

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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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:

**Tuesday, September 30,
7 p.m. at the CCGS
Annex. See related
article on page 2 for
more information.**

President's Message

Lethene Parks

For those who may not know me, I have been a CCGs member for about ten years, ever since I moved to Vancouver from Stevens County in northeastern Washington to be near my daughter. I was born and raised in Spokane, but later lived in Wenatchee and then in Bremerton for many years. My education includes a B.A. in History and a Master of Librarianship, both from the University of Washington. During my 27-year career as a professional librarian I worked at Olympic College in Bremerton, Pierce County Library in Tacoma, and the Washington State Library.

My interest in genealogy and family history began in high school, continued sporadically during the next 40 years, and after I retired in 1989 became an almost-full-time hobby. I have been very fortunate in having been able to travel all over the United States in pursuit of my hobby. I have taught classes in genealogy and in writing personal and family history off and on for the past 20 years. On a personal level, I am widowed, with four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. My oldest daughter has become my genealogy research partner and maintains our family database.

My acceptance of the CCGS presidency brings a few changes in other areas of CCGS activity: Sandy Thompson has stepped forward as Acting Library Director for the next year. Please help her by volunteering to help in the CCGS Library; it is a great learning experience as well as a help to the society. Richard Engstrom has taken over the Old City Cemetery project and it is moving forward. Kara Lynn Rankin will assume the major responsibility for librarians' quarterly training.

During the coming year I want to focus on revising and updating CCGS procedures, policies, and volunteer job descriptions. I will continue to work at developing community partnerships which will help make CCGS more visible in the community and, hopefully, will help increase our membership. And, most importantly, I will focus on continuing to be a welcoming presence and a helpful resource for people seeking information about the history of their families, in Clark County or elsewhere.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, suggestions, or comments.

General Meeting

Summer is almost over, time to return to our regular schedules. The first meeting of this new year will be Tuesday, September 30 at 7 pm. We will have a recognition of CCGS volunteers and then a presentation and discussion of the happenings in Oregon and other libraries. The library closures are happening at a fast pace and we need to be aware of what is going on.

Legacy Users Group News

Watch Geoff Live

On Friday, August 1st, several Legacy Users Group members from CCGS travelled to Portland to hear Geoff Rasmussen “live and in person,” at the Portland Legacy Users Group meeting. We were treated to a three-hour presentation by Geoff as he took us on a quest for information and documentation for one of his ancestors. The process included creating a timeline and chronology for this ancestor, and looking for clues in his life’s events. While the presentation showed how to create the timeline in the Legacy Family Tree program, the information presented can be used by anyone as they research and document their ancestors’ life.

Legacy Webinars

Education chairman Brian Runyan continues to set up the computer projector and screen at CCGS each Wednesday when Legacy Family Tree puts on one of their webinars. These webinar broadcasts are free to anyone, and can be watched at home if you pre-register with Legacy, or join us in the **CCGS Annex** where you can watch without registering. Normal broadcast times are from **11 a.m. to 12:30**, although occasionally there will be a time change. And occasionally there are webinars shown on Fridays as well. Your Sunday email news “This Week at CCGS” contains the schedule and information for these webinars. Upcoming webinars in September include:

- Wednesday, Sept. 3: “Researching Your Jewish Ancestors” with Jennifer Alford
- Friday, Sept. 5: Legacy Family Tree Virtual Users Group, with a panel of experts from Legacy Family Tree
- Wednesday, Sept. 10: “Success with Manuscript Sources,” with Barbara Renick
- Wednesday, Sept. 17: No scheduled webinar
- Wednesday, Sept. 24: “A Library at your Fingertips—the Internet Archives,” with Maureen Taylor

CCGS MEMBERS CAN NOW SUBSCRIBE TO LEGACY WEBINARS FOR HALF-PRICE!!

