

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.

**See pg. 6 for the
link to the latest
Trailbreakers**

September General Meeting

Tuesday, September 26th

7 p.m.

CCGS Annex

"Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret" Presented by Pam Vestal

*Looking for a date of birth? The date and court of naturalization? Where your ancestor disappeared to, or where he came from? His political outlook? Even what kind of house he lived in? Voting records may have the answer. These often-overlooked gems can be packed with genealogical information, and you won't believe what they can tell us about our ancestors!

Bio:

Pam Vestal is a professional genealogist, author, and speaker from West Linn, Oregon, and the owner of Generations Genealogy, LLC. Her articles have appeared in the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly and her lectures have taken her all over the west coast. When she isn't giving presentations or researching on behalf of her clients, she offers private training to those seeking to improve their research skills.

Where Does the Time Go?

It seems like we just published the last newsletter for the 2016-2017 year (in June), held our last series of educational classes, perhaps went off on vacations or other trips, went to family reunions, suffered through a very warm summer, and now it's time to start a new year at CCGS.

We look forward to the return of some of our Special Interest Groups that took the summer off; the newsletter is back in print until next June; Education classes have been planned, starting with our free beginners' class in mid-September and running through mid-November (more information elsewhere in this newsletter). Plans for other events and seminars are in the beginning planning stages, so stay tuned for further developments. We continue to offer access to the free Legacy Family Tree webinars, and our subscriptions to both Ancestry and American Ancestors are still available for our researchers.

Now that summer is coming to a close, we hope you will come visit us during library hours and join us for our General Meetings. We're here to help you with your family history research.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

When was the last time you visited the CCGS library in-person? There is so much research assistance available to you it is scary!

Over the years Pat Bauer compiled many links to assist you in your family search. They are preserved for your education and edification at our website, ccgs-wa.org. Bill Whalley has taken on a herculean task to keep the lists current and accurate. As an example, if you click on Publications and Links from the home page one of your choices will be to click on Links to helpful resources on the Internet. There you will find regional links to Washington, Oregon, and Canadian societies, archives and repositories as well as links to every other state in the Union.

Did you know that you can visit it the CCGS library virtually? Want to know what we might have that relates to your family or area? Click on the [Library](#) link from the home page then click on [Search the library catalog](#). From there you can look for information by searching over 8,000 volumes of information by title, author or keyword.

Another area of tremendous potential is the surname search function on the CCGS website. From the home page > Projects > Surnames. This is a searchable database compiled from those names you have indicated (on your membership renewal forms) that are of current interest for you. Enter in the surname you are working on to see if there are other Members working on the same ones. I know you want to work smarter rather than harder. I know you really don't take pleasure in re-inventing the wheel. If someone else has already researched the surname you are working on, contact them and see if your trees connect and collaborate, man, collaborate! You know you don't have to accept anyone else's research as gospel. But they have put in a great deal of effort to verify their conclusions. Take a look at why they think something is a "fact" and draw your own conclusions. You just might extend your own tree by generations!

And with that, I'll jump on my soapbox for just a moment (all of you that have heard it already, listen up anyway): Everything we look at that purports to document a "fact" is nothing more than someone's memory of something that happened. Even that birth certificate is the doctor's memory of what happened five minutes ago. More than likely, it is accurate, but we have all seen birth records that are just plain wrong. One of our members had one of their children's birth date recorded incorrectly. It was off by an entire day. When the agency responsible for correctly recording and archiving this data refused to make the correction, that child couldn't even register to play elementary school soccer without a huge hassle. I like to opine that the only event that is beyond dispute is a mother's testimony that she gave birth to a child at a particular time. She was there . . . she knows. Even at that, we have to take her word for it. And we won't even go into her testimony as to who was the father! But I digress. We can only get so close to a genealogical "proof". Here is a place that collaboration can be a huge plus. Take a look at someone else's research. Then go and check it out your own self. A good researcher will provide you with a clear path back to the why she believes a particular event took place at a particular place and time. Even a less-than-careful researcher will leave a trail of breadcrumbs for you to agree with or not. OK, off the soapbox.

And remember . . . The past is history, the future a mystery. Today is a gift! That's why it's called the present.

Did You Know? We have a blog! Geared mostly for communication with our CCGS librarians, others may find the information here helpful. Access our blog here: <http://ccgslibrarians.blogspot.com/>

Thank you, Marcia Grubb, for getting this going for us!



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome back. I hope you had a great summer. The Scandinavian Focus Group will hold its first meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2017, 10:00am to 11:30am in the CCGS Meeting Room.

This first meeting of the year will be a chance to talk about your Scandinavian genealogical research, your brick walls, trips you might have taken to Scandinavia, etc.

The following is a tentative schedule for the next few months of the group:

October 12th-This will be a live presentation from Norway by Martin Roe Eidhammer. He will discuss Norwegian farms, how they were named and divided over the years. This should be a fun and informative presentation.

November 9th-This meeting will concentrate on Swedish genealogical resources. I am planning on attending a week long Swedish Genealogical workshop in Salt Lake City at the end of October. I will talk about the new resources available on ArkivDigital as well as other key resources in researching you Swedish ancestors.

December 14th-The topic for this meeting is open. I am looking for someone to volunteer to organize the December meeting.

January 11th-Kay Cooke will be presenting a program on her summer trip to Scandinavia. If you have been following Kay on Facebook, you will have a taste of how wonderful and informative her trip was to Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

February 8th-The tentative topic will be the use of maps in finding the places where are Scandinavian ancestors lived.

