

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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10 am to 3:00 pm

**Saturday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Deadline for the May  
newsletter is  
Wednesday, April 22nd

### President's Message

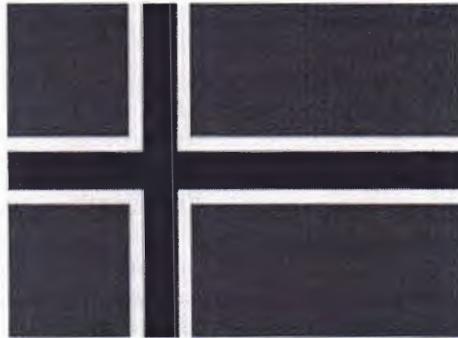
Spring is a busy time for many, and it has been especially busy and challenging this year for our society. Several of our members who spend quite a bit of their time volunteering for CCGS have Spring travel plans this year, others have had to cut back their usual activity levels because of medical issues which needed attention, and we are currently without a program chairperson and without a library director. In spite of these bumps in our road, our dedicated librarians show up to keep our library open and to help people use the resources materials and web sites we have, and all of the usual jobs get done somehow. Our education program goes forward and we have made a start on revising policies and procedures as a preliminary step to reviewing our bylaws to see if changes are in order. We have a few new members and a few new people using our library and a few members returning to take a more active role. None of this could happen without all of you who give of your time and talents to help with the work of the society and I want to personally thank each and every one of you for all that you do.

My own life has been very busy lately and, like many who are taking an active role in their local genealogical societies, I have not had much time for my own family history research recently. It's my own fault for agreeing to do one more thing when I know I am already doing one (or more) too many things. My older daughter would tell me that I need to stand in front of the mirror and practice saying "No."

A few weeks ago my younger daughter and I made a road trip to Denver so I could attend the annual spring board meeting of the national Oregon-California Trails Association and make an in-person report committee report and be available to answer questions on a new policy statement I was asking the Board to approve. Roads across Wyoming were challenging and we spent an unplanned day in the small town of Evanston, Wyoming, where the I-80 freeway was closed because of blowing snow; temperatures were only a few degrees above zero. All was not lost, however, as we spent a happy afternoon in the local public library, which has an excellent local history collection and vertical file materials relating to early families who settled in the area. Evanston started as a railroad town and local efforts are underway to restore the large railroad roundhouse there as a historic site and event center. There is also a gem of a small historical museum which we also visited. My great-grandfather Dennis and his family were in Evanston from 1879 to 1891. Great-Grandpa was an engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad. The family moved on west to southern Spokane county in eastern Washington in order to acquire land for the three sons in the family; the family also operated a livery stable in Spokane for a number of years. My grandfather and his siblings began school in Evanston and it turns out that I have a small photograph of the Evanston school and its students, taken during the time when they lived there. The local museum does not have such a photograph so I agreed to scan mine and send them a copy for their collection. Evanston was a productive stop, the meeting in Denver went well and we were also able to visit one of my favorite cousins in Sun Valley, Idaho, on the way home.

Join us on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for our next General Meeting. This begins our evening meeting schedule, so we'll begin at 7 p.m. See the related article on page 2 for more information about our program.

## "Scandinavian Focus Group"



Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. This edition will concentrate on genealogical resources for Denmark. A great place to begin in your search is the Danish State Archives. Their website is partially in English and is easy to navigate. It includes:

- Parish Registers
- Census Lists
- Probate Records
- Emigrant lists

It also has a section on Danish names as well as tips on interpreting handwriting in the records.  
<https://www.sa.dk> The site is free.

If you are a member of Facebook, check out the Genealogisk Forum. This is a great place to get assistance in your Danish research. Posts are both in Danish and English.

Of course, check out Ancestry.com as well as Family Search. In Family Search, don't forget to check out the Wiki site, which can be very helpful in finding geographic locations such as parishes and villages in which your ancestors may have resided. The CCGS Library now has Ancestry.com and is free to users.

The CCGS Scandinavian focus group will be doing our annual field trip on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to visit the Multnomah County Library and follow that up with a Scandinavian lunch at Broders Nord. Therefore, we will not be meeting in April at CCGS. We will have one more meeting in May before we take a summer break.

Richard Engstrom  
[Rengstro60@yahoo.com](mailto:Rengstro60@yahoo.com)

### **April General Meeting** Lethene Parks, CCGS President

Our April program will be Tuesday, April 28, 7-9 pm. Author and genealogist Stephen Hanks from Portland will be our speaker. I am including Stephen's description of his book and his presentation, which describes his presentation very well I think:

He says: "I am a fellow genealogist...and spent over 10 years tracing my paternal African American family line. Subsequently I wrote a book about my findings, which took me thru several State archives and finally to the year 1735 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, where I learned an ancestor's name and tribe....the book, entitled *Akee Tree, A Descendant's Quest For His Slave Ancestors on the Eskridge Plantations*, is written in the form of a narrative, so the reader...can experience the 'feel of the hunt,' and can follow along with me as to what methodology and records I utilized."

