

Reminder: There are no Newsletters or General Meetings in July or August.
They will both resume September 2012.

If you want to keep in touch during this time, join the CCGS Weekly Blurb by Pat Bauer.
Send information to: apmb at iinet.com

New Additions to Our Library Collection

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following books were added to the Library shelves this past month. They will be found on the "New Shelf" after June 1st, and will reside there for the month of June.

Donated by the

CCGS Research & Preservation Committee:

Vital Records of Clark County, Washington, 2009

Vitals from the Columbian, Index & 12 volumes

Donated by Virginia Holter

Early Arkansas Residents, 1814-1816

By Marion Stark Craig

Arkansas Newspaper Index, 1819-1845

By James L. Morgan

Illiana Research, Report 2

By James V. Gill

Donated by Linda Dunn

*It's Spelled E*I*DSON: The History & Genealogy of the Surname Eidson, vol. 1 & vol. 2*

By Wanda Carroll Eidson

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

The Romance of Greenland Gap

By Mark Hale

Donated by Glen Jones

The Long Road to Lonesomeville

By Mark Highberger

The Yachats Indians, Origins of the Yachats

Name, and the Prison Camp Years

By Joanne Kittel & Suzanne Curtis

Donated by Patricia McKee Bauer

Some of the Descendants of John Belding, Son of Richard Belding, the Settler

By Barbara J. Jones

Donated by Rose Marie Harshman

Hudson's Bay Company Archives (microfilm),

Series 1 Section A to Series 2 Section A

By Hudson's Bay Co. Archives

Hudson's Bay Company Archives (microfilm),

Series 2 Section A to Series 2 Section B

By Hudson's Bay Co. Archives

Trail Breakers

Watch for the announcement that Trail Breakers is online for your viewing pleasure. We have several interesting articles. CCGS member Lois Kullberg tells of her uncle discovering the "Ape Caves." Another article is about Alexander McKay and his descendants.

Fall 2012 CCGS Classes



The CCGS Education Committee has announced its slate of classes for this Fall. Watch for details on the class schedule and pricing in the September CCGS Newsletter, on the website, in the CCGS Weekly Blurb, and at our Library.

Free “Getting Started” Class

This is the perfect class for those just beginning their family history journey.

TreeRoots Genealogy Series

Focusing on the fundamentals, this seven-class series is ideal for those who are somewhat new to family history as well as those who have not been active for quite some time and need a refresher.

1. Seeing the Forest Through the Trees – This class focuses on sorting through the twigs and leaves of information you have collected, organizing the branches of your family tree, and documenting your process along the way.
2. Counting the Tree Rings – This class looks at when your ancestors were counted in the U.S. Census and how to locate and search those records.
3. Growing New Twigs – This class will help you determine when and where your family tree branched out (birth, marriage, and death records).
4. Where Was Your Tree Planted? – This class examines land, court, probate, and other records at courthouses that help determine when and where your family tree was transplanted.
5. Trees In My Back Yard – This class focuses on finding local resources that you can access without leaving the community where you live, including history centers, libraries, museums, and facilities.
6. Virtual Trees – This class looks at the most important reasons not to believe everything you read on the Internet, and how to root out good silviculture practices.
7. Sustainable Harvests – This class will help you create and maintain a personal protocol for family history research, including establishing timelines, pursuing problems, and overcoming those inevitable brick walls.

Getting to know . . .Judith Nelson Peterson

Hej! (That's Swedish for "hi," howdy," or "hello.") And that is the extent of my foreign language capabilities. Yes, Sweden shows up in my ancestry.



My story begins in Fremont, Dodge country, Nebraska, with my birthing to Albae Heywood Nelson and Jennie Joy Fellows Nelson. (And I am a Cornhusker forever.) My father was born in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska, and was a graduate of the University of Nebraska School of Law. He was an attorney and county judge in the same town I was raised in. My mother hailed from Mills County, Iowa, and both parents were raised on farms. She trained as a registered nurse in Omaha, Nebraska, and was employed for 24 years as the School Nurse for Blair city schools.

I was graduated from Blair High School, attended Dana College locally, and then obtained my RN degree in Omaha, Nebraska. While working in a Denver, Colorado, hospital, I met and married John "Tim" Peterson, who had come from Woodland, Washington. We started our family with a daughter and son born in Denver. After living in Craig, Colorado, we came to Republic and Curlew, Washington, where Tim owned an insurance agency and I worked in nursing. Our last child, a son, was born in Republic. We also lived in Pullman, Washington, for a few years before coming to Vancouver in 1985. My husband retired from the insurance business and, after over 23 years of employment at the Vancouver Clinic, I am retired also.

My mother gave me an interest in genealogy by being a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and I am currently in the Fort Vancouver Chapter here. Our ancestor, Abiel Fellows, even has a chapter named after him in Three Rivers, Michigan, of which I am an associate member. My ancestors are Scots-Irish, English, Welch, and Swedish.

As my maternal ancestry was established and documented extensively, I have been working on my Dad's Swedish line. I am enjoying the Scandinavian Focus Group at CCGS and I am still searching for the elusive immigration and port of entrance into the US and the way those folks migrated to Nebraska. Hopefully, one day I can join the Salt Lake City tour and become more informed about my roots.

