

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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north of Evergreen.

**February's General
Meeting will be
Tuesday, February
25th, 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 Brian Runyan will present "Snip It, Clip It, Then File It." The presentation originally scheduled for this meeting about Find A Grave has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

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February General Meeting

February's General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25th at 10 a.m. at the CCGS Annex. Watch the weekly email notification "This Week at CCGS" for further information.

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Librarian's Training

See related article for more information about the next Librarian's Training session, Monday, January 27th.

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Spring Seminar (Save This Date)

When: Saturday, April 26, Times to be advised
Where: CCGS Annex
What: Spring Seminar – See related article in this newsletter

LIBRARIANS NEEDED

CCGS is fortunate to have a dedicated group of librarians who willingly share their expertise with fellow researchers as well as people just starting genealogy. Our quarterly Librarians' Training benefits our librarians and the visitors who rely on our expertise.

You are invited to join us on Monday, January 27, from 10-noon to see if you wish to become a librarian. Introduce yourself as a "possible wannabe". CCGS is seeking additional volunteers to be librarians. There are two librarians on duty at a time so, if you are new, we pair you with a more experienced member. This is a delightful way to meet others interested in genealogy, learn from each other, and provide a service to CCGS by keeping the library open.

Leave a message at CCGS (750-5688) and Ralph Erickson at RalphE1308 - at - gmail.com or Kara Lynn Rankin at KL-Rankin at comcast.net will connect with you.



Periodicals Project

Over the last couple of years, CCGS librarians have been working on the periodicals that you have probably noticed stacked under the shelves of microfilm. Because of our limited space for books and for lack of use by library patrons, we decided to remove them from our collection. Sherry Warren posted a message to a genealogical librarians' message board about the periodicals. There were five institutions that requested periodicals, representing libraries in OK, WY, TX and WA. On Friday, January 10th, we were able to send about 75% of what we had to these libraries in 14 boxes. We will have volunteers disassemble the remaining periodicals on Volunteer Day, January 20th, so they can be recycled. It has taken a couple of years to get to this point and we couldn't have done it without the help of Lillian Fullerton, Wayne Tuholski, Lonna Parker, Beth Lewis, Sharon Cleveland, Steve Cornick and many other librarians and members. Lethene and Sherry want to extend a special recognition and thanks to Lillian, who worked many long hours cataloguing what we had so that Sherry could post a list to the message board, and then helping Sherry on Thursday and Friday, January 9th and 10th to locate and box the requested periodicals by institution so that they could be mailed. The receiving institutions were excited to have them and their patrons will be grateful. Just a reminder to those who may have taken boxes of periodicals home---KEEP THEM, DO NOT BRING THEM BACK TO THE LIBRARY, PLEASE.



Tokabo, Ljungbyholm, Sweden

SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The above photo was taken by one of my Swedish relatives at their home in Tokabo located in Kalmar, Sweden. I hope you all had a good holiday season and now ready for new breakthroughs in your genealogy research.

I would encourage you to explore Facebook as there are some very informative sites dedicated to Scandinavian Genealogy. It is a good way to connect with individuals doing research as well as assisting each other. Some examples are:

1. Swedish Genealogy Research
2. Swedish Genealogy
3. Norwegian Genealogy

The Scandinavian Focus Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 5th from 10am to 11:30am, at the CCGS annex. Please join us, as we help each other in finding our Scandinavian relatives. I will be bringing a wall size map of Scandinavia so that we can pin the location of our ancestors. I am hoping we can find a permanent place to hang the map.

New CCGS Member Benefit!!

(Sherry Warren, FGS Representative)

CCGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and because of that membership, our members can subscribe to <http://www.findmypast.com> at a discount equal to our annual individual dues amount of \$30.00. If you have a CCGS joint membership, you will only have one discount of \$30.00. A World subscription is normally \$240.00 each year after a 14-day free trial. With your discount, it would be like getting an additional month and a half free!!

Findmypast.com has English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh records, in addition to Australian and US. According to their website, "there are almost 1 billion records from overseas, dating from 1200 to the present, and many are unique to findmypast.com." And, just in case you haven't heard, they have partnered with Allen County Public Library (ACPL) on PERSI. Findmypast.com will improve the indexing of the articles AND digitize each page. That means, you will be able to search the PERSI index, locate an article (which is no different than searching it now), but then, instead of sending in a request to ACPL for copies of the article, you will be able to instantly view the digital images!! You will always be able to search the index for free, but if you have a subscription to findmypast.com, you will have access to the digital images. While this project isn't live yet, look for it soon.

If you have ancestors who arrived in this country from anywhere in Europe or Australia, they most likely made a stop in the United Kingdom. You may be able to locate exactly where they emigrated from, something that is missing in many US passenger lists.

Please contact Sherry Warren, our Federation of Genealogical Societies delegate, if you are interested in this new member benefit. You can email her at [sherrywarren @ gmail.com](mailto:sherrywarren@gmail.com) for the special code which must be used to receive this discount.