## Computer FREAK Attack

From Steve Aberle, CCGS Technical Team

Your computer might be vulnerable to an exploit technique called FREAK (Factoring attack on RSA-EXPORT Keys). An industry-wide security flaw has been discovered in the Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE) which implements Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocols to help secure Internet communications. According to the <https://www.smacktls.com> website, "the JSSE implementation of TLS has been providing virtually no security guarantee (no authentication, no integrity, no confidentiality) for the past several years."

US-CERT has not yet issued an alert. Microsoft Security Advisory 3046015 reports that the vulnerability affects all supported releases of Microsoft Windows. This problem affects other operating systems as well. Chrome for Windows and all versions of Firefox are known to be safe. CCGS member Steve Aberle checked the Dillo, Epiphany, Iceweasel, and Midori browsers, and they all seem unaffected. His son checked Safari 4 and 5 on his Macs and it appears okay, but Safari 6 is vulnerable.

Additional details can be found at these websites:

<https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/3046015.aspx>

<https://www.smacktls.com>

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/06/all\\_microsoft\\_windows\\_versions\\_vulnerable\\_to\\_freak](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/06/all_microsoft_windows_versions_vulnerable_to_freak)

You can check your own browser at the <https://www.smacktls.com/freak> website.

You can check a webserver you use at the <https://tools.keycdn.com/freak> website.

The <https://freakattack.com> website lists vulnerable browsers and status of patch availability.

## Periodicals News

Lillian Fullerton, Periodicals Chairman

**CORRECTION:** The new name for Family Chronicle is YOUR GENEALOGY TODAY. The previous notice listed the incorrect name for the former magazine.

The March/April 2015 issue of YOUR GENEALOGY TODAY features an article titled "Paperless Office." It explains five easy steps to reduce paper clutter for family historians. The periodical is located in the rack behind the front desk.

The March/April 2015 issue of FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE features an article "Tricks of the Trade", an essential guide to 10 key web sites for genealogy. The periodical is located in the rack behind the front desk.

## CCGS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The CCGS Nominating Committee in accordance with the CCGS Bylaws is submitting the following individuals for nomination:

Vice-President-Bea Ritter

Assistant Treasurer-Eric Jordahl

Election for these positions will be held at the May 26<sup>th</sup> CCGS membership meeting.

Submitted by Richard Engstrom, Nominating Committee Chair

### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

We continue to set up the screen and projector to show most every scheduled Legacy Family Tree webinar. Most are on Wednesdays, but there are occasional webinars on Fridays, too. This year they are doing something new—holding at least one webinar a month in the evening, start time at 6 p.m. local time. The day webinars are usually at 11 a.m., but occasionally there may be a time change. We'll note the dates and times below in the schedule.

For a description of each webinar, go to

<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Webinars begin at 11 a.m. PST, unless otherwise noted.

#### Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Genealogy 101: a 3-Session Course in Beginning Genealogy - part 1, with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

#### Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. (NOTE NEW TIME)

American Revolution Genealogy, with Beth Foulk

#### Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Hookers, Crooks and Kooks – Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House, with Jane Sloan Broglin

#### Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Ten Genealogical Lessons I Learned the Hard Way, with Warren Bittner

#### Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

D-I-V-O-R-C-E, with Judy G. Russell

#### Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

United States Colored Troops Civil War Widows' Pension Applications: Tell the Story, with Bernice Alexander Bennett

#### Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Using Legacy with Specialized Studies – Legacy is For More Than Your Family History, with Tessa Keogh

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If you are unable to come to the library to watch these, they are available to you in your own home if you pre-register. They are also available for free for about a week following the original showing. And for Legacy Family Tree members, the webinars are available at any time with your paid subscription.

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

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.

### **REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!**

CALLING ALL REPORTERS of volunteer hours worked for CCGS. PLEASE remember to include travel time when you sign the volunteer sheet in the library. And, if you work at home, or on a special project, you may submit a note on the total hours (without listing each day's time). Send a note to [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org) (or to my email) with Volunteer Hours in the heading. Let's be sure to report all hours worked in this new year. Thanks, from Dolly Merrick

**New to Our Library**  
Compiled by Alice Allen & Lonna Parker

**Donated by Mildred Flick**

Title: Hale, House and Related Families  
Author: Donald Lines Jacobus & Edger Francis Waterman

Title: The Goodspeed Biographical & Historical Memoirs of Central Arkansas  
Author: Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.

