

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

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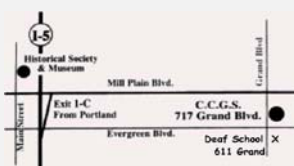
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Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

Tues, Wed & Thurs:

Noon to 4:30 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

February 26, 2008, 10-12 noon

CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

Planning for the Events That You Hope Will Never Happen



As family history researchers, do you have your research backed up and in a safe place? In the event of a fire, earthquake, hurricane, flood or other disasters, are you prepared? What are your plans if you had just minutes to evacuate and what would you take that you consider of value to you?

Jim Heiden has had to deal with all of these in his job as an insurance claims adjuster. He will be sharing some things that will help your claims adjuster do his or her job when you are faced with that unexpected disaster and tips on how to plan ahead in case of evacuation.

Join us for the February 26th general meeting for some great information that you will want to share with others.

On a related topic, see the program announcement *Preserving the Historic Record of Your Home & Family*, on page 2 of this Newsletter.

January's Quick-Change Program

When our scheduled speaker for the January 22 meeting called the day prior to the meeting to say he was ill, Diana Cruz scrambled to find an appropriate subject for a program presentation. She chose *How To Write An Obituary* as her subject, and she enhanced her talk with a Power Point presentation and a six-page handout. The substitute program was well received and a lot of questions were asked and answered. We even shared a few jokes about things that had happened to us in the past. We discussed writing our own obituary so it would be correct and storing it away with important papers. We also discussed how to write an obituary for a relative or close friend.

There are several excellent Internet sites with lots of information that were listed in the handout. These are now links on the Clark County Cemeteries home page.

The regularly scheduled speaker, Gary Mack, will present *Producing Your Family's Video Biography* at a later date.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION
Diana Cruz (in the absence of Jane Germann)

The Cut and Paste event continued on January 21st with Lillian Fullerton, Barbara Baker, Rosaly Divens, Beth Cross, Bea Hicks, Gaydena Thompson, Lorlei Metke, Bill Whalley and Diana Cruz. Those attending included some new volunteers and they all made great progress in the ongoing job of cutting and pasting the obituaries and getting those closer to book form and indexed for easier searches. We also had an email hello from Jane Germann, who is stuck in Connecticut with a cast on her ankle from slipping on the ice while getting into the car. She should be in a walking cast by the end of February. This has changed her trip plans and she sure is not happy about that. We sent her an email and are hoping she is on the mend soon.

The next Cut and Paste event is planned for Monday, February 18th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the CCGS Annex. Anyone is welcome for whatever time will fit their schedule. We can also send projects home if that works better for you. Thank you to all who have given time to the continued efforts for Research and Preservation.

RECOMMENDED BYLAWS CHANGE



The CCGS Board of Directors recommends the following change to the CCGS Bylaws: Article VIII, Library, Section 4 – Delete the first sentence of Section 4, which reads “The Board of Directors shall establish a fee for use by nonmembers.” The rest of Section 4 gives the Board of directors the authority to establish and approve all rules governing library activities and holdings.

Removing the first sentence of Section 4 would give the board more flexibility and allow a change of policy to request donations from nonmembers and members alike. The board feels this change would not result in a loss of revenue, and might even increase it to some extent. This change in the CCGS Bylaws will be voted on by members present at the February general meeting. Please attend.

Preserving the Historic Record of Your Home & Family

Architectural Heritage Center, 701 SE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR
Saturday, February 16, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Members: \$10, General Public: \$15; Pre-registration is encouraged.

Have you researched the history of your house and now need to organize and preserve all those documents and photos? Do you have fragile old family letters, deeds or documents that you're afraid to handle? Do you worry that you're not storing your family's precious albums, photos, or clothing properly?

Learn how to organize and store your family treasures so they'll be around for your grandchildren to enjoy. Jennifer Cobb, President of Heirloom Preservation and longtime AHC member, will introduce you to the basic steps of protecting and preserving the irreplaceable historic legacy of your home and family.

- * Learn how to preserve letters, newspapers, photos, albums, clothing and more.
- * Find the place in your home that is the safest for storing fragile old documents and photos.
- * Learn the common mistakes people make in trying to preserve family memorabilia (and how to avoid them).
- * Learn how to protect your family history so this wonderful link to the past will be preserved for generations to come.