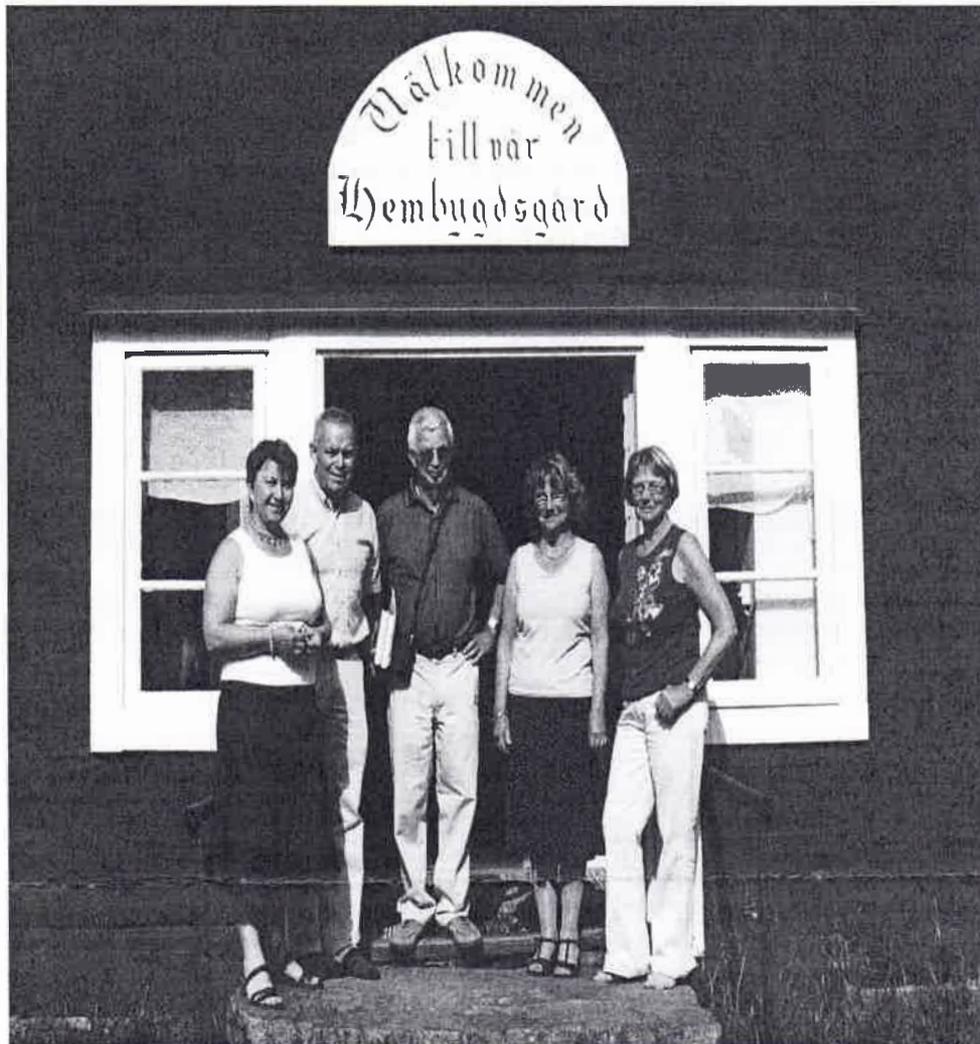
Brian Runyan, our Education Director, sets up the projector and screen in the annex almost every Wednesday at 11:00 to show a live educational program given by some of the best genealogists in the world. Check the CCGS Activities Calendar for the particulars. Anyone can watch these live presentations for free, but to get the syllabus you must be a paid subscriber. Subscribers also have 24-7 access to the more than 260 hours of instructional video and the accompanying 700+ pages of instructor handouts. Additionally subscribers get 5% off any purchase from Legacy Family Tree.

The introductory price is normally \$49.95 for a year subscription. Geoff Rasmussen has provided CCGS with our own discount code that allows a CCGS member to purchase a yearly subscription for ½ price. If this is of interest to you, you may call the CCGS library and a librarian, after verifying you are a current member, will give you the code.

Legacy Users Group Meeting for September

Due to the Labor Day holiday on the first Monday in September, the Legacy Users Group will not be meeting that day. Join us again on Monday, October 6th at 10 a.m. in the CCGS Annex for the next meeting.

SCANDINAVIAN CORNER



My Swedish Family in Karlslunda, Kalmar, Sweden

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. I hope that your summer was fruitful in terms of your search for your Scandinavian ancestors. The photo above was taken during my trip to Sweden 7 years ago. I was able to meet cousins on both my grandmother's side as well as my grandfathers.

The Scandinavian Focus Group will begin meeting again after a summer break. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 11th from 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room. We have moved our meeting time to the second Thursday of the month. This is a great opportunity to share your breakthroughs as well as your brick-walls. We will also be exploring the various genealogical websites that are crucial in our family research.

Richard Engstrom rengstro60@yahoo.com

Monthly Focus Groups

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

CLARK COUNTY PIONEER PROJECT

We are looking for volunteers to assist us in our Clark County Pioneer Project. We are in the process of developing bios of our early Clark County pioneers. It is our goal to place this information on a website linked to the CCGS site. We are in the early stages of this project, but we have already about 12 individuals who have volunteered. Initially, we are concentrating on pioneers buried in the Vancouver Old City Cemetery, but we will accept bios of pioneers located in other Clark County cemeteries. We have developed some guidelines as well as a template to assist you as you develop the bios.