Title: A History of Buncombe County, North Carolina  
Author: F. A. Sondley, LLD

Title: Military History of Mississippi 1803-1898  
Author: Dunbar Rowland

Title: Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805  
Author: May Wilson McBee

Title: Marriages of Orange County, North Carolina 1779-1868  
Author: Brent H. Holcomb

Title: Some Southern Talberts  
Author: Eugene Talbert Aldridge & Adelaide Martin Aldrige

Title: Rutherford County, North Carolina Wills & Miscellaneous Records  
Author: James E. & Vivian Wooley

Title: Montana - A History of Two Centuries  
Author: Michael P. Malone & Richard B. Roeder

Title: The War on Powder River – the History of an Insurrection  
Author: Helen Huntington Smith

Title: Early Virginia Marriages vol. 4 (copy 2)  
Author: William Armstrong Crozier

Title: Genealogical Records of Buckingham County, Virginia  
Author: Edythe Rucker Whitley

Title: Evans, Americans of Royal Descent  
Author: Thelma Evans Redell

Title: Arkansas Pensioners 1818-1900  
Author: Dorothy E. Payne

Title: Woodville Republican, Vol 3 January 8, 1848-January 9, 1855  
Author/Compiler: O'Levia Neil Wilson Wiese

Title: Settlers by the Long Grey Trail  
Author: J. Houston Harrison

Title: The Venturers, the Hampton, Harrison & Earle Families of Virginia, South Carolina and Texas  
Author: Virginia G. Meynard

Title: South Carolina Marriages 1688-1799  
Author: Brent H. Holcomb

Title: Correspondence of Governor Samuel Ward May 1775-March 1776, & Genealogy of the Ward Family  
Author: Clifford P. Monohan

Title: History of Old Pendleton District with a Genealogy of the Leading Families of the District  
Author: R. W. Simpson

Title: Marriages & Deaths from Mississippi Newspapers, vol. 1 1837-1863  
Author: Betty Couch Wiltshire

Title: Mississippi Index of Wills, 1800-1900  
Author: Betty Couch Wiltshire

Title: Lynchburg, Virginia & Nelson County, Virginia Wills, Deeds, Marriages 1807-1831  
Author: Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis

Title: Biographical and Historical Memories of Mississippi, vol. 1  
Author: Goodspeed Brothers

Title: Biographical and Historical Memories of Mississippi, vol. 2  
Author: Goodspeed Brothers

Title: Commanders at Kings Mountain  
Author: J.D. Bailey

Title: Marriages and Deaths from Mississippi Newspapers, vol. 1 1837-1863  
Author: Betty Couch Wiltshire

Title: The Virginia Genealogist, vol. 5  
Author: John Frederick Dorman

Title: Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina  
Author: Curtis Bynum

Title: South Carolina Marriages, 1800-1820  
Author: Brent H. Holcomb

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### More New Books (continued from page 5)

Title: Vital Records of Three Burned Counties: 1680-1860  
Author: Therese Fisher

Title: Emigration to Other States from Southside Virginia,  
vol. 1  
Author: Katherine B. Elliott

Title: Emigration to Other States from Southside Virginia,  
vol. 2  
Author: Katherine B. Elliott

Title: Early Quaker Records in Virginia  
Author:: Miles White, Jr.

Title: Price Family Records  
Author: J. Montgomery Seaver

Title: Nelson Family Records  
Author: J. Montgomery Seaver

### Membership Report

Denni Hamilton-Levonian, Membership Chair

#### *Welcome, New Members:*

Shirley Brown  
Jeanine Liston  
Christine Maitland

#### *Welcome Back, Reinstated Member:*

Carole Campbell

#### *Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:*

Jerri Donaldson  
Joann Jenny  
Christine Maitland  
Sharon Steinmeyer  
Duncan Tanner

### Condolences

A card has been sent to the family of CCGS member Geraldine "Gerri" Lonergan on behalf of CCGS. Gerri's son, Willis Gerald Lonergan III, passed away on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Genealogy Question of the Month