Links That May Be of Interest

Steve Aberle has been busy combing the Internet for some possible links that may interest our CCGS Membership. Here are a couple which he sent to your editor recently. Enjoy!

A news article about using ground-penetrating radar to locate lost graves:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/the-bone-finder-uses-ground-penetrating-radar-to-find-lost-graves-at-congressional/2013/12/13/9518d3e4-6441-11e3-91b3-f2bb96304e34_story.html

Here is an interesting computer security article:

<http://www.infoworld.com/d/security/experimental-malware-uses-inaudible-sound-defeat-network-air-gaps-232013>

Library Closures

Remember to check the CCGS Web page (address on first page) for unexpected closures for illness, lack of volunteer librarians, or weather. If the Vancouver School District is closed or on a delayed start, the Library hours for that day will be affected, too. Any last-minute changes will be posted on the web page.

**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, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Note new time, this was inadvertently scheduled for the same day as our General Meeting.

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.

Saturday, April 26

Attention! Attention! Attention! This class is now a part of the Spring Seminar on Saturday, April 26th. It will NOT be held on the 29th.

New Books at the CCGS Library
(Alice Allen)

The following books were recently added to the library collection. These books will be on the **New Shelf** during the month of February.

Donated by Nancy Ellifrit

Title: The Kentucky Housewife
Author: Lettice Bryan

Title: Life During the Civil War
Author: David A. Norris

Title: Producing a Quality Family History
Author: Patricia Law Hatcher

Title: The Virginia Papers, vol. 1
Author: Craig L. Heath

Title: The Great Depression: America in the 1930's
Author: T. H. Watkins

Title: Everyday Life in Early America
Author: David Freeman Hawke

Title: The Expansion of Everyday Life 1860-1876
Author: Daniel E. Sutherland

Title: Americans of 1776: Daily Life in Revolutionary America
Author: James Shouler

Donated by The Columbian

Title: Clark County, the Early Years 1850-1949

Title: Clark County vol. 2 1950-1999

Title: Clark County Through Our Eyes

These books present a pictorial history of Vancouver and Clark County.

Condolences

Our condolences have been sent to long-time CCGS member Richard Young. Dick's sister, Doris Young Culpepper, died December 24, at the age of 69. Doris was also survived by her twin sister, Dolores Young Frazier of Vancouver; another brother, Donald Young; one daughter and two grandchildren. We're sorry for your loss Dick.

Possible Closure of the Oregon State Library

CCGS member Glen Jones reports that the Oregon Legislature is considering closing the Oregon State Library or severely restricting public access to the library and also asking the Willamette Valley Genealogy society to move out of the library. The WVGS and others are asking that the public contact their representative to oppose this move.

You can read more about this in WVGS's December newsletter available on their website.

The Oregon State library house's collection's from the Oregon Historical Society, Oregon California Trails Association, among others.

SCOUNDRELS, RAKES AND MISCREANTS, OH MY!

Brian and Lethene April 26th.

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 directly descended from Leonardo da Vinci through Jane Austen?

The last class of the Spring curriculum is being combined with the Spring Seminar. On Saturday, April 26th, Lethene and Brian will be presenting four case studies that will scrutinize some juicy family legends using the research tools available to us all.

This is a call for you to submit your favorite family skeleton for inclusion in the class. We are looking for examples that will challenge our sleuthing abilities: events requiring research in court records, newspapers, land records, military records, etc. We want to use any and all resources that provide clues to determine the truth, half-truth or balderdash of that family legend. Lethene and Brian probably have enough juicy ancestral skeletons between the two of them to do this class but most of you have already heard them. We're looking for fresh mud here.

We will work with you to examine what you know, what research has already been done and what clues are still beckoning. We will be exploring the issues of privacy and family sensitivity as important to this whole endeavor. In fact, that is the filter through which we will view any submissions. We will work with you as we prepare the class to make sure you concur with what will be presented.

Pat Jollata will wrap up our exploration with additional juice from her own experience.

Dig through your family attic and submit your skeletons for consideration by February 15th. You can send them to Brian at [heyokahman @ gmail.com](mailto:heyokahman@gmail.com) or Lethene at [Lethene @ comcast.net](mailto:Lethene@comcast.net).

This is going to be fun!

Projected times: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35 for members, \$40 for non CCGS members.

Watch for more details as they unfold, along with a registration form.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 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
- Feb. 1** Beginning Genealogy class, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, Cascade Park Library
- Feb. 3** Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Computer Clinic, by appointment only—1 p.m. CCGS Library Annex
- Feb. 5** Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
- Feb. 6** First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. CCGS Library Annex
- Feb. 8** Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
- Feb. 10** CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
- Feb. 17** CCGS Volunteer day, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 24** Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
- Feb. 25** General Meeting, 10 a.m. - 12 noon CCGS Library Annex
CCGS Class: Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship, 1:30-3:30 CCGS Annex (Note time change)

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. [jjmb at pacifier.com](mailto:jjmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.