BRITISH ISLES FOCUS GROUP NEWS

The British Isles Focus Group covers England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man. We have been meeting on the second Saturday of each month in the CCGS library at 10:30-12:00 am. Not everyone can make it to these meetings, so we have also started an internet discussion group. It's not a chat like the Thursday evening GenChat session. It's a bulletin board/email exchange. Send me an email. I'll sign you up and you can see how you like it. Bill Whalley bwhalley at comcast.net

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Molly Weinstein

Linda Heglin

Frank Heglin

New in the Library

Donated by Thomas Ippoliti: *Berlitz Self-Teacher Italian*

Donated by Vernon Loy: *Middlesex County, Vol. 3* by Edwin Conklin
Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol. 3, New York
The Maryland Original Research Society of Baltimore Bulletins

Also Donated: *A Genealogical Atlas of England and Wales*
By David E. Gardner, Derek Harland, Frank Smith

Library/Librarians Calendar



With such positive responses about the calendar we included in the January Newsletter, we are doing it again this month. Dorothy Wear thanks the volunteers who came forward so we can keep the library open each scheduled day. Some of our new librarians are Bill & Lynda Brake, Wayne Tuholski and Al Rasimas. And thanks to those librarians who are doubling up on their duties. All your help is greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Dorothy Wear by e-mail at: dorothybwear@peoplepc.com or leave a message at our library. If you can work a specific day each month, just let Dorothy know and she will see if that can be arranged. The library hours will change permanently March 1. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday will change to 10am to 4:30pm. These hours can be split, if you don't want to work that long. The hours for Friday and Saturday will remain 10am-3pm.

This calendar includes scheduled discussion groups and various meetings that are scheduled monthly. This calendar can be also be downloaded from our web page at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/p1433.htm> The calendar is subject to change so check it before making a trip to the library. You can also phone 360-750-5688 to check on the hours open.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES THIS COMING SPRING



Education Director Lethene Parks has announced the following classes that will be held this spring at the CCGS Library Annex. The specific dates still have to be set. The class fees will remain at \$10 per session for CCGS members, \$12 for non-members. More details in the next Newsletter and on our web page.

Instructors and classes are:

Published Sources - Larry Dean

Evaluating Sources - Alice Allen

Adobe Photoshop Elements - Steve Cornick

Cemetery Research on the Ground: "Witching" for Graves - Lethene Parks

Using Mail Lists, Bulletin Boards and Forums - Larry Dean

Immigration and Naturalization Records - Lethene Parks.

Annual Spring Seminar

Our annual Spring Seminar will be held April 19, 2008 at the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd in Vancouver. Registration will begin at 8:30 and the sessions will begin at 9:00.

Our speaker will be Gary A. Zimmerman a long-time genealogist. His credits are listed on the brochure and registration form that is included with this newsletter. He serves as the President of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation in Seattle.

The seminar topics will be New England Research, Finding Germans in America, Quaker Research and Canadian Research On-Line.

The registration deadline is April 12, 2008. There is an absolute limit of 100 seats at this seminar so register early to secure your seat! This will be a "brown-bag lunch" affair. You can bring your own lunch (we will provide tea and coffee) or you can go to one of the various restaurants in the area. Several are located three miles or less from our library.

We will once again have one of the fun drawings for some special prizes. Bring those free address labels you receive in the mail to put on your ticket(s).

A seminar registration form was inserted in the mailed version of the Newsletter. It is available on the web page at: http://www.ccgswa.org/2008_spg.pdf



Our Web Page

Do you make use of our web page? If not, you're missing out on a good tool with a lot of information and some great links. Check it out often. Some of us have set up our browser (Netscape, Firefox, Internet Explorer) to use the CCGS web page as our home page. It opens easily with any of these programs. Check out the site at www.ccgswa.org for meeting information, activities, classes and lots more.

February 2008

Librarians' Schedule

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Continuing thru Feb 28

Winter classes (see web page for information)

- Feb 4 Legacy Users Group - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
- Feb 7 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 CCGS Library Annex
- Feb 9 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon - CCGS Library
- Feb 11 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am - CCGS Library Annex (8:30-9:00 Executive Board Meeting)
- Feb 14 Scandinavian Focus Group - CANCELED FOR NOW
- Feb 20 March Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please**
- Feb 26 February Meeting - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
- Apr 19 Spring Seminar - CCGS Library Annex - Gary Zimmerman of the Fiske Library
- Oct 5-12 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.
No General Meeting is held in April 2008 (Spring Seminar), July, August, or December.

Notify Joy Porter, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. JoyFamily6 at msn.com or call Joy at 360-576-9290.