

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Closed Sunday & Monday

*Check the on-line library calendar for
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<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

Tues thru Friday
10 am to 3 pm

Saturday
2nd 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.

Note:

**No General Meeting
in November or
December. Next
General Meeting will
be Tuesday, January
28th, 10 a.m – noon in
the CCGS Annex.**

Westward Migration CCGS Fall Seminar Saturday, November 23, 2013 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CCGS Annex, 717 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

Featuring:

Judith Beaman Scott - 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 from Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Kentucky. Judith is co-leader of the GFO Virginia Interest Group and is one of the editors of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Quarterly Bulletin.

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

Lethene will teach us how to create a migration map for our own 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. She will also touch on information that is available from the Oregon California Trials Association. Lethene is a retired librarian and a popular class instructor.

Connie Lenzen - 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. Connie will cover background, statistics, travel on the Trail, what the emigrants found, biographies and how to find records for your Trail ancestor.

Connie Lenzen - Find Your Overland Trail Ancestor in Oregon and Washington Repositories

This session 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 and is a frequent speaker at national genealogy conferences.

A registration form can be found on the last page of this newsletter, or on the CCGS web site
(www.ccgs-wa.org).

We still need a few more volunteers to bring cookies or sweet breads. If you are able to help out, please drop an email to daleelsie at comcast.net.

In the Library

If volunteering at CCGS is something you have considered, please continue reading.

Ralph Erickson (RalphE1308 - at - [gmail.com](mailto:RalphE1308@gmail.com)) and Kara Lynn Rankin (KL-Rankin - at - Comcast.net) do the scheduling of the librarians. They both travel and enjoy being retired, so rely on each other.

CCGS Librarians' calendar can be accessed by going to the CCGS Website (<http://www.ccg-s-wa.org>) and click through the Library information until the calendar option comes up. You can also find all the current calendars by clicking on: <http://tinyurl.com/cqzzp83> At the bottom of the page, you can click on the months to see those calendars.

A basic rule is that two people are at the library at all times - for their safety as well as complete coverage when the phone rings just as someone walks in the door. The dates in the calendar which are colored have two people already scheduled for that month. The hours of operation are from 10-3, so should work for most people

Librarian training is given each quarter and includes housekeeping info as well as local and general genealogical information.

You would be welcomed into our community. You will work with an "experienced" librarian for several months. It is a great way to learn from the other librarians as well as share genealogical information with the public.

Please say "YES" I am interested!

Washington State Library Web Site

(Contributed by Sherry Warren)

The Washington State Library website (<http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/>) includes several digital collections that are of interest to genealogists and family historians. These include books, maps, newspapers and manuscripts. Some of the collections you will find are "Classics in Washington History" which contains full-text, online books about Washington history and culture; "Historical Newspapers in Washington" from Washington's territorial period (1853-1889) with a searchable index; "Historical Maps" which covers the history of Washington from early exploration (1794) to modern times; "Historical Photos" consists of photographs spanning 1851-1990; and "Washington Rural Heritage" which includes special collections from small and rural communities throughout the state of Washington. When viewing maps, select the "DJVU" option instead of "JPEG". This will allow a much clearer map view and give you a better print quality. The directions for printing in the "DJVU" option are in the top drawer of the brown desk where computer #3 is located. You can access these collections from any computer in the library, except the one on the librarian's desk. Have fun exploring the Washington State Library Digital Collections!

Winter Closures

If the Vancouver School District is closed, CCGS will also be closed. If you are a librarian who lives in an outlying area and have weather issues making it difficult to travel, please let our library schedulers know so that they can attempt to get a substitute for you. If in doubt as to whether or not the library is open, be sure to check our web page under "Library" for updated information.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: The reference material and books in the CCGS Library are no longer available for check out. Our collections are only to be used at the library. Please check your shelves and work tables for any books that may have inadvertently been taken home. The librarians have noticed some conspicuous holes on the shelves and in some cases they are books that cannot be replaced. Thanks, everyone for your help.

CCGS Library staff



Brunseryd, Jönköping, Sweden

Welcome to our third edition of the Scandinavian Corner. I just returned from a week in Kansas which included attendance at a Swedish Genealogy Workshop in Lindsborg, Kansas "Little Sweden USA". The conference was part of the SwedGen Tour led by genealogists from Sweden. Each year they come to the USA and this year included Lindsborg as well as stops in California. I discussed with them their interest in coming to the Portland area in 2014. They expressed great interest in doing a session in the Portland metropolitan area. I will keep you up to date on this great opportunity for Swedish researchers.

The sessions in Lindsborg included:

1. Swedish Church Records
2. CDs and Online Resources
3. Disbyt & Dispos Databases
4. Probate Records & Estate Inventories
5. Military Records
6. Historical Maps

As well as these presentations, there were one-on-one sessions for registrants with the SwedGen genealogists.

