

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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General Meeting:

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.
at the CCGS Annex.
Note the change to day
meetings. More
information elsewhere in
this newsletter.

President's Message

Lethene Parks

This month I want to focus on some learning opportunities for CCGs members. One of the best ways to learn about something is to do it, to try something new that you're not sure you can do. So here comes the story:

Many years ago, when I was fresh out of library graduate school, I had my first experience presenting information to an audience. It was at a national convention and in the audience were several people who were nationally known experts. My knees were literally shaking, likewise my hands; I wasn't at all sure I could do this. A colleague, who was also my mentor at that time, gave me some good advice. He said, "You can do this. Besides, that's what the podium is for, and the table it sits on, covered with a tablecloth. You just hang onto the podium and stand behind the table and no one will be able to see that your hands and knees are shaking.. It also helps if you believe you can do it." I've not been afraid of public speaking since.

Why do I tell you this story? Because CCGS needs your help. And because without the help of every CCGs member, we cannot survive as an organization. So here are some learning opportunities for you to consider:

Program Chair: This is the person who makes arrangements for our monthly general meeting programs—contacts speakers, books the Annex, sees to room arrangements, and sends out publicity information. Also attends Board meetings and makes reports to the CCGS Board.

Publicity Person: We need one or two people to take on the responsibility for all needed CCGS publicity—send notices of CCGS events to area newspapers, distribute notices and brochures to other libraries and to community groups, and whatever else is needed to help make the community aware that we exist and of what we do.

Bylaws Committee: We need one more person to serve on this committee, to review CCGS Bylaws and make recommendations to the CCGS Board. Bylaws changes, if any, will be voted on by CCGS membership in 2015, probably in the spring. This would be a good spot for a newcomer—an easy way to learn more about the workings of the organization, with plenty of help from others who have done this job before.

Pioneer Cemetery Project: We can always use more people to help research pioneers who are buried in Old City and other Clark County cemeteries and prepare the information for posting online. Talk to Richard Engstrom on this one.

Librarians: we always need librarians. You will work with a more experienced librarian, and there is quarterly training for all our volunteer librarians. Talk to Sandy Thompson, or to Kara Lynn Rankin or Ralph Erickson if you are interested.

No previous experience is needed for any of these jobs. Training and help will be provided. They are all important to our continued success as an organization. You will learn and benefit from that learning, and CCGS will be a stronger and better organization for your participation. You can reach me at lethene at Comcast.net or call me (my phone number is in the membership list) or talk to me when you see me.

NEWS FLASH! The class scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th, has been changed to November 4th, as October 28th is our General Meeting.

General Meeting

The Clark County Genealogical Society will meet on **October 28 at 10 am until noon** in the annex at 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver. Joseph Ziembra will share with us about book restoration and preservation. Past projects include rebinding of a first edition of "David Copperfield" and several other early printings of Dickens works. Fine bindings have been a passion along with a lifelong interest along with the interest in preservation. While living in the Washington, DC area he was able to study all aspects of book creation and preservation at the Smithsonian Institution along with private lessons with a book conservator from the Library of Congress. He has taught basic bookbinding at the Greenville Center for Arts and Crafts and basic book restoration at the John C. Campbell Folk School in the North Carolina Mountains.

Legacy Users Group News

Legacy Users Group

We will meet on Monday, October 6th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Library Annex. Bring any questions you may have about the Legacy program, and if there's a special feature you wish to have discussed, contact Bill Whalley at wgwhalley@gmail.com

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. Broadcast times are from **11 a.m. to 12:30**. Your Sunday email news "This Week at CCGS" contains the schedule and information for these webinars. Upcoming webinars in October include:

- Wednesday, Oct. 1: "The Fair Court: Records of Chancery Courts" with Judy G. Russell
- Friday, Oct. 3: "Overcoming Destroyed or Missing Records," with Karen Clifford
- Wednesday, Oct. 8: "Welcome to Family Search Indexing," with Devin Ashby
- Wednesday, Oct. 15: "Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor," with Thomas MacEntee
- Wednesday, Oct. 22: "Tracking Migration Using the Draper Manuscripts," with Mary Hill

See <http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> for webinar descriptions.

