

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Happy Holidays everyone!



There is no General Meeting in December because of the holidays.

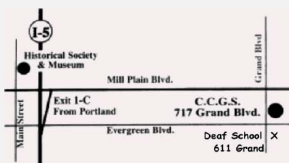
Also, the library will be closed beginning Saturday, December 20, and will reopen Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

CCGS Library
717 Grand Blvd
Vancouver, WA

360-750-5688

gensoc at ccgs-wa.org

Hours of operation



Closed Sunday & Monday

Check the on-line library calendar for unexpected closures.

Tues, Wed & Thurs:
10:00am 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.

CUT AND PASTE

Jane Germann

Our next Cut and Paste workshop will be Dec. 15th (the third Monday) at the Library Annex, 715 Grand, from 10 to 4.

Those working on cutting and pasting in November were: Gaye Thompson, DeAnn Wilson, Diana Cruz, Lorlei Metke, Barbara Baker, Bill Whaley, Beth Cross, and Jane Germann. The group has nearly completed cutting and pasting items from 2005 and 2006. Beth Cross is entering data and cutting and pasting 2008 at home. Barbara Baker started working on the 2007 items, and we had a new member, Judy Rowlands, stop by and pick up material to take home. On January 19th Diana Cruz will be in charge of Cut and Paste.

Thanks Diana for opening the annex for all of us!

NOTICE: CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

The January 31st Class on Land Records is postponed to February 21st 10am to noon. Our instructor is going to be out of town the 31st.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

and non-members alike

by Dennis "Doc" Clark, VP



Are you aware our CCGS Library Annex is available for rent? We're located at 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver. We have very reasonable rates. The space would be ideal for large family celebrations, an office party or a club meeting. Up to fifty people can be accommodated. Tables and chairs are included.

Our rates will go up soon, so reserve now.

Contact:

Diana Cruz

(360) 573-7128; email: dcruz@pacifier.com

Help CCGS and enjoy a carefree get together at the lowest prices in town.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GARRY LUCAS

2008 has gone by so quickly! It's already December, and we're in the midst of the holiday rush. As I look back over the last year, I am impressed by the many people who donate their time, talent, and money to assist the Society. They are people of good heart who have our heritage as a common interest. There are many who donate hundreds of hours of their time and hundreds of dollars a year to advance the mission of CCGS. They catalogue books and documents, work as librarians, serve as board members or commit-tee chairs, cut and paste, teach classes, organize seminars and workshops, publish newsletters and other materials both in print and on the web, update membership lists, and the list goes on and on. All that is done in an effort to assist others in breaking down their 'brick walls'.

I offer my sincere thanks to all of you who work so hard to continue the work of the society.

During this year we have experienced the beginning of what appears to be a recession. Many people find themselves in difficult economic conditions. Our society is not immune. Expenses have risen, and some, like rent and utilities, will increase next year. Revenues from membership have declined over the last five years. Our membership was once over 700 and is now over 400. All of this has caused the board to reach into reserves to cover operating expenses every month. We are looking at ways to decrease expenses and increase revenues: Our own brick wall. Like many today, we are facing difficult decisions.

As a member of the society you will have already received a letter from us requesting your help. Please consider an end of year gift to the society to assist us in making up the deficit, even as the board considers means to make the society sustainable.

The members of the board thank you for your continued membership and interest in the society, and we wish you a blessed holiday season, and a new year filled with hope.

BOOK REPORT

by Bill Whalley

Genealogy Online, 8th Edition, by Elizabeth Powell Crowe, McGraw Hill, 2008, paperback, 426pp

Nothing written about the Internet can be truly comprehensive and up-to-date, but this book does a fair job. It covers basic genealogy information, genealogy education on the Internet, software, online genealogy communities, search engines, types of on-line information and how to find them, and more. There are some examples of how people have broken through brick walls using the Internet.

I guarantee that you will find something you didn't know about, or will see something you did know about in a different light. Often the description of an item is brief, but is enough that you can find it on-line and explore it for yourself. You can preview this book on "Google Books" or check it out from the library. It is available at the Camas Public Library, Battleground Community Library and the Vancouver Community Library. You can also buy new and used copies on the Internet, but this sort of text goes out of date quickly. Be sure you get the latest edition.

In Sympathy

Our sincere condolences are sent to CCGS members Herb & Beth Femling on the Oct. 17 death of Herb's mother, Eleanor Eigsti Femling. Mrs. Femling died at her home in rural Vancouver after a two year battle with cancer.

VOLUNTEERS AND/OR COMMITTEE CHAIR OPPORTUNITIES AT CCGS

Help is needed immediately in the following areas if we are to continue functioning as Clark County Genealogical Society. We are an all volunteer organization, and help from all, as volunteers as well as financial support, is what keeps us alive. In the words of Margaret Hepola: "Volunteering gives you a warm fuzzy feeling." Any small contribution, whether it is your time, talents, or money, is greatly appreciated. For more information, you can leave a message at the library at 360-750-5688 or send an email to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org.

Trail Breakers
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Librarians
Scheduler
Committee
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Legacy User Group

SALT LAKE CITY TRIP 2009

The rooms at the Carlton Hotel in Salt Lake City have been booked for the annual CCGS Group Research Trip scheduled for October 4 – 11, 2009. It is not too early to start planning on a great chance to research in the Family History Library for the week with other CCGS friends and members. If you have questions or want to be put on the list to join the group, please email gensoc@ccgs-wa.org or leave a message at the library 360-750-5688.

