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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.

CCGS Newsletter is on hiatus for the summer. Look for us again in September. Next newsletter deadline is August 19th.

President's Message

Spring is my favorite time of the year. In eastern Washington, where I grew up, spring meant warm weather—often the warm Chinook winds that blew gently and melted the last of the winter snow—and wildflowers, first the buttercups and soon a host of others. One of my favorite places was an old apple tree down the block from my house. Someone had nailed a board across two sturdy branches to make a fine seat well up into the tree. On warm spring days, when the apple tree was in bloom, I loved to sit up there among the blossoms and hidden by the tree's leaves, daydreaming and listening to the bees buzz.

As an adult two things nearly always happen to me when the warm spring weather arrives. I get a yen to make what I refer to as my "annual lemon meringue pie," for I seldom make one at any other time of the year. Apple or pumpkin chiffon are the pies more likely to appear at Thanksgiving and Christmas, or sometimes my son-in-law will bake his famous chocolate pecan pie—so rich that a tiny sliver is all anyone can eat, but oh so delicious! The other spring craving is for a road trip. When the weather turns warm, I want to jump into the car and head out—somewhere, anywhere, someplace that's a favorite or somewhere I've never been to before. It doesn't matter, just somewhere to enjoy the sunshine and the warm wind and the wildflowers and the birds and, yes, even the frogs that tend to come out in the evenings at this time of year.

This year is no different. Tomorrow (May 21) my daughter and I take off on a road trip, to Fort Benton, Montana, to attend the three-day annual Mullan Road conference. For me, this is a favorite place; for my daughter a new place that she has not been to yet. We will listen to stories about early cross-country travelers, and about John Mullan, the army officer who surveyed and built this road that went from the head of navigation on the Missouri River at Fort Benton to the head of navigation on the Columbia River at Fort Walla Walla. It was built as a military road just prior to the Civil War, but used by only one group of soldiers; it was intended as a migration route for settlers, but only one wagon train of emigrants came all the way across it (to Fort Walla Walla in 1862). The Missouri River portion of the route was used from the 1850s to the completion of the transcontinental railroad as a migration and supply route (via steamboat) to the gold fields of Montana. It soon became a pack trail, used at both ends by local people and by those trying to reach the mines near Orofino, Idaho.

What has all this to do with family history? Plenty! Some of John Mullan's descendants have often come to the annual conference. Mullan has his own "scalawag" story in the person of one Peter Mullan, supposedly a son of John Mullan by an Indian woman. About the only certainties are that Peter Mullan did exist and that he did believe himself to be the son of John Mullan. The great-grandfather of the husband of one of my cousins was in that one emigrant wagon train that used the Mullan route in 1862. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time and he kept a diary of the journey, which is now of course a treasure to his family. As a fifteen-and-a-half-year-old bride, my husband's great-grandmother came via steamboat up the Missouri River to Fort Benton in April 1967, then by stagecoach down to Helena at the height of the Montana gold rush there. If I were to be able to spend an hour with an ancestor she is most certainly on my short list and there are many things I would ask her.

May all of you have a spring and summer full of family history adventures; have fun and knock down some brick walls along the way.

Scandinavian Focus Group"



Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. This month's edition will list some interesting web sites that you may want to explore. The first is a Facebook site titled:

Scandinavian Genealogical Research Forum. It highlights links to Scandinavian genealogical web sites. It is primarily focused on Sweden and Denmark.

For those of you who are looking for ancestors who may have served in the Swedish Military, the following site is highly recommended:

[Http://www.algonet.se/~hogman/soldiers_research.htm](http://www.algonet.se/~hogman/soldiers_research.htm)

Another site in Sweden is:

<http://www.hembygd.se>

This is a site that lists the local historical societies. Many of them have photos as well contacts for research. The site is in Swedish, so it takes some patience in learning how to navigate.

The Scandinavian Focus Group will not be meeting in June, July or August as we take our summer break. A couple of our members will be visiting Scandinavia this summer and hopefully connecting with their cousins. We will look forward to hearing about their journeys. I plan to attend a week long Swedish Genealogical Workshop in in September. This workshop is sponsored by the Swenson Center which is part of Augustana College. If you are interested in attending, please let me know and I will give you the contact information. It fills up fast so one needs to book as early as possible.

Have a great summer

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Membership Report – Denni Hamilton-Levonian

Welcome, New Member:

Michele Daggett

Welcome Back, Reinstated Member:

Lynda Maguire

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Nancy Lee Benthin

Judith Rogers

Timothy and Lynn Tolle

**June's General Meeting, Installation of Officers
Potluck Dinner and Show & Tell**

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the annual Potluck dinner, Installation of Officers, and Show & Tell.

The date: Tuesday, June 23rd
The time: 6:00 p.m. (note time change from the usual)
The place: CCGS Annex

Bring a potluck dish of your choice to share with others; also, please bring your own table service plus serving tools for your shared potluck dish.

Following dinner we will have the installation of officers for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Then it's your turn! Have you found any new families or family members? Have interesting stories or photos to share? A family treasure you'd like to share with your fellow Society members? This is your "time to shine." Share your new (or not-so-new) discoveries with us. We'd love to see what you've been working on.