If you are interested, please contact:
Richard Engstrom
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Membership Report

(Denni Hamilton-Levonian, Membership Chairman)

Welcome, New Members:

Kay Thiede and Judy Noall

Welcome Back, Reinstated Member:

Steve Aberle

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Beatrice A. Jackson

Newsletter Mailing Reminder

(Repeat information)

At the April Board meeting, it was decided to discontinue mailing the CCGS newsletter by postal mail for all but those who do not have a computer, etc. This will be effective with the November 2014 newsletter. The newsletters will continue to be snail-mailed as well as delivered electronically through the October edition. The May & June 2014 newsletters have more information on this decision.

News From Area Genealogy Societies

GFO Fall Seminar, Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Milwaukie Elks Lodge

Presenter is Judy G. Russell (aka "The Legal Genealogist")

Registration Fees:

Members: \$43 if received by Oct. 18th; \$48 if received after Oct. 18th

Non-Members: \$48 if received by October 18th; \$53 if received after Oct. 18th.

Lunch is available for \$12 (Elks Lodge dining room) if registered by Oct. 18th.

There is an associated workshop the following day at the GFO library, \$25 members, \$30 for non-members. Must be registered by Oct. 18th, limited to 40 attendees. There were no hours mentioned on the registration form or in the article that I could see.

For more information email seminar@gfo.org

Registration forms available at [www.gfo.org/insider/insider/Aug 14.pdf](http://www.gfo.org/insider/insider/Aug%2014.pdf) or at CCGS on the "Events" clipboard.



The following information was shared by CCGS member Marian Kenedy, from the Whitman County Genealogical Society newsletter. A full copy of this newsletter is available at the CCGS Library.

GENEALOGYINTIME MAGAZINE

<http://www.genealogyintime.com/index.html#sthash.FwAtgovq.dpuf>

Discover, the world's most popular online genealogy magazine and one of the world's largest FREE genealogy websites. We are always coming up with new and creative ways to help people find your ancestors. It is who we are and what we are about. Every week we publish the most complete list available on the internet of new genealogy record sets from around the world. Be the first to hear about our latest guides and checklists to help you find your ancestors.

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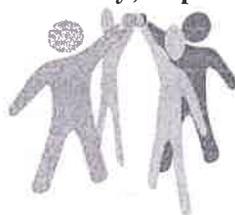
<http://dp.la>

This massive project was conceived in 2010 and launched its beta version 20 months later. If you have a desire for your ancestors' lives to be more than name, dates and numbers, that greater understanding can be gained here. The ever increasing repository has information on all areas of the country. For example, it has maps of the Overland Trail and diaries from its travelers. The DPLA, through its Digital Hubs Pilot Project, partners with existing state and regional digital libraries and other large digital repositories in the nation, offering their services to connect their collections through them. The undertaking is ambitious but will make available our cultural heritage to anyone interested.

Internet Genealogy, V. 8, #4, Oct/Nov 2013

South King Co. Gen. Soc., V.29, #4, Jan/Feb 2014

Librarian's Training - Monday, September 29 from 10-noon!



Here is an opportunity to connect with dedicated family of CCGS Librarians! We will learn about some of CCGS's resources including using World Cat & the American Ancestors website. There'll be time for Q&A, too. For more information or to volunteer as a librarian, you may contact Kara Lynn Rankin at 360-901-5331 or KL-Rankin-at-comcast.net.

Come to the library on Monday, September 29 at 10 AM

Oregon State Library Closure

Glen Jones

For those of you who may not have heard the Oregon State Library reference and Research Room which is manned by Willamette Valley Genealogy Society Volunteers will be closed at the end of September and access to the Oregon State Library will be severely restricted. Willamette Valley and other Organizations with materials on loan to the library are having to move or claim there materials.

Anyone wanting to do research at the Oregon State Library needs to do so ASAP.

(Editor's Note: There will be more information on this and other library closures at the next General Meeting on September 30th, 7 p.m. at the CCGS Annex.)

Trail Breakers

The latest edition of the CCGS publication "Trail Breakers" is now available for download at this URL:
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/TB/Volume_40.pdf
(note: this url is case-sensitive)

If you do not have computer access to download your copy, we will have some copies available at the Library for you to pick up, or call and ask for a copy to be mailed to you.

Condolences

Our condolences have been sent to Charles "Charlie" Caughlan, a long-time member of CCGS. His wife, Denise Denver, succumbed to pancreatic cancer Saturday, June 29, in Vancouver.

We also wish to express our condolences to Sharon Wodtke, a life member and former CCGS president, on the passing of her son, Matthew. He passed away on Monday, August 25th.

**CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FALL 2014 CLASSES**

FREE CLASSES

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree

Saturday, August 23rd, 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 NE 136 Ave., Vancouver, Washington.

Instructor: Brian Runyan

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.

Beginning Genealogical Research Techniques

Tuesday, November 18th 10:a.m. to 12 noon. Clark County Genealogical Society Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA

Instructor: Alice Allen

Alice will get you started researching your family. She will cover such topics as:

- Where do I look for records?
- How do I know this record is of MY family
- How much can I trust what I find online?
- Where can I go for help?
- How do I keep it all straight?"

