
Devon, Norfolk & Warwick only
Family History Resource File - Duplicate from CCGS
Retail value when new: \$6.00

Passenger & Immigration Lists Index 1538-1940
(CD)
Excess from CCGS Library - Retail when new: up to \$50

Psychic Roots - Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy
Henry Z Jones Jr. - signed by author
Duplicate from CCGS - Retail value when new: \$14.95

In search of your Canadian Roots - Angus Baxter
Excess from CCGS Library Shelves - Retail value when new: \$14.95

Naming Clark County - 2002 Edition by Pat Jollota
Donated by Jane Germann - Retail value: \$14.99

Hand Turned Pen - Beautifully hand-crafted by Larry Germann. - Value about \$25 - Donated by Jane Germann

Reader's Digest *Book of Facts*
Donated by the CCGS Library- Used but perfect
Retail Value - \$30.00

MACs for Dummies 6th Edition
Retail value when new - \$19.99 Donated by Don & Pat Bauer

American Nature - Our Intriguing Land & Wildlife
Reader's Digest - 1997
Excess from the CCGS Library Shelves
Retail price when new - \$30

Printed Sources - Guide to Published Genealogical Records by Kory L. Meyerink
Excess CCGS Library - if new price - \$49.95

Dating Old Photographs -1840-1929
Gently used From the CCGS excess books shelf

Man's Analog Quartz Wrist Watch with brown band
Brand new - never used - Retail value - unknown
Donated by Don & Pat Bauer

Tote Bag - Lady Bug design
Retail value - \$12.95 - Donated by Don & Pat Bauer

Kentucky Genealogical Research by George K. Schweitzer, Ph.D.
Duplicate from the CCGS- Retail price when new: \$15

History of Vancouver Public Schools
Duplicate from CCGS Library Shelves - Retail price when new: about \$20

Rose Design Photo Tree
Donated by Peri Muhich

Cute Cat Door Stop
Donated by Peri Muhich

Jigsaw Picture Frame
Donated by Peri Muhich

Handybook for Genealogists - 10th Edition
Gently used, \$59.95 new price -
Donated by Lethene Parks

Umbrella & Coffee Mugs - Perfect for a rainy day!
Donated by *The Columbian*

Special Moments - Family Photo Album
Donated by Peri Muhich

San Antonio Then and Now
Gently used Donated by Patricia Bauer

Family Charts & Stickers - Lots of fun things!
Donated by Peri Muhich

Murder Runs in the Family - A book by Anne George
Interesting book, gently used.
Donated by Peri Muhich

Portraits of America - The PACIFIC NORTHWEST -
Mary Brant Kerr From the CCGS Library Shelves -
Retail price when new - \$14.98



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Nov 1 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30-3:30 CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 3 35th Anniversary Celebration for CCGS - Library & Annex 10am - 4pm
- Nov 5 Legacy Users Group resumes meeting - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 8 Scandinavian Focus Group - 1:00 - 2:30pm - CCGS Library
- Nov 10 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon - CCGS Library
- Nov 12 November Board Meeting - 9am - 11am - CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 19 Cut & Paste work party - 10am-4pm - CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 21 December Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please
- Nov 21-24 Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Nov 27 November General Meeting - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
- Apr 19 Spring Seminar - CCGS Library Annex - Gary Zimmerman of the Fiske Library
- Oct 5-12, 2008 Annual Salt Lake City research trip

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at CCGS Library Annex.
 Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m. Web page at www.ccg-wa.org
 No General Meeting is held in April 2008 (Spring Seminar), July, August, or December.