

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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*Check the on-line library
calendar for
unexpected closures.*

<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.

Spring Seminar
April 26th
CCGS Library Annex

Find more information
on pages 8 & 9 of this
newsletter.

General Meeting

There will be no meeting in April as the seminar is on the 26th.

The May meeting will be May 27 at 7 PM in the annex. Karen Wallace Steely will talk to us about the Find A Grave Website. Karen is a professional genealogist. She has a great interest in dating and identifying old photographs. Karen and her husband have lived in the Pacific Northwest for more than 20 years and currently reside in Vancouver.

The Past Matters is a research and consulting firm that assists individuals and organizations with research, organizing and managing their genealogy, artifacts, and photo history projects.

Upcoming Education Classes

These are the last two classes in the current series and will be held in the CCGS Annex from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The beginning class is free; the DNA class is \$12 for CCGS members, \$15 for non-CCGS members.

Tuesday, April 1st: Beginning class, with Alice Allen (free)

Tuesday, April 9th: Using DNA in Genealogy, with Larry Dean

This class will cover: the biology that makes DNA a useful tool in genealogy; testing companies and prices; examples of test results; and interpretation of test results.

Monthly Focus Groups

First Monday: Legacy Users Group 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Annex
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

Note: The computer clinic is being discontinued.

**From the Whitman Co Genealogical Society Newsletter,
Feb-Mar 2014.
(Contributed by Marian Kenedy)**

WEBSITES

My Genealogy Hound: www.mygenealogyhound.com

This new, free website from Hearthstone Legacy Publications lets you access thousands of biographies extracted from pre-1900 county history books, plus old county maps. The initial focus is on Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee, with maps also from Oklahoma and Texas.

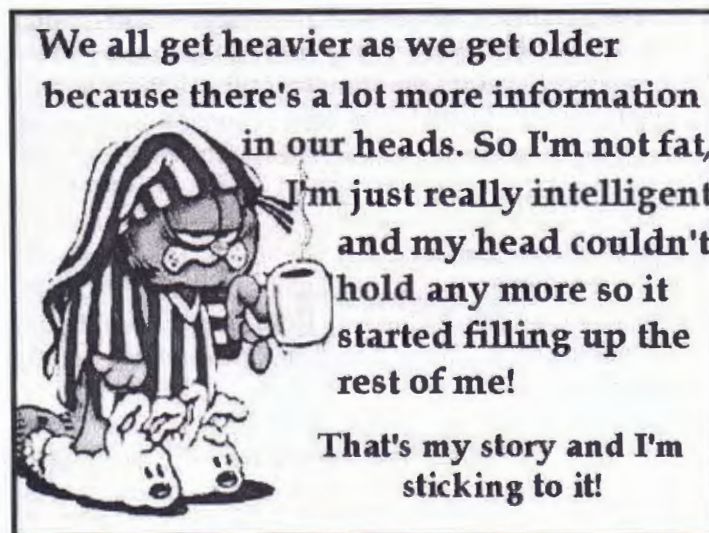
Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court: www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR

Even if your immigrant ancestor didn't settle in Chicago proper, he may have trekked there to file naturalization paperwork. You can find out for free, searching this index of more than 500,000 naturalization petitions (1871-1929) by name or partial name, birthplace, and occupation.

Flickr: www.flickr.com

It appears that more than 80,000 uploads to this free photo sharing site are tagged "genealogy", plus nearly 232,000 photos in the graves and cemeteries group. Who's sharing here? Besides individuals, Flickr has streams from the National Archives, Library of Congress, New York Public Library, Smithsonian, Archives of Florida and more.

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Scandinavian Corner



ORKESTA KYRKA, SWEDEN

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. I wanted to bring your attention to a couple of upcoming events this year. The Swenson Center at Augustana College in Rock Island, Il, will be holding their annual Swedish American Genealogist Workshop in Salt Lake City, Utah from November 2 to November 9, 2014. I attended two years ago and plan to attend again this year. It fills up fast so if you are interested, please contact Jill Seaholm, Sag Workshop, Augustana College, 639 38th St., Rock Island, Il 61201. Phone is 1-800-798-8100 x7204 or email is sag@augustana.edu. The cost is \$1,000 to \$1,200. This includes hotel accommodations at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. I was also notified that Marie Louise Bratt, a well know Swedish genealogist will be resuming their summer tours in Sweden this year after a hiatus. Her website is bridgetosweden.com. Her email is marielouise.bratt@gmail.com. I participated in one of her tours six years ago and spent two weeks connecting with my Swedish cousins. Marie will connect you with your long lost relatives, provide interpretative services as well as assist you with your genealogy research. It was a great experience, one that I will never forget.