This will be the last General Meeting until the Fall, we hope you will join us for a fun evening!

Periodical News

(Lillian Fullerton, Periodicals Chair)

Here is a listing of articles from periodicals which have recently come into the CCGS Library:

National Genealogical Society Quarterly

Vol 103 March 2015

"Crossing the Continent with Common Names"
clues on tracing people with common names

Family Tree Magazine

May/ June 2015

"Hidden in Plain Sight"
clues to identify old photos

"Making Cousin Connections"
10 ways to connect with distant cousins

Periodicals are located in rack behind the main desk.

Extra, FREE Beginning Genealogy Class

Brian Runyan will be giving an Introduction to Genealogy class at the Battle Ground FVRL at 6:30pm, June 22nd. They are located at 1207 SE 8th Way, Battle Ground, WA.

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. Be sure to check the CCGS web page for any last minute changes to this 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, June 3rd

Genealogy 103: a 3-Session Course in Beginning Genealogy – session 3, with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

Wednesday, June 10th - 6 p.m. (note time change)

Tips for Planning a Successful Seminar, with Jana Sloan Broglin

Friday, June 12th

10 Tips for Using Legacy with Specialized Studies, with Tessa Keogh; Geoff Rasmussen and others

Wednesday, July 1st

The Secret Lives of Women – Researching Female Ancestors Using the Sources They Left Behind, with Gena Philibert-Ortega

The summer webinar schedule should be published in the weekly CCGS e-letter. If you aren't already a subscriber, sign up via the link on the CCGS web page.



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.

Also for Legacy Family Tree members, there are bonus webinars added frequently, which are only available to members. Currently the list includes two Iowa research webinars, a couple of Excel "how-to" webinars, one on Germans from Russia, and many, many more. Well worth the cost of membership!

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 (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 Lethene Parks

Title: Akee Tree, a Descendant's Quest for his Slave Ancestors on the Eskridge Plantation
Author: Stephen Hanks
(Note: this is the book written by April's General Meeting guest speaker)

Donated by Mildred Flick

Title: Joiner – Joyner Family, vol. 2, a History of our Ancestors
Author: Ransey Joiner, Jr.

Title: People Called Miller
Author: Nathiel L. Kramer

Title: Cemetery Records of Lincoln & Moore Counties, Tennessee
Author: Helen C. & Timothy R. Marsh

Title: Dawes County Nebraska: the First 100 Years
Author: Patricia M. Pinney

Title: Georgia Genealogical Magazine: vol. 5-8 (1962-1963)
Author: Folks Huxford, editor

Title: Early Harford Countians, Maryland
Author: Henry C. Peden, Jr.

Title: Memorial and Biographical History of McLennan, Falls, Bell, and Coryell Counties, Texas
Author: Frances Ingmire

Title: Texas Scholastics 1854-1855
Author: Gifford White

Title: Larue County, Kentucky Cemeteries
Author: Edward Benningfield

Title: Nelson County Marriages (KY)
Author: Frances T. Ingmire

Title: Madison County Births, vol. 1: Kentucky Vital Records Series 2 vol. 73
Author: Frances T. Ingmire

Title: Historical Atlas of Kentucky and Her Counties
Author: Wendell H. Rone Sr.

Title: McLennan County, Texas Marriage Records 1850-1870, vol. 1
Author: Frances T. Ingmire

(More Mildred Flick donations)

Title: McLennan County, Texas Marriage Records, 1871-1881, vol. 2
Author: Frances T. Ingmire

Title: Clay County, Texas Marriage Records, 1875-1891
Author: O. N. Goodpasture, compiler

Title: Lamar County Texas Marriage Records, 1841-1764
Author: Francis T. Ingmire

Title: Alabama Soldiers-Revoltuion, War of 1812 and Indian Wars, vol. 3, Surnames Bonner-Bynes
Author: Pauline Jones Gandrud

Title: Alabama Records, Limestone County, vol. 21
Author: Pauline Jones Gandrud

Title: Alabama Records, Limestone County, vol. 24
Author: Pauline Jones Gandrud

Title: Alabama Records, Limestone County, Vol. 40
Author: Pauline Jones Gandrud

Title: Alabama Records, Limestone County, vol. 61
Author: Pauline Jones Gandrud

Title: Alabama Records, Limestone County, vol. 84
Author: Pauline Jones Gandrud

Title: Complete History of Sullivan County Missouri, vol. 1 1836-1900
Author: Gladys Wells Crumpacker

Title: Complete History of Sullivan County, Missouri, vol. 2, 1900-1979
Author: Gladys Wells Crumpacker

Title: History of Adair, Sullivan, Putman and Schuyler Counties, Missouri
Author: Sarah L. Phillips

Quick Quips

- A well-kept garden is weeded bliss
- You can't believe everything you hear, even if you hear it twice
- Ice cream doesn't make you put on weight right away-it takes a month of Sundaes

Question of the Month

If you could spend the day with an ancestor, who would it be and what would you do?

