

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

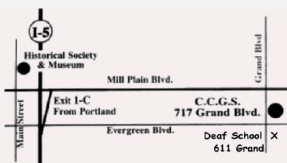
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Closed Sunday & Monday

Tues, Wed & Thurs:
10 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 General Meeting

May 27, 2008, 7-9 p.m.

CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

Officers will be elected for 2008 – 2009
and
CCGS members Elsie and Dale Deatherage
will present *Western U.S. and French Research Sources*



Nominations for Elected Positions 2008 – 2009:

President – Garry Lucas

Co-vice President – Doc and Carol Clark

Secretary – Steve Cornick

Treasurer – Karen Frost

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Pat Dye

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May 27th general meeting 7-9 PM. The members in attendance at the May meeting will vote for the officers for the 2008 – 2009 term.

Elsie and Dale Deatherage will share the opportunities they had while attending the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy this past January. The Institute focused on week-long courses and they will summarize the information that they learned and share some of the most valuable tools that they were given.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

Jane Germann

Next Cut and Paste: May 19th, at the annex, 10 - 4

Frances Boyd was a first time cut-and-paster on April 20th. She was joined by Diana Cruz, Beth Cross, Lorlei Metke, Gaydena Thompson, Barbara Baker, Evelyn Campbell, Lillian Fullerton and Jane Germann. Anyone is welcome to come and try their hand at cut and pasting. Our next gathering is Monday, May 19th, at the annex, 10 - 4, or come for just a part of the day.

The Indian Census roll we were working on has been sent in sections to the state for posting on their website. Two sections are still waiting to be completed. Beth is doing 2008 Columbian vitals at home. Barbara Baker was working on proofing an index. Lillian completed photo copying the 2003 vitals and we are in need of an indexer. If anyone is interested in doing this at home, let Jane know at 892-8019.

Thanks Diana, for keeping this group working on the vitals while Jane was back east. Diana got two requests for obits just this week, after a week without any requests. This project is paying off with information being matched with people who need 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 during 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@comcast.net. More information will be coming as we get closer to the dates. There are already 8 people on the list. Think about it and plan to go with us this year.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Conway, June Elizabeth
Person, Frances
Irving, Bonnie
Person, Larry

Perleth, Blayne
Winston, Donna
Carner, Beryl E
Jones, Gwen
Hadley, Marjorie (Marji)

Miller, Russell Wallace
Schoenlein, Paula
Torgensen, Vernell
Varner, Rose

AND WELCOME BACK, REINSTATED MEMBERS

Geoghegan, Mary L
Gilroy, Corrine M
Duffens, Lois M

Adams, Ron D
Adams,Carolynn S

Burns, Robert R
Burns, Ruth Ann

Some sayings from an old genealogical calendar

"When there's a will, I want to be in it."

"I trace my family history so I will know who to blame."

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

The Clark County Genealogical Library will be holding training for staff librarians on May 19th and May 24th, 10-12. Meetings will be at the library located on Grand Ave. Please park in the rear parking lot. Any member is welcome to attend to see if you would be interested in volunteering a day or two a month – a great way to learn how easy it is to become an active librarian.

The CCGS Library Calendar for May is not included this time. We had too many empty spaces so opted to just post it on the web page. It will be posted Wednesday, April 30, so look for it at: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/p1433.htm

USGenWeb NEWS

Alice Allen, USGenWeb Project County Coordinator for Clark Co., WA

Ancestry/TGN recently made some changes to their hosting of the USGenWeb Project that made us unsure of USGenWeb's future on Rootsweb, or for that matter, of Rootsweb's future. The National page for the USGen-Web Project moved from the Rootsweb server to their own server. Because USGenWeb already owned its own domain name, there is no change to the URL of the National (main) page, <http://www.usgenweb.org>. However, most of the states have also moved from Rootsweb, including Washington. The new URL for Washington's USGenWeb page is <http://www.wagenweb.org>.

Many counties all over the country have moved or are in the process of moving. The Archives and Special Projects of the USGenWeb Project have also moved. Updated URL's are on the National USGenWeb page. I am in the process of moving the Clark Co. USGenWeb site to the above server, but not everything is moved yet. If you have any of the State pages bookmarked, be sure to check the National page to see if they have moved. (The links on the CCGS web page have been changed to these new ones.)

CEMETERY RESEARCH ON THE GROUND

Pat Bauer

Have you ever heard of "dowsing" or "witching" for a well? The same thing can be done in a cemetery to find an unmarked grave. Fourteen people, most of us non-believers, tried our hands at witching for burials in the Old City Cemetery at the last spring genealogy class on Thursday, April 17. Lethene Dennis Parks led and instructed the class.

All of us shortly became believers in the practice of witching. It was such an odd feeling to have those brass rods move by themselves in our hands. Some places were "more active" than others, and one lady in particular seemed to "have the touch." It was an enjoyable, interesting class and we hope Lethene will offer to teach the class again so more people can learn the art of witching for their relatives.

I want to try my new skill at the old Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland. I'm sure my great great grandfather is buried there but he's not in the office records. If witching the grave shows a burial there, then I will be 99.99% positive of the burial place for Stephen Evan Ross in 1858.