FEE CLASSES

Fee for each class \$12 members, \$15 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 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. All classes (except the first free class) will be held at the Clark County Genealogical Society Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, Washington

Researching New England Ancestors - Tuesday, September 9, 10 a.m. to 12 noon,

Instructor: Alice Allen

This class will focus on the first area of British settlement in the New World. We'll learn a bit of history about each of the six states that make up New England, as well what records are available and where to find them. We'll focus on some tips to make your research easier.

Researching in the Southern States - Tuesday, September 23, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Instructor: Lethene Parks

This class will provide tips, strategies, and sources for researching your ancestors in Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Strategies differ from state to state and many resources are located in small, local repositories. Vital information often comes from unusual sources and talking to local people is very important. Area migration patterns provide many clues and the history of the Revolutionary War in the South is crucial to understanding them.

Researching in the Midwest - Tuesday, October 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Instructor: Elsie Deatheridge

In addition to an intensive focus on the Midwest, Elsie has just returned from a research trip to Missouri. This class will cover the differences between Midwest Research and other parts of the country, and will cover the unique resources that are available in each state.

Publishing Your Research: Who Wants to Read it Anyway? - Tuesday, October 14th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Instructor: Charlotte Lewis

- You've done the research; now what do you do with it?
 - How do you preserve the data?
 - How do you make it accessible to others?
- How can you make it more interesting than just a bunch of statistics?
 - This sounds all well and good but I can barely describe a sunset
 - How do I go about actually publishing anything?

Sleuthing the Census Records - Tuesday October 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Instructor: Larry Dean

Census records are one of the best resources to use early in your family research and should be reviewed later in your research for information you didn't realize was important when you first saw it. We'll note the content of each U.S. population census from 1790 to 1940. Fortunately, these censuses are now available on the internet. We'll review the various web sites that have these censuses and demo searching them.

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FALL 2014 CLASSES
Brief Biographies of our Class Instructors



Alice Allen has been doing genealogical research off and on since 1968 (raising six children was her main focus). When she got her first computer in 1995, genealogy and family history became a passion. She became a member of the USGenWeb Project in 1996 and was thus privileged to be a part of the beginning of online genealogy research. She has been a CCGS member since 1998 and is involved in many other community and social activities.



Lethene Parks lived in North Carolina for a time in the 1950s and learned some history of the area. "Both of my grandmothers had family lines that immigrated to the U.S. in the mid-1700s and settled in southern states. I have made three major research trips to the South, doing most of my research in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and North and South Carolina, but some in other southern states as well. Mostly I have learned about southern research by doing it." Lethene is currently serving as our CCGS President and enjoys major kudos for all she has contributed to CCGS over the years.



Elsie Deatheridge was born in Colville, WA, and graduated from Inchelium High school. She earned a BS in secondary education and a Masters in Adult Education, both from WSU Pullman. Elsie has attended many week-long course at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and is a frequent participant in national genealogy conferences.



Charlotte Lewis is a retired accountant living in Vancouver, Washington. When she retired in June 2005, Charlotte announced she planned to become a full-time sit-on-the-porch-and-watch-the-roses-grow gal. After discovering that conversations with roses were pretty one-sided, she got off the porch, took a writing class, wrote her first post-retirement novel, Chris, A Mystery, began volunteering at the Clark County Historical Museum, and started on an adventure series set along the Oregon Trail and Territory. Charlotte has authored more than a dozen books. Her web address is <http://www.charlottelewisonline.com>
She does watch the roses but now only part-time.



Larry Dean is a long-time member of CCGS, a frequent instructor of CCGS classes and past chairman of the CCGS education committee.

To register in advance or for more information,
call the CCGS Library, 360-750-5688, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday
or visit the CCGS Library at 717 Grand Blvd, Vancouver
Registration forms can be printed from the CCGS web page/activities/classes

**REGISTRATION FORM
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Please mark [X] the class/classes FOR WHICH you want to register

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REGULAR CLASSES

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Sept. 1 Labor Day, no Legacy Users Group meeting
Sept. 4 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1–3 p.m. CCGS Library Annex
Sept. 8 Board Meeting, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. CCGS Library Annex
Sept. 9 **Class:** Researching Your New England Ancestors, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex. Instructor: Alice Allen
Sept. 11 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
Sept. 13 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am – noon
Sept. 17 **Deadline for October Newsletter**
Sept. 22 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. – noon
Sept. 23 **Class:** Researching in the Southern States, 10 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library Annex. Instructor: Lethene Parks
Sept. 29 Librarian's Training, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Sept. 30 General Meeting, 7 p.m. 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@pacifier.com or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.