I would love to ask Milburn Cozean, my great, great grandfather, why he has been so hard to find, and where was he born? Who were his parents? Who was the Cozean who left Brittany? That is where the name exists and also it is as Cozian and Cozien. Where did he go? Whom did he marry? Did Milburn really come to Canada as the legend goes? Where was he in CANADA, IF SO, why did he name one son John Bartley Cozean? Did John really die young? John is probably named for Milburn's father-in-law, John Tucker. How did Milburn find his way to the Nashville area? Whom did Milburn come with? Why did he come there?

I have been searching since 1968 for my Cozean ancestors. I have only found one new generation since then, and that was Milburn Cozean, buried in a near 30 year wrestling over John Tucker's will, and named as the husband of Sarah Tucker. It was just a miracle that I was able to get in touch with all the right people, or this never would have been found.

Contributed by CCGS member Virginia Cozean Holter

It was difficult to narrow it down to just "one" ancestor, but I finally settled on my paternal grandmother, Auguste Friederike Micheel Aultman. She was born June 7th, 1886 in Sassenburg, Saatzig, Pommern, Germany; and died June 2nd, 1931 in Grand Island, Nebraska, of complications from gall bladder surgery. I never met her, she died long before I was born. I would like to spend a day with her and ask her about her life. She came to America in 1908 with her husband and three sons, including my father (6 months old). I'd like to know what prompted her and her family to come to a strange land, and I'd like to know what it was like to be on a ship for several weeks with small children, and how they traveled to Nebraska from New York after docking at Ellis Island. I do know that her parents were already here, as well as her brothers and sisters. Were there still some family left in Germany? On July 28, 1914, about a month after the outbreak of World War I in Germany, Grandmother was scrambling to get herself and her boys out of Germany and back home to America. Why did she go there? According to her passport application, she had been there for three years. Who did she stay with? Did she have other siblings who did not come to America?

And last but not least, I'd ask her to identify all the pictures that she had in a trunk which I eventually inherited.

Contributed by Alice Allen

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 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).

Speaking of Facebook . . .

I was looking at posts on Facebook for one of the genealogy groups I belong to, when a post title caught my eye! It mentioned newspapers of Wolbach, Nebraska. My grandmother (featured above) and her family, along with my grandfather and their children, lived in this little town from 1908 when they arrived from Germany. The lady who made this post is going to put me in touch with someone who might be able to do some searching for me. Woohoo!

If you have any breakthroughs like this, feel free to let me know so I can feature them in future newsletters.

Alice Aultman Allen—Newsletter Editor

News From Other Genealogical Societies

We often receive news items from area genealogy societies, which we publish here. They usually include upcoming events such as Seminars, and links to newsletters, etc.

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society's 80th Anniversary

<http://wasgs.org/blog/2015/05/20/eastern-washington-genealogical-society-80th-anniversary/>

Tri-Cities Genealogical Society

Seminar presented by William Dollarhide on September 12

<http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wiki/doku.php>

Heritage Quest Research Library—Autumn Quest

Saturday, October 12, Sumner, WA. Registration information here, limit 120 participants.

<http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>

Northwest Genealogy Conference

1. , **Free Beginning Genealogy Workshop**, Aug 12 from 1-5 at the Byrnes Performing Art Center in Arlington, WA. Winona Laird and Janet Camarata will teach four courses. The event is free, but registration is required. Details at http://www.nwgc.org/?page_id=1826
2. **Northwest Genealogy Conference** Aug 13-15, 2015 at the Byrnes Performing Art Center in Arlington, WA. Speakers include CeCe Moore, Judy G. Russell, Angela Packer McGhie, Linda Harms Okazaki-- 20 speakers in all over three days. Details at <http://www.nwgc.org>.

SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will hold it's seminar later this year on September 19, 2015 at the Mount Vernon Senior Center in Mount Vernon, WA. The theme will be "Genealogy – It's All About Life".

<http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/>

Looking for Stories

Have you made any amazing discoveries or breakthroughs on your family research? Found a new web site or more which was helpful to you in your research? Been on any interesting research trips? Want to share short stories of some of your relatives?

We'd love to hear from you! We'd love to include your stories, adventures and discoveries right here in the CCGS Newsletter. We have a couple of months before the next newsletter is published, so there's plenty of time to think about this. Your stories and other information would be compiled and used in future newsletters. Most of us love to hear these adventures and stories. Please seriously consider sharing with your fellow CCGS members. Some of what you've found just might help another member break through that "brick wall."

Librarian Training

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 29th, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, for the next Librarian Training meeting. For all CCGS librarians and those who are interested in joining our team.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

June 1 Legacy Users Group - 10 - 11:30 am, CCGS Education Center
June 4 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
June 8 Board Meeting – 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center
--- Scandinavian Focus Group – Summer break, resuming in September
June 22 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
June 22 **FREE** beginning genealogy class, 6:30 p.m. at Battle Ground branch of FVRL. Taught by Brian Runyan
June 23 General Meeting & installation of officers, potluck, show & tell **6 p.m.** CCGS Education Center
June 29 Librarian Training, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center

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@pacifier.com or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.