Among the principal surnames I research are:

Paternal: Nelson, Sutton, Johnson, Hopkins, Schreiber, Coulter, and Sheffield.

Maternal: Fellows, Allely, Wheeler, Ring Evans, Wells, Rice, Woodrow, Strahan, and Deming.

Locations of interest are Nebraska, Iowa, Virginia, and Michigan.

Congratulations to our new officers.

Elected Tuesday, May 22, are President Sherry Warren, Secretary Pat LaRock, and Treasurer Larry Germann. They join elected officers Vice-President Dolly Merrick and Assistant Treasurer-Secretary Eric Jordahl. They will be installed at our June 26th meeting, which is a potluck starting at 6:00 pm.

SALT LAKE CITY TRIP

SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 7, 2012

Sharon Houck

Plan ahead now to make a genealogy research trip to Salt Lake City Family History Library. They have records for all states and many foreign countries. They have translators who are invaluable in helping others find records in foreign countries.

I have made reservations for the week of September 30 through October 7 at the Carlton Hotel, where we have group discount prices. They serve a custom breakfast every morning for lodgers and have shuttles to and from the library several times a day. I will make the specific reservations about September 1, so I would appreciate having the details of your plans before then. You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements whether you travel by plane, car, train or bus.

I prefer to be contacted by email because I am often gone during the day. If you call me, please leave a message and I will return your call. I will answer email messages as soon as I can. Let me know if you have questions. I hope you will plan to make this trip - it is always enjoyable. I will have a meeting at the library in mid-September to answer last minute questions and so we can meet the other CCGS members making the trip. I will send this information out the first of September.

Contact Sharon Houck at 360-892-8106; email to genfever at msn.com

The May 5 Spring Seminar was a big success!

Our speaker from Spokane, Miriam Robbins, gave us an excellent, nicely organized presentation on using the Internet to do genealogy "on the cheap." First, she described the offerings of a number of Internet sites by category, such as records, photos, books and magazines, and so on. She then expanded on finding vital records and obituaries online, as well as finding and using historical newspapers online. She also advised us on how to use the Internet to find volunteer and low-cost researchers. The speaker's handout included the URL of each of the web sites she discussed, so the need for note taking was minimal. The day was well spent.

Thanks are due to the many volunteers who stepped forward to help out, including Karen Frost, Lillian Fullerton, Linda Dawson, Diane Wilkerson, Barbara Baker, Jeanine Bailiff, Gaydena Thompson, Larry Dean, Pat Bauer, Alice Allen, Pat LaRock, April Hess, Dolly Merrick, Dolores Dougherty, Dorothy Wear, Sherry Warren, Lethene Parks, Rosaly Divens, Bill Whalley, Wayne Tuholski, Jane Germann, Richard Engstrom, Brian Runyan, and Larry Germann. Also many thanks for the contributions to the raffle, which netted over \$300. And finally, thank you to Humana for the supplies for the packet supplied to each attendee.

Getting to know . . . Lucy Caroline Hartman Wilson



I was born in Portland, Oregon, to Lucy Caroline (Mumler) and Charles Russell Hartman Jr. My father was an optician; my mother was a dental assistant, retiring as an instructor at the former U of O Dental School (now part of OHSU). My parents' 10-year marriage ended in an acrimonious divorce when I was less than two years old, leaving me with very little knowledge of my paternal heritage. One thing they gave me was a name with many connections. My given names were shared with my mother and the maternal grandmother in whose home my mother and I lived. My first name was also the name of my paternal grandmother's life-long best friend, and my middle name was shared with my maternal great-grandmother, Caroline Frances (Mangum) McKenna. One thing that inspired my interest in genealogy was that I was the seventh Lucy, with one in each of seven consecutive generations.

Like my parents, I am an alumna of Jefferson High School (classes of 1934, 1937, and 1967, respectively). I was the first in my family to graduate from college, getting a BS in Group Work and Recreation from YMCA sponsored George Williams College in suburban Chicago and a MSW from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. Until leaving the workforce in 2000 to care for my mother, I worked for 27 years in Southern Illinois in the fields of adoption and special education/school social work. Since 1971, I have made my home in the St. Louis area. I like to say "I married the boy next door" because Jim Wilson was my next-door neighbor and a very good friend for 10 years before we married 20 years ago. Jim notes he was hardly a boy and likes to tell me that I came to St. Louis because I was supposed to find him and that he was unknowingly waiting for me while having fun being an electrical engineer for the major St. Louis Public Utility.

What led me to Clark County Genealogical Society were memories from long ago of an 80-acre family farm on east Mill Plain and an urge for details forgotten, or never known, about the owners. They were a brother of Caroline (Mangum) McKenna, Thomas Mangum, his 1st and 2nd wives, and two children. The farm is now the site of a huge gravel pit once called the East County Land Fill. It was where the McKenna family first came after riding the train from Boston in 1910, bringing with them only what fit in suitcases and in the packing crate of their upright grand piano. In the mid-1950s, when the last Mangum wife (Cora) died, the farm was sold. I have many childhood memories of tossing the coins into the toll basket on the Interstate Bridge and later roaming the farm freely. Many of my Mangum relatives are buried in Fisher Cemetery, along with another maternal relative, and I continue to decorate their graves. The Mangums originally came west in 1890 from New Brunswick, Canada, first to Dilley, Oregon, then in 1897 to East Mill Plain. They rented and then, in March 1902, bought the farm on East Mill Plain. They were looking for a milder climate and flat farmland, as Tom was "tired of plowing with one leg uphill" in Canada. His one complaint about Washington soil was that it seemed a little rocky; he never realized there was a fortune in the rocks in that soil. Tom's son married into the pioneer Payne family; his daughter married into the Spencer family.

I have found it both good and bad that Mumler is an uncommon name and that originally only one branch of the family came to America, while only one branch of the Mangums went to Canada. The other Mangums remained in Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Virginia before dispersing nationwide. Other names I work on include Prescott, Bartlett, Duntley, and Jewell. There are also a Smith and a Jones. My discoveries include Loyalists who transplanted their slaves to an island off the coast of Nova Scotia; a "Spirit photographer;" a renowned German bandmaster; major participants in the Battle of Bunker Hill and Paul Revere's ride; and an Irish "hedge professor," who clandestinely taught Gaelic on penalty of death.

VOLUNTEER DAY

Jane Germann

Next Volunteer Day: Monday, September, 17, 2012 at the Annex 10 to 2

Enjoy your summer!

The Library Committee met prior to the May 21 Volunteer Day activities. In this group were Elinor Perlich, Bill Whalley, Lillian Fullerton, Alice Allen (and grandson), Karen Frost, Barbara Baker, Lethene Parks, and Steve Cornick. One important decision was made: The librarians do not like cleaning the restrooms, so Barbara Baker will be the "bathroom cleaner" on a regular basis. She was bribed with an assurance of dark chocolate! Please thank her for taking this duty, as we will all appreciate her work.

Volunteer Day participants were Larry Germann, Barbara Baker, and Eric Jordal for the Treasurer group, while Lethene Parks, Dolly Merrick, and Darla Brock worked on preparing a new display in the CCGS window. It looks great! Come see what they have to say about immigration. Nina Williams, Darla Brock, and Dolly Merrick sorted papers into sets so you can pick up a month to cut and paste during the summer months. Lillian Fullerton and Nina Williams finished up the day cutting and pasting. I appreciate this help, which was badly needed. Thanks, ladies!

Steve Cornick came to the rescue when the binder wouldn't work. He called Wayne Tuholski, who came down to check on things – but Steve had figured it out by then. Thanks guys! You are the greatest! The Family History Library at 18300 NE 18 Street, Vancouver, received the bound volume of indexes in honor of their presentation Tuesday night at the general meeting.

CENSUS INDEXING UPDATE

Alice Aultman Allen

As of May 26, almost 47% of the 1940 Census index had been completed. Washington was 99% complete, and by the time you read this article, it should be finished, although it may not be searchable just yet. It takes up to two weeks from completion until a state index is searchable. As of this date, nine state indexes were searchable, including Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Florida, Virginia, Delaware, and New Hampshire. State indexes that are 100% complete, meaning search capabilities will be added soon, include Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Vermont. Many other states are between 90-99% indexed. At the rate indexers are going, the complete 1940 Census could be searchable as early as July—far surpassing original projections.

You can track progress here: <https://familysearch.org/1940census/>

Also, as of May 23, our 11 CCGS registered indexers have completed 17,342 names. Our indexers are Alice Allen, Linda Dawson, Larry Dean, Bea Hicks, Lowell Kenedy, Joy Kersteter, Pat LaRock, Burt Paynter, Brian Runyan, Carleen Stephens, and Sharon Walton. We're aware of several others who are indexing as individuals, not affiliated with CCGS. Additionally, we have registered the Society as an indexer, so if anyone would like to come on down to the Library to see how this works, here's your invitation. User name and password for the Society's account will be located next to each computer on which the indexing software has been installed (computers 2 & 3). I will be at the Library on June 7 & 14 to help anyone who needs assistance.

There's still plenty left to do, and if you'd like to sign up and help the cause, you can do so at the above web address. Scroll down past the progress map and click on the "Getting Started" link. You'll find more information and instructions there for indexing the 1940 Census.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Jun 4 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 am - noon, CCGS Library Annex
Jun 4 Computer Clinic - beginning at 1 pm, CCGS Library Annex
Jun 5 **Writing Focus Group - NO MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST**
Jun 6 **Scandinavian Focus Group - NO MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST**
Jun 7 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
Jun 11 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
Jun 9 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
Jun 16 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
Jun 18 Volunteer Day - **NO MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST**
Jun 26 General Meeting - POTLUCK - beginning at 6:00 pm, Library Annex

Aug 15 September CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to both editors, please

Sept 30 - Oct 7 CCGS Annual Research trip to Salt Lake City

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at CCGS Library Annex.

Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr - Sept, 7 - 9 pm.

No General Meeting is held July, August, or December.

Notify Jeanine Bailiff, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. [jgmb at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.