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.

SCANDINAVIAN CORNER



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Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. We held our first meeting of the Scandinavian Focus group this last month. Please join us in October when our discussion will be about DNA testing and its value in searching for our lost relatives. Meeting time: October 9th-10am to 11:30am.

A re-launch of the new Ellis Island website has occurred and might be worth your review of their immigration records. Even if you had a previous user profile, it is my understanding that you will be required to create a new one. It is free so a great place to search for our Scandinavian immigrants. I have recently purchased the Swedish Census for 1880, 1890 and 1900. In addition I have the Swedish Death Index 1901-2009, as well as a subscription to ArkivDigital. I would be happy to make those available when I am scheduled as librarian. I would also be amenable to setting up a time that might be more convenient for you.

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

New to the CCGS Library

Alice Allen

The following new books have been added to the CCGS collection recently. These books will remain on the "New Shelf" at CCGS for the month of October. Stop by and see what's new!

Donated by Judi Kirkland

Title: The History of Haverhill, Massachusetts
Author: Benjamin L. Mirick

Title: The History of Bridgewater, Massachusetts
Author: Nahum Mitchell

Title: Colonial Era History of Dover, New Hampshire
Author: John Scales

Title: Penobscot Pioneers: Lawrence, Michaels, Perry,
Westcott
Author: Phillip Howard Gray

Title: Penobscot Pioneers: Alley, Bakeman, Smart
Author: Phillip Howard Gray

Title: Vital Records of Marshfield, Massachusetts to the
Year 1850
Author: Robert M. Sherman and Ruth Wilder Sherman

Title: Penobscot Pioneers: Lawrence, Michaels, Perry, Westcott
Author: Phillip Howard Gray

Title: Ancestor's Guide to Research, Case Studies in American Genealogy
Author: Johni Cerny & Arlene Eakle (2nd copy)

Title: Searching for Your Ancestors
Author: Gilbert H. Doane

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: American Indian Almanac
Author: John Upton Terrell

Title: The American Indian in the Civil War 1862-1865
Author: Annie Heloise Abel

Title: The American Indian and the End
of the Confederacy 1863-1866
Author: Annie Heloise Abel

Title: The American Indian as Slaveholder
and Secessionist
Author: Annie Heloise Abel

Title: Dictionary of Native American Mythology
Author: Sam D. Gill & Irene F. Sullivan

Compiled and Donated by CCGS Research and Preservation Committee

Title: Trailbreakers, vol. 30-33 (2003-2007)
Author: CCGS

Title: Trail Breakers, vol. 34-37 (2008-2011)
Author: CCGS

Donated by Peter M. Brown

Title: Genealogical Quest-a Pasadena Bibliography
Author: Joyce Y. Pinney

Donated Pat Bauer/Friends of the FVRL Library

Title: On Wings of Eagles-Yearbook
Author: Three Rivers Christian School

Reminder: Beginning with the November issue, the CCGS Newsletter will be available primarily via email. If you aren't already receiving it by email, be sure to watch for an email from us with the link to the newsletter. If we do not have an email address on file for you, you will continue to receive it by postal mail. The Trail Breakers and Directory have already been available by email for a couple of years now. We anticipate saving money for our Society by having the Newsletter delivered by email as well.

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.

AARP and Ancestry

Did you know that AARP has made an agreement for 12 months with Ancestry so that AARP members can get a 30% discount for a membership to Ancestry? The phone number to call (from the article), is 1-800-262-3787. I'm sure you will need your AARP number.

CCGS Education Opportunities

Our Fall slate of education classes are well on their way. By the time you read this, we will have completed one of the free beginning classes and two other classes: “Researching Your New England Ancestors, and the class on Southern US Research. What’s left, you ask? Still to come are “Researching in the Midwest (Tues., Oct. 7th); “Publishing Your Research” (Tues., Oct. 14th); and “Sleuthing the Census” (Note the new date: Tues., Nov. 4th). There’s also one more free beginners class, on Tuesday, November 18th.