Please note that Arkivdigital.se, which is a primary source for Swedish parish records, is available for free at the LDS Family History Center here in Vancouver.

CCGS SCANDINAVIAN FOCUS GROUP

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Wednesday, November 6th from 10am to 11:30am. It will meet in the CCGS Annex. Hope to see you there.

Richard Engstrom
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ARE YOU HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

Denni Hamilton-Levonian, Membership Chair

We want to be sure you receive your monthly newsletters. You have two ways to get your CCGS Newsletter that will keep us from paying extra postal costs:

- 1) Let us know you'd like to read it online, or
- 2) Tell us your winter address and the dates you'll be there.

You can phone the CCGS office and ask a Librarian to give the information to the Membership Chair, or you can send an e-mail containing the information to mayflwham at gmail.com. Please be aware that if you do not inform us of your temporary address change, the Post Office will charge us 55 cents each time they are unable to deliver the newsletter to your regular address; they DO NOT forward mail under our bulk mail permit. Thanks for taking care of this matter before you leave, and be sure to notify us when you return!

This Week at CCGS (Clark County Genealogical Society)

Are you receiving the weekly "This Week at CCGS" e-letter? Formerly known as the "Sunday Blurb" and started several years ago by former web master Pat Bauer, this is an excellent way to keep up with what's new at CCGS in between the monthly newsletters. Mary McMonegal is the current editor and sends it out each Sunday to those who are on her mailing list. She may occasionally skip a Sunday if there is nothing new to report. If you aren't receiving these notices and would like to, email Mary at okmac3 at yahoo.com and ask to be added to her distribution list. If you have an item of interest to other CCGS members that you would like included, send them to her to add to the e-letter. Since she usually publishes early Sunday morning, the items would need to be submitted to her no later than the day before (and I'm sure she'd appreciate an even earlier notice if you can do so).

Welcome, New Members:

Lillian Christina
Sarah and Terry Clark
Marvin Couchman
Janis Englett
Patricia Jollota
William King
Dorothy Landeen
Tamara Loosemore
LouAnna Valentine
James Wilson

Welcome Back, Reinstated Member:

Shirley Ghezzi

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Linda F. Dawson

OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND ARCHIVES

Contributed by Marian Kenedy from Whitman Co. WA newsletter, Oct. 2013

Visit the state library's Digital and Special Collections page for a list of links to materials relevant to genealogical research. You will also want to check the library's very helpful guide to Genealogical and Historical Sources in Ohio State Documents which is located at http://library.ohio.gov/sites/default/files/Ohio_docs_gen_sources.pdf

Ohio Digital Resource Commons <http://drc.ohiolink.edu/> includes materials from Universities and Colleges throughout the state. Among the collections are the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (photographs, letters and documents) the Historic Maps of Akron and Summit Counties (fully scanned county atlases from 1874, 1891 and 1910) and the Archeological Atlas of Ohio published in 1914. Another collection that might be of interest is the E.W. Scripps papers. Be sure to click on the links to the individual universities that participate or you will miss the majority of the collections. At University of Cincinnati you will find a collection devoted to the Twenty-fifth General Hospital of WWII, Lewis & Clark: a journey and other items of interest to genealogists. At Xavier University the History Department has collections devoted to British Soldiers Experiences in the Great War and Germany May Not Refuse to Participate*: Analysis of the Treaty of Versailles and its Consequences on Post-War Germany among others. Explore to find many other genealogical treasures.

The University of Cincinnati has an index to Hamilton County Wills for the years 1791- 1901 online: http://www.libraries.uc.edu/libraries/arb/archives/collections/natdec/will_index.html

If you find a listing, contact the library for information on getting a copy. If you are looking for Hamilton County records, be sure to check the Probate Courts Record Search <http://www.probatect.org/courtrecordsarchive/bukcats.aspx>.

You will find wills, estates, trusts, guardianships, marriages, birth and death records and more, some dating as early as 1791, available to download. Indexes are part of the digital images so plan a little time to search.

If your ancestor served in the Civil War in an Ohio-based unit, be sure to visit Larry Stevens' Ohio in the Civil War. The Ohio GenWeb Project has links to other resources for finding your Ohio ancestors on the state links page <http://www.ohgen.net/ohgenweb/statelinks.htm>.

FamilySearch has nineteen Ohio digital collections listed. Some of these like Hamilton County listed above require you to browse through the digital index to find the right page, but with a little practice you'll find it gets quicker and easier to find what you want in a short period of time. It is definitely faster than getting to the repositories to find the books and cheaper than ordering copies.

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Fall Education Classes

There are still a couple of great classes available this fall CCGS.