A QUERY ABOUT GRAVEL POINT SCHOOL

Laura Mather sent us the following note: "I have found a picture that says on the back: Gravel Point School, teacher Mr. Fife 1905. I haven't been able to find a listing for that school, can you help me? I would gladly give a copy to anyone interested. It was taken by a Vancouver studio." Laura can be reached by e-mail at budmather@juno.com. If you can help her, please share the information with our CCGS Newsletter Editors.

New on our library shelves

..... Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen



Donors unknown:

A History of St. Andrews Society of New Jersey
By St. Andrews Society of New Jersey

Cemeteries of Washington County, vol. 1
By Kenneth & Phyllis Hoggatt

Kerr Family History
By American Genealogical Research Institute

Donated by Thomas Ippoliti:
Italian-American Family History
By Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

The Hardings in America
By Wilber Harding

Moses Vail of Huntington, LI
By Wm. Penn Vail

*The Descendants of George Holmes of Roxbury,
1594-1908*
By George Arthur Gray

Descendants of William & Elizabeth Tuttle
By George F. Tuttle

The King Family of Suffield, Connecticut
By Cameron Haight King

Donated by Dolores J. Burns:

Portland Area Census Records
By Herb Bumgarner

Donated by Irene Page:
Civil War Diary of Isaac B. Shumaker 1863-1865
By Isaac B. Shumaker

Donated by Ramona Bennett:
Genealogical Periodical Annual Index vol. 18
By Laird Towle & Catherine Mayhew

Genealogical Periodical Annual Index vol. 25
By Laird C. Towle & Karen Ackerman

Genealogical Periodical Annual Index vol. 26
By Laird C. Towle, Karen Ackermann

Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, vol. 27
By Laird C. Towle, Karen Ackermann

Donated by Donna Pyle:
Hoye's Pioneer Families of Garrett County
By Charles E. Hoye

Donated by Vernon Loy:
The Boyds of Boyd's Tank
by Frank E. Boyd

More old genealogical sayings:

“He gave a researcher \$100
To trace his family tree:
Then he gave him \$500
To keep quiet his discovery!”

"Genealogy without documentation is mythology."

SOME NEW WASHINGTON STATE INTERNET LINKS

Two new helpful Internet research sites are now linked to the CCGS web page. The first is on the Washington State Digital Archives site at <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx>, covers Skamania County marriage records from 1905 through 2007. Click on Marriage Records to learn more about the project. This is a FREE site! The entire Washington State Archives site is located at: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/>

The second site has the Washington State Death Index from 1907 to 1960. It's located on Family Search, the LDS site. See it at: <http://search.labs.familysearch.org/> You must register with your e-mail address to use the site, but there is no charge.

Major virus warnings you might receive by e-mail not entirely true.

Anyone using Internet mail such as Yahoo, Hotmail, AOL and so on.... which is almost everyone:

This information supposedly arrived a few days ago from both Microsoft and Norton.

It said, "You may receive an apparently harmless e-mail titled 'Mail Server Report.' If you open the file, a message will appear on your screen saying: 'It is too late now, your life is no longer beautiful.'"

People were told, "Subsequently you will LOSE EVERYTHING IN YOUR PC, And the person who sent it to you will gain access to your name, e-mail and password."

You might be told, "This is a new virus which started to circulate a couple of weeks ago. AOL has already confirmed the severity, and the anti virus software programs are not capable of destroying it - so far. The virus has been created by a hacker who calls himself 'life owner.'" This is not a new virus and their statements are not entirely true!

"THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY SNOPEs" is what they usually say. You can see their site at: www.snopes.com/computer/virus/mailserver.asp Another place to check information such as this is on the CCGS page at: www.ccg-s-wa.org/p5141.htm One helpful site linked there is Urban Legends.

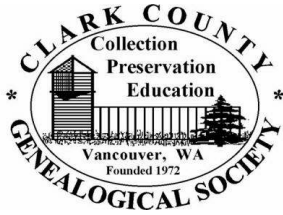
Another bad one is the Postcard virus:

You should also be alert to not opening any message with an attachment entitled 'POSTCARD,' regardless of who sent it to you.

This virus will be received from someone who has your e-mail address in his/her contact list. If you receive an e-mail called 'POSTCARD,' even though sent to you by a friend, do not open it!

This is the virus supposedly announced by CNN. If a card comes to you and is supposedly a "Hallmark Card" or some other well known company, it should be safe to go to that company site and type in the number contained in the message. DO NOT OPEN anything directly from your e-mail message. This is the only way to be safe, rather than sorry! And do NOT forward the information to everyone in your address book! If in doubt about any message, just delete - don't open!

Some people must have too much time on their hands. Maybe they should take up genealogy and become volunteers!



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

May 1	First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30-3:30 CCGS Library Annex
May 1	FREE Beginning Genealogy Class - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
May 5	Legacy Users Group - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
May 10	British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon - CCGS Library
May 12	May Board Meeting - 9am - 11am - CCGS Library Annex
May 19	Cut & Paste - 10am - 4pm - CCGS Library Annex
May 21	June Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please
May 27	May General Meeting & Election of Officers for 2009
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 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.