The registration form is available later in this newsletter, and on the CCGS web site (URL on front page). Class descriptions and a little bio on each presenter is available in the September newsletter and on our web site. You can complete the form in this newsletter and bring it in or mail it, or call the Library during open hours to register. We encourage advance registration (you can still pay at the door on the day of the class), since classes are subject to cancellation if a minimum number of registrations are not met several days prior to the class. “Minimum number” is at the discretion of each instructor.

Please note the date change for the Census class, from October 28th to November 4th, same time and place. The first daytime General Meeting is scheduled for October 28th at the same time and place.

Membership Report
(Denni Hamilton-Levonian)

Welcome, New Members:

Craig Ericsson
Charlotte Lewis

Welcome Back, Reinstated Members:

Nick and Irene Tonkin

Condolences

- Frank Kuechmann, son of long-time CCGS Newsletter editor Gene Keuchmann, passed away on August 29th. A card has been sent from CCGS, if you would like to send a card, they may be sent to

Gene Kuechmann
4511 NE 66th Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98661-3164

- AnnaBelle Haller Bauman, sister of CCGS life member Margaret Colf Hepola, passed away on August 26th. A card was sent from CCGS, if you would like to express your personal condolences to Margaret, this is her address:

Margaret Colf Hepola
6816 NE Etna Rd.
Woodland, WA 98674-2617

Did You Know?

- October is Family History Month
- CCGS has an extensive collection of books from all areas of the country, as well as other parts of the world. When researching recently for the New England research class, I was surprised to find that we have almost all of the major resources for New England genealogy research, including "how-to" books as well as indexes and compiled data for early New England Families. If New England is one of the areas you are researching in, stop by and see what we have.
- Again, for our New England researchers (and some other areas), CCGS has a subscription to the American Ancestors (NEHGS) web site. This web site can only be used at CCGS, some in and a librarian will help you log in. I found some interesting information on relatives for whom I had little to no information previously.

Some Interesting Links Submitted by Bill Whalley

A link to computer trouble-shooting tips:

<http://www.techsoup.org/support/articles-and-how-tos/do-it-yourself-desktop-troubleshooting>

and what to do when a program doesn't work:

http://imgs.xkcd.com/comics/tech_support_cheat_sheet.png

**REGISTRATION FORM
CCGS Classes – Fall 2014**

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

BEGINNING CLASSES - FREE

Getting Started Tracing Your Family

[] Saturday, August 23rd, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Brian Runyan. This class, and only this class will be held at the Cascade Park Library

Getting Started Tracing Your Family

[] Tuesday, November 18th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Alice Allen. This class, and all others will be held in the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver

REGULAR CLASSES

Fee for classes \$12.00 for CCGS members, \$15.00 for non-members

Researching New England Ancestors

[] Tuesday, September 9th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Alice Allen

Researching in the Southern States

[] Tuesday, September 23rd, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Lethene Parks

Researching in the Midwest

[] Tuesday, October 7th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Elsie Deatheridge

Publishing Your Research: Who Wants to Read it Anyway?

[] Tuesday, October 14th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Charlotte Lewis

Sluething the Census Records

[] Tuesday, November 4th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Larry Dean (NOTE NEW DATE)

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Oct. 1** Legacy Webinar: "The Fair Court: Records of Chancery Courts, with Judy G. Russell. 11 a.m. Library Annex
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Oct. 7 **Class:** Researching in the Midwest, 10 a.m.-12 noon Library Annex; instructor: Elsie Deatheridge
Oct. 8 Legacy Webinar: "Welcome to Family Search Indexing, with Devin Ashby. 11 a.m. Library Annex
Oct. 9 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
Oct. 11 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am — noon
Oct. 13 Board Meeting, 9-11 a.m. Library Annex
Oct. 14 **Class:** Publishing Your Research: Who Wants to Read it Anyway? 10 a.m.-12 noon Library Annex; Instructor: Charlotte Lewis
Oct. 15 Legacy Webinar: "Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor, with Thomas MacEntee. 11 a.m. Library Annex
Oct. 22 **November newsletter articles due**
Oct. 22 Legacy Webinar: "Tracking Migration Using the Draper Manuscripts, with Mary Hill. 11 a.m. Library Annex
Oct. 27 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon
Oct. 28 General Meeting, 10 a.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 at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.