Tues., Nov. 5th: Compiled Genealogies

Tues., Nov. 12th: Photoshop – Family Images

Tues., Dec. 3rd: Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree

The Dec. 3rd beginner's class is free, fees for the other classes are \$12 for CCGS members, \$15 for non-members. Classes run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and are held in the Annex.

Self Publishing at Powell's

(Contribute by Bill Whalley)

A few days ago we decided to take advantage of the wonderful fall weather and take some out of town friends to Powell's bookstore (1005 W Burnside St., Portland). We parked at the Fisher Transit Center of SR14 in east Vancouver, took a bus to the MAX light rail Parkrose Station, then boarded the MAX Red line. We stopped at the Galleria/SW 10th stop and walked a few blocks north to Powell's City of Books.

Powell's has a lot of books, but what if you want to publish your own book, say a family history you have written? A relative of mine went the self-publishing route back in 1969. He had 250 copies of his book professionally printed and bound at a cost of \$3,500.00—he sold only 130 copies for \$10.00 each—he lost money. His \$3,500.00 would be worth \$22,000.00 today.

Time marches on. Today he might print one copy himself, then make photocopies, even have them bound at CCGS, but at ten cents per page photocopy cost his 217 page book would still be rather expensive and the binding, while serviceable, is inelegant. Powell's has another option, the Espresso Book Machine (<http://www.powells.com/bookmachine>).

The Espresso produces a professional quality perfect-bound paperback from your PDF files in minutes. The cover is in color but the text is only black and white. Trimmed sizes can range 4.5" x 5" to 8" x 10.5". Cost varies with the number of pages (from 40 to 800 pages.) There is a set up fee that varies with the degree of service you need. Per copy cost is \$5.00 plus 4.5 cents per page, for example, a 100 page book would be \$9.50 per copy.

I did not find any claims about the paper used that would tell about its archival quality, but my experience in the paper industry makes me think that modern bond paper would have a pretty good lifetime.

The Espresso book machine is a rare device. The Espresso Book Machine website, http://www.ondemandbooks.com/ebm_video.php, only lists 61 locations in the world.

If you didn't write a book but are looking for a copy of a rare book? On demand book printing, <http://ondemandbooks.com/as/> claims to have some 3 million titles available, both in and out of copyright. Their motto: Books Printed In Minutes At Point of Sale For Immediate Pick Up Or Delivery. I did not try it, but I did some searching on their website. Many of the books I looked for weren't listed, and of the ones that were, I found that I could often do better at AbeBooks.com, <http://www.abebooks.com>.

The following was received and submitted by Brian Runyan, courtesy of CCGS member Glen Jones:

"Hello, as a means of introduction I am a Life Member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (M-452). In addition, I am actively involved with the Sons of the American Revolution as their Vice President General for the Pacific District (Alaska, Washington, Oregon).

"I am asking for help in publishing a need for volunteer Genealogists with Operation Ancestor Search. This can be anyone who is familiar with Ancestry.com and would like to volunteer a few hours a month helping our disabled veterans with their family research.

"Ancestry is providing free access to their website for these disabled veterans. Volunteers will assist those veterans who are temporary staying at the VA Medical Center, 1601 E 4th Plain Blvd, Vancouver, Washington while they recuperate.

"Anyone expressing an interest can contact me directly at this email address."

Eugene Melvin, VPG eugenemelvin.roots at Comcast.net
NSSAR, Pacific District

Fall Seminar Registration

Cost for the seminar is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. You are welcome to bring your own lunch and eat at the annex or make plans to go to one of the nearby restaurants. Please mail checks to CCGS Fall Seminar, P.O. Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668.

Name-----\$35 Member

Address-----\$40 Non-Member

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The following humorous selection was sent to me by Jane Germann:

Windows vs Ford

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on. At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.
- 2.. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- 3... Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
- 4.... Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
- 5..... Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
- 6..... The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
- 7..... The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.
- 8..... Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
- 9..... Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
- 10..... You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call "customer service" in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Nov. 4	Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex
Nov. 5	CCGS Class: Compiled Genealogies – 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex
Nov. 6	Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
Nov. 7	First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:00 - 3:00 pm, CCGS Library Annex
Nov. 9	Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
Nov. 11	CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
Nov. 12	CCGS Class: Photoshop – Family Images – 10 a.m. -12 noon, CCGS Annex
Nov. 23	Fall Seminar, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CCGS Annex
Dec. 1	Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex
Dec. 3	Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree – 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Annex
Dec. 4	December-January Newsletter Deadline
Dec. 4	Scandinavian Focus Group – 10 – 11:30 a.m. CCGS Library Annex
Dec. 10	CCGS Board Meeting – 9 am – 11 am, CCGS 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@pacifier.com or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.