

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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10 am to 3 pm

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2nd Saturday only
10 am to 3 pm

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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 December. Next
General Meeting will
be Tuesday, January
28th, 10 a.m – noon in
the CCGS Annex.**

General Meeting

January 28th, 10 a.m.

Next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the CCGS Annex. CCGS member Barbara Sigler will do a presentation on Find A Grave, including things that can be done there as well as how to find information there.

Library schedule and events for December and January:

There will not be a Library Committee meeting or a Volunteer Day in December; they will resume in January.

The library will be closed December 21 through January 6 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. Happy Holidays 2013 and wishing everyone a productive New Year in 2014!

Please put these dates on your calendar for January 2014:

Monday, January 20:

Library Volunteer Day, 10-3. Some tasks you can participate in include: compiling vital statistics information, indexing, mending, helping correct mistakes and inconsistencies in shelving and labeling of books, and more.

Monday, January 27:

Library Committee Meeting 9-10; any interested CCGS member is welcome

Monday, January 27:

Librarians' Training, 10-noon. We have several items of library business to bring to your attention and we hope to have time for some "cold case" problems for you to practice your research skills on. If you think you might want to be a volunteer librarian but are not yet signed up, come and see what's happening; it's a good way to learn how you can help others and improve your own research skills in the process.

Please join us in these opportunities to help CCGS, to improve your own research and helping skills, and to have some fun too.

Fall Seminar Well Attended

Sixty-one people registered for the fall seminar, with fifty-eight attending the day of the event.

I especially want to thank Lethene Parks for all that she did to make the event a success. Not only did she present one of the programs, she also prepared books for the raffle and she even brought cookies. Sherry Warren brought in \$275 for the raffle by selling tickets the day of the event. Pat Bauer provided the bulk of our raffle prizes plus the supplies. Larry and Jane German donated a beautifully carved bowl and a wooden pen. Barbara Baker and Bea Ritter ably staffed the registration table and kept track of our finances.

Wayne Tuholski kept the copy machine running when we were down to the wire, stuffing packets. Thank you to Lowell Kenedy and Bill Whalley for their technical support the day of the seminar. I also want to thank everyone who brought cookies and sweet breads for the breaks; Bea Ritter, Marian Kenedy, Jeannine Bailiff, Alice Allen, Darla Brock, and Lillian Fullerton; and I'm sure there were others whose names I've missed. Thank you, to Steve Cornick for helping to set up the Annex the day before the seminar, and MC-ing the event. I also would like to thank Dolly Merrick for creating the display window, promoting the Westward Migration seminar theme.

Elsie Deatherage

New Benefits for Members of CCGS!

Sherry Warren, FGS Representative

Clark County Genealogical Society is a member of The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and we receive their quarterly journal, **Forum**. You can find a printed copy of it on the table in the research area. This is an excellent publication with articles about researching your family, using websites in your research and many other subjects that might interest you. Be sure to stop by and take a look at it. Although individuals are not eligible for membership in FGS, you can purchase an individual subscription to the **Forum**. Right now, a one-year subscription is \$15; a two-year subscription is \$25; and a three-year subscription is \$30. You can subscribe on their website, www.fgs.org.

Because Clark County Genealogical Society is a member of FGS, our members, their families and their friends have access to the **Dell Member Purchase Program**. FGS has partnered with Dell to provide discounts for technology products sold through the Dell website. The FGS member store can be found at www.dell.com/mpp/FGS or reached by telephone at 1-800-695-8133. This ID code will be needed when you are ready to purchase: SS131372490. There are excellent discounts on more than just laptops, tablets and desktop computers. You can also shop for printers, cameras, projectors, smartphones, software, televisions and more with substantial savings. You will find Dell brand products as well as Samsung, Nikon, Canon, Microsoft and others.

These are benefits of your membership in CCGS and we hope that you will find them useful, especially during this holiday season.

Stay tuned for more new benefits in the future!!

