

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

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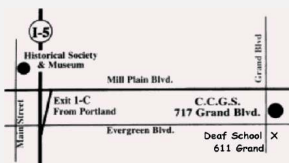
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Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

Tues, Wed & Thurs:

10:00 am 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 right. We are in the strip mall on the left side, north of Evergreen.

CCGS Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 19, 2008, 8:30 am – 4 pm
CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

Gary Zimmerman,
Director of the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle,
will present an all-day workshop on New England
and colonial research.

The Fiske Library has one of the best collections
of New England materials west of Boston, and Gary Zimmerman
is an extremely knowledgeable and engaging speaker.

Sessions are:

New England Research
Finding Germans in America
Quaker Research
Canadian Research On-line

Members: \$35
Non-Members: \$40

For lunch: Coffee and tea provided
Restaurants and delis within three miles or bring a sack lunch.

Seating is limited in our annex. Send in your reservations now
so you won't be disappointed. See our web page for a reservation form at
www.ccgs-wa.org/2008_spg.pdf

When parking all day to attend the seminar, our landlord has requested
that you park south of the building in the other parking lot. There are
businesses in this complex open on Saturday and they will need the parking
spaces for their customers. Please do NOT park directly in front of the building.
These parking spaces are limited to one hour each.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASS

The first FREE class for Beginning Genealogy had 10 participants eager to learn about starting their family history research or adding new directions for continuing research. The next class for Beginning Genealogy will be on Wednesday, April 16th, 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Pass the date along to friends who are interested in getting started with their family history research. If you need more information call Diana 360-573-7128 or email her at 4dcruz@comcast.net.

There is NO CHARGE for this class and it is open to the public. Another class will be held Thursday, May 1st, 10:00 – 12:00 noon. All classes are at the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA

NOMINATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Nominations for elected positions as well as many committee positions are needed. If you have some time to give to the society it would be a great help in keeping the society alive and the doors open for all to enjoy. I simply don't have the time to call each and every one of you to see if there is a job that fits your time and skills, so would appreciate hearing from you. Call or email Diana at 360-573-7128 or 4dcruz@comcast.net. If you have bookkeeping skills, we have an urgent need for someone for that position. It only requires about two hours a week, and having some experience with Quick Books on the computer would be helpful or we can train if needed. This is not the Treasurer position, only the bookkeeping part of taking care of the financial reports. There is always more need for librarians, bookbinding and repair, labeling and shelving new books, membership processing, help opening and closing the Annex when rented by other groups, general meeting programs, and working on the vertical files. There are probably many more little jobs that could use your help, so let me know how we can design a job that will fit your time and skills in the mutual goals of our genealogical society. As an all-volunteer organization we rely on everyone to give what he or she can so we all benefit and can expand CCGS beyond its 35 years of success.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

Diana Cruz (in the absence of Jane Germann)

March 17th was our latest work day and we made good progress on several projects. There were 10 people either cutting and pasting the obituaries or picking up projects to work on at home or bringing back projects that they had taken earlier. Bill Whalley brought in some work he has been doing on the old Trail Breakers and getting them in a digital format on a CD. This was a great effort by all in our continued preservation projects. The next Research and Preservation work day will be on Monday, April 21st.

Program Ideas Anyone?

If you have an idea of an interesting program for our members with someone locally as the speaker, please let us know. We're always looking for new ideas. Send an e-mail to gensoc at ccs-ga.org or phone 360-750-5688.

Spring Genealogy Series Continues

We have three spring classes in April:

April 3: Immigration and Naturalization Records

Lethene Parks will be teaching you how to find those immigrant ancestors.

April 10: Mail List, Message Boards, and Forums

You can learn from Larry Dean about how to use these valuable Internet research tools.

April 17: Cemetery Research on the Ground

We'll visit a cemetery and learn how to "witch" for graves. Yes, just like they witch for water!

We can be out there finding those ancestors, even if they are six feet under! Join us at this class for a new experience. This is one you won't want to miss.

It's not too late to sign up. \$10 per class for CCGS members; \$12 for others.

New on our library shelves

*Deaths Reported by Der Libanon Demokrat, a
German Newspaper*
By Robert A. Heilman

Donated by Thomas Ippoliti
A History of the Minisink Region
By Charles E. Stickney

Old Maps of Clark County, Washington
By Clarke County Abstract Loan Co.

Donated by Vernon Loy
Genealogical Advertising Quarterly, 1898-1901
By Lucy Hall Greenlaw

Donated by Ramona Bennett
Genealogical Periodical Annual Index v. 21
By Laird Towle & Karen Ackerman

Early Germans of New Jersey
By Theodore F. Chambers

Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, vol. 22
By Laird Towle & Catherine Mayhew

Old Gravestones of Putnam Co. NY
By Barbara Smith Buys

Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, vol. 28
By Leslie Towle & Laird Towle

CCGS LIBRARY CALENDAR

The April Library Calendar is included in this issue. Always check the CCGS web page or call the library at 360-750-5688 to see if anything has changed. This calendar was printed prior to the finalization of the schedule.

Clark County Cemeteries Update

The ambitious web project for the Clark County Cemeteries is still underway. With about 50 cemeteries in Clark County and with our goal of having photos of nearly every gravestone in these cemeteries, it's a slow, time consuming project. Many people are helping for which we're thankful. The many appreciative notes we've received show people are finding the site and are thankful for what we've done so far. Richard Engstrom has now finished photographing the stones in Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, formerly known as St. James Acres. They are not all posted yet but our webmaster is working on it.

SALT LAKE CITY GROUP TRIP TO THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

It's not too early to get on the list of those interested in going to Salt Lake City to research in the Family History Library. There are already 6 people on the list. Think about it and plan to go with us this year. This trip is scheduled October 5th to October 12th, 2008. If you want to have your name added to the interest group, then give Diana a call 360-573-7128 or email her at 4dcruz at comcast.net. More information will be coming as we get closer to the dates.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE BY GFO

**The Genealogical Forum of Oregon,
located at 1505 SE Gideon St, Portland, Oregon 97202,
will host its annual Open House on May 3, 2008
from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

The day's activities include opportunities to meet with professional genealogists who are well versed in the art of discovering clues to your family and its history. Check out the demonstrations on how to use your computer to locate websites that can help you in your quest. Take a tour of the library including the rare book room that has wonderful historical information. There will also be a book sale of excellent reference guides.

GFO has one of the largest independent genealogy libraries on the West Coast. Besides the Oregon collection, they have regional, national, and world-wide microfilm and printed resources. Come learn about the organization and the classes offered to both the novice and experienced genealogist. Light refreshments will be served and includes the opportunity to win a year's membership. For additional information, please call 503-963-1932 or visit the website at www.gfo.org.

Condolences Offered

Our condolences to Shirley Driver on the death February 26 of her husband, William R. "Bill" Driver. Both Shirley and Bill were members of CCGS in the past.

The library calendar is inserted here in the mailed version.

You can see it at:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/p1433.htm



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Apr 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30-3:30 CCGS Library Annex
Apr 3, 10, 17 Final three Spring Classes - see web page or call library for more information
Apr 7 Legacy Users Group - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
Apr 12 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon - CCGS Library
Apr 14 April Board Meeting - 9am - 11am - CCGS Library Annex
Apr 16 FREE Beginning Genealogy Class - 7 - 9pm - CCGS Library Annex
Apr 19 Spring Seminar - CCGS Library Annex - Gary Zimmerman of the Fiske Library
Apr 21 Cut & Paste work party - 10am-4pm - CCGS Library Annex
Apr 23 April Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please
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.