GenChat SUCCESS STORY

Patricia McKee Bauer

We try to have a "brick wall" project each week in GenChat, our online genealogical chat room which began in 2000. For those of you not acquainted with GenChat, we're on board usually from 6:45 until 9 pm each Thursday evening. Access is via the CCGS web page at www.ccgswa.org - click on Activities and then on the door to the chat room. Just use your given name and perhaps the initial of your surname when checking in.

Mike Clark in Chicago sent us a query to put in our Trail Breakers, but we thought we'd try it first in GenChat for the November 13th session to see if we could help. He wrote, "Trying to find living relatives for Luther Davis who died in Clark County, WA in 1907, and who is buried in Mountain View Cemetery. Children were born between 1859 and 1868 in Jennings County, IN and were named Clara (married James Willey), Elmer (married Mary Gallimore), Andrew Fouts (married Matilda Christ), Jacob P. (married "widow" Jensen), and Minnie (married Michael Lynch). Thank you. Mike"

You can see our success at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/11-13-08.txt. When we closed GenChat that evening, I posted the completed transcript and then sent a message to Mike with the link to the transcript.

The next morning, I heard back from Mike. This is what he said:

"I started doing genealogy in 1977 at the wake for my last surviving grandparent, taking notes from all of those aunts, uncles and cousins who were in the mood to talk.

31 years later I am still at it.

The contents and approach of the link that you sent me are one of the top 5 genealogical innovations I have seen in that 31 year period.

1. The kindness of so many people giving an evening.
2. The SWAT team approach, concentrated in one evening.
3. The use of on line resources
4. The IT merging of various stream
5. The personal touches buried throughout the information stream.

Please forward this to all of those who gave a night to chase my Davis/Lynch line. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart.

If you need something run down in the Chicago area, I will try to return the favor, but probably without the innovative skill that your team did. You were a highlight of my week. Thank you again. Mike Clark"

Several of our regular visitors in GenChat helped with this but we can thank Joy Kersteter for much of the input. Maybe it's time for you to give us a brick wall to tackle. And you're welcome to join us any Thursday evening in GenChat. We always enjoy having a new visitor to help. We will be closed Christmas and New Years because of each of the holidays being on Thursday. Another plus for Mike - a CCGS member is a cousin!

New at our Library

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

These books will be available after Dec. 4, 2008

Donated by Mary Ringwood:

*Sprague, Lamont, Edwall Washington
1881-1981*

**Donated by Lowell & Kathy
Amundson**

Daniels County (MT) History

Donated by Pat Bauer:

*Plains Woman: The Diary of Martha
Farnsworth, 1882-1922*

Donated by Irene Page:

*Tombstone Inscriptions of the
Caledonia Cemetery (Ohio)*

Donated by Nancy Jackson:

*Seasons of America Past
The History of Pittsylvania County
Virginia*

*Augusta County (VA) Marriages
1748-1850*

Donated by Clarissa Farnsworth:

*Kentucky Genealogical Research
(This replaces another copy we
already owned)*

Donated by CCGS R&P

Committee:

*Clarke County, Washington Territory
Census, Cumulative Index 1871-1889
Parts 1 & 2*

Donated by unknown persons:

*Colonial Ancestry of the Family of
John Greene Briggs*

*The Wonder of Williams, A History of
Williams Co., ND Vol. 1 & 2*

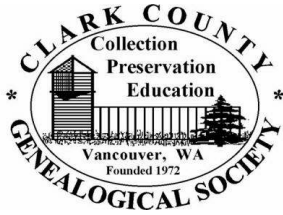
*Counties of White & Pulaski, Indiana
Hulls in 1850*

*German-English Genealogical
Dictionary*

*Reynolds Family Association
Centennial Collection*

CCGS December Librarians' Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Closed	2 10-4:30 Carol Clark 10-4:30 Dolly Merrick	3 10-4:30 Elinor Perlich 10-4:30 Al Rasimas	4 10-12 Rosalie Schachterle 12-4:30 Alice Allen 10-4:30 Larry Dean	5 10-3 Wayne Tuholski 10-3 Mike Finley	6
7 Closed	8 Closed	9 10-4:30 Al Rasimas 10-4:30 Dorothy Wear	10 10-4:30 Alberta & George Dawson	11 10-4:30 Alice Allen 10-4:30 Larry Dean	12 10-3 Wayne Tuholski 10-3 Toni Hansen	13 10-3 Bill Whalley 10-3 Mike Finley
14 Closed	15 Closed	16 10-4:30 Al Rasimas 10-1 Bea Frahm 1-4:30 Lillian Fullerton	17 10-4:30 Chuck & Marian Thompson	18 10-12:30 Dolly Merrick & Rebecca Siple 12:30-4:30 Lillian Fullerton & Barbara Baker	19 10-3 Rosalie Kepler & Pat Bauer	20 Closed
21 Closed	22 Closed	23 Closed	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	26 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	27 Closed
28 Closed	CLOSED UNTIL JAN. 6, 2009	30 Closed	31 Closed	1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Closed



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Dec. 1 Legacy Users Group - 10am-noon, CCGS Library Annex
Dec. 4 FREE Beginning Genealogy Class - 10 am - noon
Dec. 4 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30, CCGS Library Annex
Dec. 8 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
Dec.13 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
Dec. 15 Cut & Paste work party - 10am - 4pm, CCGS Library Annex
Dec. 17 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please

NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER
Library closed Dec. 20, 2008 - Jan 6, 2009

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 the month of the 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. JoyFamily06 at msn.com or call Joy at 360-576-9290.