I encourage those of you who have Scandinavian heritage to join our meeting whether you are a beginner or seasoned researcher. Our primary goal is to help each other as we navigate the myriad of resources available to us.

Richard Engstrom
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Legacy Family Tree Webinars

We continue to set up the screen and projector to show most every scheduled Legacy Family Tree webinar.

For a description of each webinar, go to

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

11:00am Wednesday 06 September 2017

Top Tech Tips for the Technologist and the Genealogist

Presenter: Geoff Rasmussen

Leave this class armed with a new collection of tools to make your genealogy time on the computer more efficient and fun

5:00pm Wednesday 13 September 2017

Finding Isaac Rogers

Presenter: Nicka Smith

Discover how a book, scant clues, crowd sourced research, and limited online records came together to make ancestral ties to the Trail of Tears, US Civil War, a hanging judge, an outlaw, and of slavery in the Cherokee Nation.

11:00am Friday 15 September 2017

The ABCs and 123s of Researching Your Ancestor's School Records

Presenter: Melissa Barker

The records of local public schools and universities can valuable resources for finding information about your ancestors. Even if your ancestors didn't attend school, you would be surprised by what you can find in school records about them. This webinar will show you what types of school records there are and how to find them in repositories.

5:00pm Tuesday 19 September 2017

When Does Newfound Evidence Overturn a Proved Conclusion?

Presenter: Tom Jones, Ph.D, CG, CGL

Even thorough research can miss relevant sources. What are the options when useful information or DNA test results appear after a researcher establishes a conclusion?

11:00am Wednesday 20 September 2017

WolframAlpha for Genealogists

Presenter: Thomas MacEntee

Wolfram Alpha provides solutions to questions such as "How am I related to my great-grandmother's niece" or "What was the time of the sunrise on April 1, 1962, in Chicago, Illinois?" Learn how this unique site can expand your genealogy and family history research.

11:00am Wednesday 28 September 2017

Quick Guide to Texas Research

Presenter: Deena Coutant

An introductory look at the records and repositories for getting started in Texas Research.

Presentations are subject to change, including the addition of new webinars that had **not** been announced at the time this newsletter was being prepared. We'll try to catch any changes in time for the weekly CCGS e-letter, and you can check for yourself at the link listed above. If you can't make it in to watch with us, you can register for free and watch it at home during times listed; watch at your convenience for free for about a week following original broadcast; or subscribe to the Legacy webinars and watch any time.

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.

New Books

Many new books were added to our collection over the summer. Below are some of the latest titles added recently, which will appear on our "New Shelf" during the month of September. A complete listing will be available soon. This list will be on the "New Shelf."

Donated by Lois Bosland

Title: Patents, Deeds and Other Early Records of New Jersey, 1664-1703

Author: William Nelson

Donated by Harold Hinds (recent General Meeting speaker)

Title: Crafting a Personal Family History: a Guide Plus a Case Study

Author: Harold Hinds

Donated by Andy Huck

Title: Town of Lyme, Jefferson County NY Cemetery Inscriptions

Author: John & Ellen Bartlett

Donated by Bill Whalley

Title: McKay's Modern English-Swedish, Swedish-English Dictionary

Author: Ruben Nojd

Donated by Nina Williams

Title: Cherokee Roots, vol. 1

Author: Bob Blankenship

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: Education for Extinction: American Indians and Boarding School Experience

Author: David W. Adams

Donated by Joan Martocello

Title: Cemeteries of Centralia, Columbia County, PA

Author: Phillip Rice & Jean Dellock

Title: Early Deaths, Cloud County, Kansas Before 1903

Author: Cloud County Genealogy Society

Donated by Bonnie Miller

Title: Collected Church Records of Berks Co., PA, vol. 2

Author: Phillip A. Rice & Jean Dellock

Donated by Marsha Peterson Maass

Title: The Most Helpful Tools of Genealogy

Author: Marsha Peterson Maass

Donated by Lyndon Gabriel

Title: David Mellinger

Author: (none listed on book)

Another "Did You Know?"

By Bill Whalley

CCGS subscribes to several genealogical magazines. Copies are available for viewing at the CCGS library. Check the website library page for the list of magazines and for library open hours.

Each magazine's latest issue is on the display rack behind the librarian's desk. CCGS keeps at least a year's worth of old issues. Magazine websites generally have a list of contents for older issues. Ask for a librarian's help finding older issues.

I browsed just one of the magazines and found several items of interest to me. In the July/August issue of Family Tree magazine I found articles on DNA test interpretation, many uses for a digital camera (record images from a microfilm viewer, books, gravestones, houses, relatives, etc.) I also found a link to Colorado newspapers on-line. I even found a review of CCGS's favorite genealogy program, Legacy Family Tree 9.0.

Periodical News

Paula Schoenlein

Thanks go to Lillian Fullerton, who recently retired as the CCGS Periodical Chairman. Thank you for all your work over the years. We welcome our new Periodical Chairman, Paula Schoenlein. Here's her report on new editions of our periodicals:

Your Genealogy Today July / Aug 2017

"DNA and Genealogy"

"Diahn Southard Looks at ways to Organize Your DNA Results"

Internet Genealogy Aug / Sept 2017

"Demystifying the Freemasons"

by Melody Amsel - Arieli

NGS Magazine April / June 2017

Many articles on World War I including "Service History, Tracing U.S. Army Units, Personnel Files, Hyphenated Americans and Internment of Aliens"

"The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies First Circle: Going Beyond Basic Church Records"

by Elaine M. