

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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**Tues thru Fri:**  
10 am to 3 pm

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 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.

## *General Meeting*

Reminder: with the October meeting we will be returning to daytime meetings. The next meeting will be October 22 at 10 A. M. There will be no November meeting because of the seminar and no December meeting due to Christmas.

### Volunteer Appreciation Night, September 24th:

First, all volunteers are recognized for the awesome job of keeping the society moving ahead and making a great library for researchers to come to and find information about their ancestors.

Those recognized at the evening festivities with their name on our Quilt are Ralph Erickson, Marian Kenedy, Lowell Kenedy, Glen Jones, Eric Jordahl, and Frances K. Boyd (who was a volunteer in years past and was nominated by Denni Hamilton-Levonian for recognition. Also recognized were Gene Keuchmann and Pat Bauer for their endless hours of keeping you, the members of the society, informed with the Newsletter over many of the past years. Alice Allen has taken this job. WSU Volunteers Kendra Jae, Sisilla Carpenter, and Jeremy Hill were shown appreciation. For their financial gifting, Margaret Hepola and Colf Foundation, Bill Hidden, and Roy and Mary Katschke were recognized. We are grateful for all our volunteers. And special thanks to Pat Stephens who with Jane Germann designed and assembled the panel additions to our quilt.

After the recognition, a panel of speakers who participated in the OCTA [Oregon-California Trails Association] conference this summer told of their part in the program.

### **Important Notice:**

**Library hours are changing, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
**New hours: Tuesday-Friday from 10 am to 3 pm**  
**Second Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm**  
(See related article for more information)

## *In the Library*

At the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Board meeting a change in Library hours was approved effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. We feel that this will help to reduce the number of days we have to close the library because of a lack of volunteers. The change will also allow our librarians to leave before dark, especially during the winter months. The librarian's calendar for October will reflect this change. The new library hours will be from 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday – Friday and the second Saturday of each month.

With the change in Library hours, the First Thursday Unfocused group will need to adjust its hours. Effective with the first Thursday in October, the times will change to 1 pm – 3 pm in the Annex.

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Volunteer Day, Sept 16, was successful. Steve Cornick comes down and never knows what to expect. Today he encouraged others, got Jane's computer to read Adobe by re-installing the program and helped to put up a new rod in preparation of the new quilt panels for Volunteer Appreciation Night. Eric Jordahl and Larry Germann worked on treasurer's books. Sherry Warren, Alice Allen and Kathy Geyer were in getting the library prepared and organized for fall. Darla Brock and Nina Williams came in and worked on cut and paste for Jane Germann. Bill Whalley checked in to work on membership and Pat Stephens brought in parts of the quilt panels she had sewn at home. It was a productive day.

Watch for announcements of the next Volunteer Day in 2014. The Research & Preservation Committee is officially moving directly into the library committee and there is some re-organization needed.

### **New Books** (compiled by Kathy Geyer)

The following books were added to our library recently and will be on the "New Shelf" during October.

#### CCGS Purchases:

*The Winthrop Fleet, Massachusetts Bay Company, Immigrants to New England, 1629-1630*, by Robert Charles Anderson; and *The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635, Vol. VII, T-Y*, also by Robert Charles Anderson. This last book completes the Great Migration series, and we've been waiting for this one a long time!

#### Donated by Don Fine:

*Grandma Galloway said it was so...* by Shirley Houser Galloway  
*Galloway Connections*, by Shirley Houser Galloway  
*The Boals/Houser History* by Shirley Houser Galloway

#### Donated by Grace M. Peters:

*The Woolverton Family, 1693-1850 and Beyond*, by David A MacDonald and Nancy N McAdams

#### Donated by Madeline Mesplay:

*Century Landowner Atlas of Tipton County Indiana*

#### Unknown Donor:

*Footsteps of the Cherokee*, by Vicki Rozema

We also received several books which are duplicates of ones we already have. These will not be on the new shelf, but can be checked out by current CCGS members. These include *A to ZAX, A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists and Historians*, donated by Madeline Mesplay, and several Angus Baxter research books for British, Irish and German roots (unknown donors); volumes 1 & 2 of *Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research* (donated by the estate of Jean Langowski). A big "thank you" to all of our wonderful donors who keep our library shelves full of great genealogical resources!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here is your chance to join a great group of volunteers. Presently we have about 40 librarians who keep the library open. We have Librarian's Training each quarter. Our next training is scheduled from 10-noon on Monday, September 30, at CCGS. If you are interested in learning about being a librarian, please attend this training. Any questions, call Kara Lynn Rankin at 360-901-5331.

## CCGS Focus Groups

CCGS has three great genealogy focus groups which meet regularly each month:

- Scandinavian Focus group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 am in the Annex
- First Thursday "Unfocused" group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday from 1 to 3 pm in the Annex (new hours)
- Native American Focus group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the Annex

## IDAHO ARCHIVES

The Idaho State Historical Society <http://history.idaho.gov/archives-collections> is the official archives for the state of Idaho. Collections that have been partially digitized include CCC records, territorial records, photographs, prisoner records and much more. A listing of collections can be found at <http://idahohistory.cdmhost.com/cdm/>. Besides the digitized records there are many online finding aids including a listing of all newspapers that have been published in the state and a list of all county records held by the archives. Those records are extensive ranging from vital records to court records, naturalization documents to deeds, probate records to tax records and beyond. Some of the more unusual records are the Mother's Pensions from the depression era, the Soldiers Home. Records and the collection of Idaho Prison Records. There are also a significant number of marriages from selected counties in California, western Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Utah, eastern Washington, and Wyoming. Additionally some very early New Mexico marriages are being added. As of July 26, 2012, the file contains more than River Valley Idaho Histories can be found in the Mountain West Digital Library <http://mwdl.org/>.

The Idaho Gen. Society <http://www.idahogenealogy.org/> has a page for each county, listing relevant government information, resources, cemeteries and links to information. You will also find maps that show counties at different points of time.

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*Contributed by Marian Kenedy, from Aug-Sep newsletter of the Whitman Co, WA, Genealogical Society, pg 2*

### Welcome, New Members:

Barbara Gassin  
Ann Rowland  
Russell Baily

### Welcome Back, Reinstated Members:

Virginia Garey

### Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Larry and Marilyn Bone  
Charles D. Russum

## SCANDINAVIAN CORNER



### OSLO, NORWAY

This is the second article regarding Scandinavian genealogical research. In this article we will look at some resources for Norwegian research. As in Sweden, parishes were the record-keeping entity. In some cases, records may be in the "mother" parish where the vicar resided though serving multiple parishes. Since Denmark and Sweden, ruled Norway for a good part of its history, some of the records may be in Danish or Swedish. The Norwegian church, beginning in 1685, was required to maintain records of christenings, weddings and burials. In addition all residents were to be listed in church books (kirkebøker).

#### NORWEGIAN NATIONAL ARCHIVES

This is a must site for Norwegian researchers. You can search parish records for free.

<http://arkivverket.no/Digitalarkivet>

#### NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL CENTER & NAESETH LIBRARY

This is a US based research center in Northfield, Minnesota for Norwegian-American Genealogy. It has an extensive catalog of Norwegian-American resources.

The Director of the Center will be in Portland on September 16<sup>th</sup> to give a presentation. It is from 2-4pm at the Norse Hall, 111 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, Oregon.

<http://www.naha.stolaf.edu>

#### DIS-NORWAY

Dis-Norway is Norway's largest association for genealogists. The site is mostly in Norwegian but would be a great place to find other related family members doing research.

<http://www.disnorge.no>

#### SEKT & HISTORIE

This is an excellent site about Norwegian naming patterns, local histories, immigration and much more. Much of the site is in English.

<http://www.nndata.no>

Of course, you should utilize the Family Search Center as well as Ancestry.Com

#### CCGS SCANDINAVIAN FOCUS GROUP

The next meeting of the CCGS Focus Group will be Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 10am to 11:30am, at the CCGS meeting room, 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. Please join us as we hope to have a presentation from one of our members who recently went to Sweden to explore her family heritage.

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## *Getting to Know . . . Brian Arthur Runyan*

I was born January 22, 1947 in (sadly) Alameda, California. I note sadly as I am a fifth generation Oregonian (at what point does one become a “native”?), but due to my parents geographical position at the end of WWII (they were both in the Coast Guard for the duration), I do not qualify for one of those cool Heirloom Birth Records. Sigh.

That my father, Chester Arthur Runyan, born in Sid, Oklahoma, 1920, wound up in the Coast Guard in Hawaii can only be chalked up to the vagaries of war. My mother, Ruby Aileen Powell, born 1920, was descended from 1862 wagon train folk, and served in the Coast Guard in Seattle. They were married in March of 1946 in Kansas and I was born let’s see, one, two, three... (OK, whew) ten months later.

In June, 1947 we moved into post-war housing in McLoughlin Heights. The house was torn down to make way for the Mill Plain and Andresen Safeway. At some point we moved to Portland where I grew up an only child attending Kellogg grade school and then Franklin and Marshall high schools before joining the Coast Guard in 1965 just one step ahead of the draft board (literally...I received my induction notice while in boot camp in Alameda, California).

I spent my entire Coast Guard tour in the city so nice they named it twice, New York, New York (there’s those vagaries again). I was a draftsman in the District Electronics Engineering office. We were responsible for all the electronics equipment from Rhode Island to New Jersey. One of the major tasks was to implement the decommissioning/automation of most of the lighthouses along that stretch off the Eastern seaboard. I’ve been doing penance ever since.

When my tour ended in 1969 I returned to Portland and reconnected with a childhood playmate June Pement (we met in the sandbox when we were four). Throwing good sense aside, she said yes and we were married in August of that year.

Sadly, we divorced in 1976. By then we had three children, Alicia, Erin, and Bronwyn. They are all married with families of their own: Madison (now 20), Melissa (now 18 ), Polly (now 16), Riley (now 14) and Charlie (now 3); Henry (now 17 ) and Peter (now 16 ); and Taylor (now 5) and Jake (now almost 4), respectively.

In 1971, I followed in my father’s footsteps and joined the Portland Fire Bureau. I served as a paramedic/firefighter until my retirement in 1991 (Oh, so many stories). I returned to school and earned an Associate’s degree in Architectural Drafting and followed that profession for a time. Then in 1996, I became a bus driver for TriMet in Portland, working until my retirement in January of this year.

My interest in genealogy started way back in the “lick-a-stamp-and-wait” days of the 70s. I dutifully filled out my four generation family group sheets and then promptly forgot about doing much with genealogy until about two years ago. My, how things have changed! The branches I am most focused on now are; Reese, Minnick, and Washam with Chatelain posing my first out-of country challenges (Switzerland 1849).

I am involved in several other activities: Pickleball - a court game played with a net, paddle and “whiffle ball-like” ball; Letterboxing – an adult solve-the-clue and find-the-object game that usually involves hiking; Fitness and bicycling; Calligraphy and dandling grandbabies. Oh yeah, yard work!

Editor’s Note: Brian is our new Education Chairman

### **October Classes:**

- Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, MyHeritage.com Web site. Instructor: Sherry Warren
- Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, FamilySearch.org Web site. Instructor: Alice Allen

Classes run from 10 am to noon; cost is \$12 for CCGS members, \$15 for non-members.



### ***Getting to Know . . . Mary McMonegal***

I was born and raised in Long Beach, California, the oldest of three girls, to Daniel McMonegal and Virginia Wells. My father's family is from Ireland and Germany: Surnames McMonegal (McMonagle), Hickey, Miller, Garman, Henges. My mother's family is from England: Surnames Wells, Hillman, Holbrook, Robinson, Bowling (Bolling), Hutchinson, Webb.

I became interested in genealogy when I had to do a family tree as an assignment in a cultural anthropology course in college. In 1984 I moved to Alexandria, Virginia for a civilian job with the US Navy. With its proximity to Washington D.C., it was a great place to do genealogy. I lived in this area until 2005 when I retired and moved to Quincy, California. I moved to Vancouver in September, 2012.

Some of my genealogy activities have included attending family reunions, visiting areas where my family lived; traveling with my Ohio uncle in the back country roads of northeastern Kentucky looking for family in cemeteries and in county records. My uncle was the "smoozer," getting us into people's houses, I was his secretary, keeping the family records straight. I've attended reunions in Paintsville, KY (Wells family); Grayson, KY (Robinson family); Cambria Co. PA (Miller family); and one in Donegal, Ireland (McMonagle). I also took a Heritage tour of England with the Wells family. We visited areas where our family was from, attended church services at their churches and were treated to lunch at church members houses. Later, we found out we weren't from that area after all.

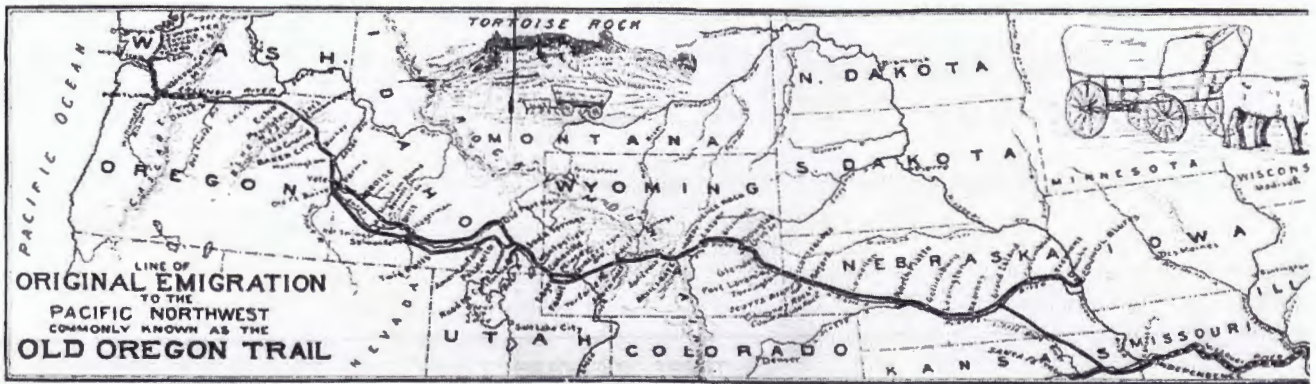
I'm also an avid walker, a member of two walking clubs in Vancouver. I'm also in two programs: walk in all 50 states (many to go); and walk in cities A-Z (only a handful left). I've been walking since my DC days when I learned about Volksmarching. Genealogy and walking are a good combination: after sitting so long in libraries and courthouses, it's great to get out and walk.

Editor's note: Mary publishes the weekly "Blurb."

#### ***Genealogy on Facebook***

By Alice Allen

Many of you may remember the last Spring Seminar with Miriam Robbins. One of her presentations was about using Facebook for genealogy purposes. I have enjoyed Facebook for catching up with friends and family, viewing photos taken by friends and family, a couple of the games, reading the posts by professional genealogists such as Thomas McEntee and others, but hadn't taken the time to look for genealogy groups. Until recently, that is. Probably because a lot of my Facebook friends are genealogists (professional and amateurs like me), I suddenly began receiving notices for new (or not so new) genealogy groups. Some sounded interesting and useful to me, so I joined several. Some of my favorites so far are "*The Organized Genealogist*," "*The Book of Me, Written by Me*," and "*Sunday Scan Day*." The Organized group share tips and ask questions about organizing our genealogy; the Book of Me receives weekly prompts (aka topics) to write about ourselves, so that at the end of the project, we will have written our own life story; the scan group spends an hour each Sunday scanning photos & documents, and sharing some of what we scan, if we want. Additionally, there are locality groups, surname groups, subject groups—much like the Message Boards and mailing lists. If you need yet another place to search for family, give this a try. Do a search for genealogy groups, or the area you have an interest in. And don't worry if you see "closed group," in the heading. This just means that subbing to the group isn't automatic, you must be approved by the group owner. Hope some of you will check these groups, and others, out. Perhaps you will break down one of those brick walls and meet a new cousin or two! And CCGS has a Facebook page which we'll be hauling out of mothballs soon.



## WESTWARD MIGRATION

### CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL SEMINAR

Saturday, November 23, 2013

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Held at the CCGS Annex,  
717 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA

Featuring

Judith Beaman Scott - **Colonial Migration Routes**

Lethene Parks - **How to Create a Migration Map for Your Family**

Connie Lenzen – **The Oregon Trail and Where to Find Trail Records**

Register Early – deadline November 18, 2013

\$35 Members

\$40 Nonmembers

This is a BYOL – Bring Your Own Lunch (or go out to one of the nearby restaurants)

Clip the registration form below and mail to CCGS Fall Seminar, P.O. Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249. Make checks payable to CCGS.

You may register in person at The CCGS Library, 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA

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Seminar Schedule

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome, Introductions

9:15 – 12:00 Morning Sessions

*Colonial Migration Routes*

*Learn How to Create a Migration Map*

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00- 4:00 Afternoon Sessions

*Gone to See the Elephant: The Oregon Trail*

*Find Your Overland Trail Ancestor in Oregon and Washington Repositories*

Judith Beaman Scott will start the day with a session on **Colonial Migration Routes, Where When and Why**. Knowing migration routes and some of the reasons they were traveled may help fill gaps in your ancestor's story. This session will be of particular interest to those with ancestors in Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Kentucky. Judith is one of the editors of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Quarterly Bulletin and is the co-leader of the Virginia Interest Group.

Lethene Parks is a popular class instructor at CCGS and several Eastern Washington genealogy societies. Lethene will teach us **How to Create a Migration Map for Your Family**. Compile a narrative to go with it and you have a valuable tool to use in looking for records and further information about your family. Lethene will also touch on information available from the Oregon California Trails Association.

Connie Lenzen will present both afternoon session. The first session, **Gone to See the Elephant: The Oregon Trail**. Sights along the Oregon Trail were so fantastic that the travelers often said they were off to see the elephant – another fantastic sight. She will cover background, statistics, travel on the Trail, what the emigrants found, biographies, and how to find records for your Trail ancestor. The second session, **Find Your Overland Trail Ancestor in Oregon and Washington Repositories**, will go into greater depth on how to find records for your Trail ancestor. Connie is a Certified Genealogist and is a member of CCGS and the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.



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**CCGS Meetings and Programs**

- Oct 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:00 - 3:00 pm, CCGS Library Annex (new time)
- Oct 7 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 am - 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex
- Oct 7 Computer Clinic 1 p.m. CCGS Library Annex, by appointment only
- Oct 8 CCGS Class - MyHeritage.com Web Site - 10 am - noon, CCGS Library Annex
- Oct 9 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
- Oct 12 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
- Oct 14 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
- Oct 16 November CCGS Newsletter deadline**
- Oct 22 General Meeting - 10 am - 12 noon - CCGS Library Annex
- Oct 29 CCGS Class - FamilySearch.org Web Site - 10 am - noon, CCGS Library Annex

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.