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.



Advertisement for Steamboat Passage to America

SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. Finding emigration records for our ancestors can be a challenging effort. Fortunately, there are some excellent resources available which can help in this search. We should begin with Ancestry.com and also Familysearch.com as they have searchable databases.

I would also recommend the following for additional research:

1. Arkivdigital.se This site which has digital images of parish records also has images of emigration records from the ports of Göteborg and Malmö in Sweden. It is not indexed so you should have some idea of the date of departure from Sweden. This is paid site but has free weekends plus it is available free at the Family History Center.
2. Digitalarkivet.no This site for Norway is a free site which includes parish records as well as emigration records.
3. Emiarch.dk This site has Danish Emigration Archives and is an excellent site for your search.

The Scandinavian Focus Group meets the first Wednesday of the month from 10am to 11:30am at the CCGS Annex. Please join us

Richard Engstrom

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Monthly Focus Groups

First Monday:	Legacy Users Group 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Annex Computer Clinic, 1 p.m. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
First Wednesday:	Scandinavian Focus Group 10 a.m. to 11:30 at the CCGS Annex
First Thursday:	First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. CCGS Annex
Second Saturday:	Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Library or Annex

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:

Carole Campbell
Brandy Pence-Dyson

Welcome Back, Reinstated Member:

Gene Kuechman

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Gene Kuechman
Edythe E. Moreau
Jan Oliva
Lethene Parks
Walker & Romana Paynter
Richard L. Young

**CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CLASSES — SPRING 2013**

Beginning classes - Free

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree with Larry Dean

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This class and only this class will be held in the Community Room of the Cascade Park Branch of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library, 600 N.E.136 Ave, Vancouver, Washington.

This class will get you started researching your family tree. Topics include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts and genealogy database programs.

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree will be repeated

Tuesday, April 1, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This class will be held at the CCGS Annex.

Regular classes

Fee for each class \$12.00 members, \$15.00 Non-Members. Fee can be paid with registration or at the door. Exact cash amount or check at the door will be appreciated.

Although walk-ins won't be turned away, if you want to take a class, please register at least a week in advance (registration instructions below). Classes with insufficient registration one week in advance will be cancelled, those registered will be notified and any fee paid will be refunded.

Message Boards and Mailing Lists - Where It All Began with Alice Allen.

Tuesday, February 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

In the beginning, before there were so many web sites with genealogical information, Message Boards and Mailing Lists were the primary way to exchange information with others. Even though we now have web sites full of genealogical data, Message Boards and Mailing Lists are still a very useful tool. Join us as we learn more about these options, including Facebook genealogy groups and Pinterest options.

Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship with Elsie Deatheridge

Tuesday, February 25, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

With few exceptions, most of our ancestors were immigrants. For many, a move to the new world meant renouncing their former citizenship and starting the process to citizenship in their new country. Learn what historical events might have prompted your ancestor to seek U.S. citizenship, and what factors might have deterred him. This class will cover the process for citizenship during various time periods and how to locate naturalization records.

Hidden Gems on the Internet with Sherry Warren

Tuesday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

You have mined the well-known genealogy research sites for records and information about your ancestors. Yet, you have a nagging feeling that you are missing something that is still out there just waiting to be found. Come explore some "out-of-the-way" internet resources, both state-side and across the pond, which just might open up a whole new world of research for you!

Military Records with Jane Germann and/or Lethene Parks

Tuesday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Using DNA in Genealogy with Larry Dean

Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Can the DNA tests currently available to genealogists help in your genealogy quest? Maybe. Learn how they work and how they can help prove or disprove a relationship. Learn what tests various companies offer and how much they cost.

Scoundrels, Rakes and Miscreants, Oh My! Brian Runyan and Lethene Parks.

Tuesday, April 29, 10-12

Do you think you have a skeleton lurking in your closet? Is there a name that can still hush the room even though they've been dead for 86 years? Does Aunt Know-It-All insist the family is a directly descended from Leonardo da Vinci through Jane Austen? Join us on April 29th to explore learn how to prove or debunk these stories. We'll be taking four "cases" and studying them with the research tools available to us all.

New Books at the CCGS Library
(Alice Allen)

The following books were added to the library collection during November. These books will remain on the **New Shelf** for the remainder of December and the month of January.

Purchased by CCGS

Missouri Genealogical Research
By George K. Schweitzer

Indiana Genealogical Research
By George K. Schweitzer

Illinois Genealogical Research
By George K. Schweitzer

Donated by Karen Renfro

Region of Three Oaks
By Robert Burgh

History of Hendricks County, Indiana
By Hendricks County Historical Society

Donated by Betty Davenport

Alexander and Mary Heisen: Their Story
By Betty Davenport

The following books were separated from the donations forms, so we don't know who donated them.

If you know who the donors were, let us know so we can give proper credit here in the newsletter as well as with a bookplate in the front of the book.

Pillars of the Past: Guide to Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, CA
By Michael Svanevik & Shirley Burgett

1880 & 1890 Census, Canadian District Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory
Author: OK Genealogical Society

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The *Columbian* newspaper donated 3 volumes of their recently published *Clark County through Our Eyes*, a photographic history (and some text) covering the years 1850-2007. Watch for these on the New Books shelf in the near future.

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Watch for the return of the "Getting to Know You" pages beginning with the February newsletter. When you are contacted to write a brief biography, we hope you will share so that our CCGS members will get to know you better.

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FORMER MEMBER PASSED AWAY

A former long-time member of CCGS, Kitty Oman of Vancouver, has passed away. She assisted with the compiling of several of the books which were printed by CCGS. Kitty died November 19 in Vancouver. She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends. Her obituary was in the Friday, November 22, issue of the *Columbian*.

Christmas Cookie Rules

With the upcoming holiday season, many of us are busy with holiday baking. We thought you might appreciate knowing the special rules for Christmas cookies. Enjoy!

1. If you eat a Christmas cookie fresh out of the oven, it has no calories because everyone knows that the first cookie is the test and thus calorie free.
2. If you drink a diet soda after eating your second cookie, it also has no calories because the diet soda cancels out the cookie calories.
3. If a friend comes over while you're making your Christmas cookies and needs to sample, you must sample with your friend. Because your friend's first cookie is calories free, (rule #1) yours is also. It would be rude to let your friend sample alone and, being the friend that you are, that makes your cookie calorie free.
4. Any cookie calories consumed while walking around will fall to your feet and eventually fall off as you move. This is due to gravity and the density of the caloric mass.
5. Any calories consumed during the frosting of the Christmas cookies will be used up because it takes many calories to lick excess frosting from a knife without cutting your tongue.
6. Cookies colored red or green have very few calories. Red ones have three and green ones have five - one calorie for each letter. Make more red ones!
7. Cookies eaten while watching "Miracle on 34th Street" have no calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.
8. As always, cookie pieces contain no calories because the process of breaking Causes calorie leakage.
9. Any cookies consumed from someone else's plate have no calories since the calories rightfully belong to the other person and will cling to their plate. We all know how calories like to CLING!
10. Any cookies consumed while feeling stressed have no calories because cookies used for medicinal purposes NEVER have calories. It's a rule!

***Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!***



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Jan. 6** Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex
Computer Clinic, by appointment only—1 p.m. CCGS Library Annex
- Jan. 7** Library reopens following Christmas/New Year's break
- Jan. 8** Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
- Jan. 11** Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
- Jan. 13** CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
- Jan. 20** CCGS Volunteer day, 10 a.m.
- Jan. 27** Library Committee meeting, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Librarian's Training, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- Jan. 28** General Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Library Annex

Note: No First Thursday Unfocused Group in January, since the Library will still be closed on that day. This meeting will resume in February

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](http://pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.