I am sure there are many other events upcoming this year. Let me know and I will include them in future editions of the Scandinavian Corner.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus group will meet on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 from 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS annex meeting room. Look forward to seeing you. It is a great place to meet other individuals searching for their Scandinavian roots.

Richard Engstrom
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Membership Corner

(Denni Hamilton-Levonian, Membership Chair)

Welcome, New Member:

Beth Webber

Welcome Back, Reinstated Members:

Jacqueline Andersen

Patricia Beck

Judith Rogers

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Roland H. Crane

Lowell and Marian Kenedy

Sharon Noble

Bea and Lyman Ritter

Judith Rogers

Jane Wetzel

Microsoft Ending Support for XP, Microsoft Office 2003 Products

(Contributed by Steve Aberle)

Microsoft is ending support for the Windows XP operating system and Office 2003 product line on April 8, 2014. After this date, these products will no longer receive:

- * Security patches which help protect PCs from harmful viruses, spyware, and other malicious software
- * Assisted technical support from Microsoft
- * Software and content updates

All software products have a lifecycle. End of support refers to the date when Microsoft no longer provides automatic fixes, updates, or online technical assistance.

Computer systems running unsupported software are exposed to an elevated risk to cybersecurity dangers, such as malicious attacks or electronic data loss.

Users may also encounter problems with software and hardware compatibility since new software applications and hardware devices may not be built for Windows XP or Office 2003.

Computers operating Windows XP with SP3 or running Office 2003 products will continue to work after support ends. However, using unsupported software may increase the risk of viruses and other security threats.

(See page 5 for more information)

Library News, Projects, etc.

Old City Cemetery Project Update and Call for Volunteers (Lethene Parks)

Because of a heavy workload, this project is more or less on hold for a brief time. For those who already indicated interest, you will hear from us soon.

ARE YOU SAVING NEWSPAPERS?

If you are saving newspapers--the Columbian, the Reflector, or any other Clark County newspaper--for compilations of obituaries and vital statistics, please contact Lethene Parks and let her know. We need two, or even three, copies of each paper for this activity. Thanks for your help.

Volunteers Needed

The CCGS Library could use your help! If you have a few hours to spare, consider donating your time to becoming a volunteer Librarian. You'll never work alone—in fact, when we don't have two librarians available to run the library, we close the library. You'll receive training and will always be paired with an experienced librarian. It's a fun way to help the genealogy community and at the same time learn new and interesting things about our "obsession."

Contact our Librarian schedulers for more information:

Kara Lynn Rankin: [kl-rankin @ comcast.net](mailto:kl-rankin@comcast.net)

Ralph Erickson: [RalphE1308 @ gmail.com](mailto:RalphE1308@gmail.com)

Microsoft ending support for XP, Office 2003 (continued from page 4)

References:

* Support is ending for Office 2003 [<http://tinyurl.com/mnezzgd>]

* Windows lifecycle fact sheet

[<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/lifecycle>]

* Operating system market share [<http://tinyurl.com/kc4qpdo>]

* Support for Windows XP is ending [<http://tinyurl.com/mnn29f6>]

New Books at the CCGS Library

The following books were added to our library collection in March, and will reside on the ***New Shelf*** during the month of April.

Donated by Glen Jones

Title: The Vanishing Race
Author: Joseph K. Dixon

Title: Indians of the United States
Author: Clark Wissler

Title: I Will Fight No More Forever
Author: Merrill D. Beal

Title: We Were Not Summer Soldiers
Author: Plympton J. Kelly

Title: Renegade Tribe
Author: Clifford E. Trafzer &
Richard D. Schuerman

Title: Great Chiefs
Author: Tony Hallihan

(Two of the books listed with “unknown donors” in March’s newsletter have been identified as being donated to CCGS by Glen Jones: “Travels in the Great Western Prairies (1839 Wagon Train Journal)” and “Steens Mountain Historical Tour”). These two books will be moved to their regular spot on the library shelves in April.

Some Donations from Friends of the Vancouver Community Library

Vancouver High School Yearbooks (the Alki): 1910, 1911, and 1923 editions

Title: Chinook, 1918 (Yearbook)
Author: Junior Class, State College of Washington

Title: Our Lady of Lourdes 1989 Parish Directory
Author: Our Lady of Lourdes

Title: Marshalltown High School Alumni Directory 2000 (Iowa)
Author: Marshalltown High School Alumni Association

Unknown Donor

Title: Restoration of the 1910 Amboy United Brethren Church (CD)
Author: North Clark Historical Museum

LEGACY WEBINARS
Brian Runyan, Education Chairman

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 11am

Seven Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists with Thomas MacEntee:

Learn how savvy genealogists are find success with 7 basic habits of frugality. You'll not only find a list of key resources but more importantly you'll learn how to embrace the "mind set" of finding the best ways to save money while researching your ancestors.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 11am

Get Organized Using the FamilyRoots Organizer Color-Coding System with Mary Hill:

For on-going research success, a person must have a simple system to organize genealogy records. FamilyRoots Organizer is a proven system - easy to understand, simple to set up, and simple to use. Based on four colors for your four grandparent lines, coordinate your paper files with your Legacy database as you build your family tree.