#### What Was Your Biggest Genealogical Breakthrough?

Carolyn Ellertson, Native American Group Moderator

I was trying to expand the horizons of some of my Native American ancestors, when one day (late night?) I keyed in what was just the right search term for my Bigby line of mixed blood Cherokees, and "voila," up popped what turned out to be a heretofore unknown relative's post with her set of pictures of our mutual ancestors. The pictures were scans of prints recently obtained from tin types that had been passed down from the family in North Carolina, and which had come into the possession of one of the last of the line, and one with no heirs. They were given to the poster (a niece, I believe) to "take care of", and being a genealogist and computer literate, she had posted them online for all of the descendants to see. There were images of no less than three of my direct grandparents (in addition to the poster's own direct line, which were my aunts..) they were my GG Grandmother; GGG Grandmother and Grandfather; and 4th Great Grandmother as well as my Great Aunt. Considering that at the time there were no known pictures of any of them, it moved me to tears! Keep in mind that photography was not invented until 1839. The Cherokee Removal took place in 1838. Once the survivors (ie, my family) of that horrible event re-established themselves in the Indian Territory of Oklahoma they eventually managed to have pictures taken to send to family in North Carolina from whence they had been removed to show them how they were doing, as not everyone was removed. Furthermore, some hid in the mountains until it was over, or escaped the removal due to being intermarried whites. The tin types had been passed down through that family in North Carolina ever since, but most descendants at large had no idea they existed, and to this day, it will always be one of my most thrilling genealogical moments.. I would never have imagined that such a thing even existed under the circumstances, but since then many of us have corresponded.. and many more descendants have been able to share that remarkable gift. Thank you cousin Wilma Milsap of North Carolina! A true act of genealogical kindness!

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## More "What Was Your Biggest Genealogical Breakthrough?"

### CCGS President, Lethene Parks

When I first began doing genealogy, many years ago, I had quite a lot of information on the families of my father's parents, and on my mother's father's family, but almost nothing on my mother's mother's family, the Carrolls. Using census records, I traced them backwards from Missouri to Tennessee to South Carolina, and eventually have been able to learn a great deal about them and about the related families of Whitson, Witherspoon, Leslie, Hutchinson, and others. Still plenty of unanswered questions, though.

### From CCGS Member Marilyn Bone:

Went to a church in Wales and the church warden let us copy hand written records back to the 1600s on my Poulson line

We'll carry this question through one more month. If you'd like to share your biggest genealogical breakthrough with the rest of the CCGS members, send it to me (Alice Allen) in an email (my address is on the first page) and we'll include your comments in the May Newsletter.

## Spring Classes – Wrap-up

There are still a couple of classes left in our Spring line-up.

1. What's New in Family Search, Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-12 noon in the CCGS Education Center (AKA Annex)
2. Leaping the Pond: Strategies for locating your ancestors Pre-America, Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. – 12 noon in the CCGS Education Center (AKA Annex)

If you'd like to attend one (or both) of these classes, register by coming in or calling the CCGS Library and get your name on the list. You can pay at the door, but the important thing is to **REGISTER** ahead of time. Classes are subject to cancellation if there aren't enough pre-registrations by the Friday before the class. Don't take a chance on missing out because you did not register. This also allows the instructor to make enough copies of their syllabus for you.

Class costs are \$12 for CCGS members and \$15 for non-CCGS members, and can be paid ahead of time or at the door by check or cash. We appreciate exact change if you are going to pay by cash.

And there is another free beginning class, offered on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the CCGS Education Center. Sign-ups are recommended for this class, too.

**Did you know?** A yearly membership to CCGS costs less than 9.6 cents per day.

### **Washington State Genealogical Society**

2015 WSGS Annual Conference - June 27, 2015 Strategies and Visions for the Future With David Rencher Quality Inn and Conference Center 1700 Canyon Road Ellensburg, Washington

### **FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

Did you know that the Clark County Genealogical Society has a Facebook page? Ours is one among 4,500 across the nation! People in genealogy are communicating in all sorts of ways and the CCGS Facebook page is another way to notify you about upcoming workshops and seminars, plus other valuable research tips. We hope you will "like" (become a friend and/or join) the CCGS Facebook page. To "like" our page, you must have a personal profile of your own. Even if you aren't very active with your own Facebook profile, we encourage you to "like" the CCGS page – and invite your genealogist friends to do so as well! Plus, you might consider joining the Clark County Genealogical Society Facebook Group Page where you can ask questions, get answers and start conversations. If you don't have a Facebook profile and would like to get started, go to [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) and follow the steps to sign up. It's easy! Or, stop by the CCGS library and one of the librarians might be able to help you get started (call first to see if there is a Facebook expert on hand).

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**CCGS Meetings and Programs**

April 2 First Thursday Unfocused Group – 1 – 3 pm, CCGS Library Education Center  
April 6 Legacy Users Group - 10 - 11:30 am, CCGS Education Center  
April 7 CCGS Class: "What's New in Family Search?" 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
April 9 Scandinavian Focus Group – see article on pg. 2 about this month's meeting  
April 13 Board Meeting – 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
April 21 CCGS Class: "Leaping the Pond," 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
April 22 **May Newsletter deadline**  
April 28 General Meeting, **7 p.m.** CCGS Education Center (Annex)

Note: The Native American Focus group is on hiatus until further notice

To save space, the Legacy Webinar schedule is posted in a separate article in this newsletter.

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.