Friday, April 11, 2014 11am

Estate Records - More Than Just Wills with Linda Woodward Geiger:

This session will introduce a large variety of documents that may be located within the Estate files of individuals dying with or without a will. The records may provide researchers with direct or indirect evidence of heirs of the deceased, descriptions of property (both real and personal), occupation, literacy, and other interesting tidbits.

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 11am

Genealogical Evidence and Online Family Trees with Karen Clifford:

A person's identity is established through evidence. Usually that evidence comes from multiple record groups which when studied together either forges stronger links between family members, or weakens links (and confusion reigns.) Sometimes there are records about the same person which disagree. Become familiar with available tools from online family trees that can help to logically build the evidence to strengthen a claim to a specific ancestor.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 11am

The Homestead Act of 1862 with Thomas MacEntee:

In this session you'll learn how The Homestead Act of 1862 lured citizens of the United States to procure federal lands West of the Mississippi River. The application and qualification process, as burdensome as it was for our ancestors, produced a bumper crop of documents for use by genealogists and family historians.

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 11am

Google Glass and Family History with Devin Ashby:

Google Glass is a new technology that has great application for family history. Learn about some potential spaces for app development like cemeteries, photos and stories, interviews, and video.

Join us at the CCGS Library to view these webinars, or you can watch them at home. You'll need to register for them if you watch at home:

Register at Legacy Family Tree Webinars: <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>

SCOUNDRELS, RAKES AND MISCREANTS, OH MY!

Pat Jollota

Lethene Parks and Brian Runyan

April 26, 2014

Do 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?

This year, the Clark County Genealogical Society is investigating some juicy stories from our members. On Saturday, April 26th, Pat Jollota will give a keynote address exploring the ins and outs of our sometimes embarrassing ancestors. Lethene and Brian will then present four case studies scrutinizing some juicy family legends submitted by some of our members.

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.

Somewhere in the middle of all this we will break for lunch (see registration form for pre-ordering from Vancouver Pie).

Pat Jollota will wrap up our exploration with a few nuggets of entertaining local juice.

This is going to be fun!

Lunch at Vancouver Pie

Our neighbor, Vancouver Pie, is offering lunch specials to attendees of the Spring Seminar. We need to give them a count of how many lunches to prepare. If you would like to pre-order lunch from Vancouver Pie, mark the "yes" line on your order form and include the price of lunch with your registration for the Seminar. They are offering the following specials:

- Quiche, sweet pie, and a drink for \$8.00
- Chicken pot pie, sweet pie and a drink for \$8.50
- Soup, bread, sweet pie and a drink for \$8.00

SCOUNDRELS, RAKES AND MISCREANTS, OH MY!!
just how true *IS* that family legend?

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
SPRING SEMINAR

Saturday, April 26th 2014

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Featuring

Pat Jollota – Famous and Infamous Local Tales

Lethene Parks and Brian Runyan – Four Case Studies from our Members

Register Early – deadline 11:59pm April 20, 2014

\$35 CCGS Members

\$40 Nonmembers

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

Our neighbors, Vancouver Pie, will be offering lunch specials for attendees

Clip the registration form below and mail to

CCGS Fall Seminar, P.O. Box 5249,
Vancouver, WA 98668-5249.

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

Or register by telephone,
360-750-5688

Please make checks payable to CCGS.

Registration, CCGS Spring Seminar, April 26, 2014

P.O. Box 5249

Vancouver, WA 98668-5249

Name-----

Address-----

Email-----

\$35 Member

Yes, I want lunch from Vancouver Pie

\$40 Non-member

No thanks, I'll bring my own lunch

If you want to order lunch from Vancouver Pie, please include this amount with your registration fees. Please let us know your menu choice.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- April 1 *Free* Beginning Genealogy class, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex (Instructor: Alice Allen)
- April 2 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
- April 3 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 – 3 p.m., CCGS Library Annex
- April 7 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex
- April 8 Class: Using DNA in Genealogy, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex (Instructor: Larry Dean)
- April 12 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
- April 14 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
- April 16 **Deadline for May Newsletter**
- April 21 CCGS Volunteer day, 10 a.m.
- April 26 **SPRING SEMINAR**
- April 28 Library Committee meeting, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Note: No General Meeting in April due to the Spring Seminar. See you in May!

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.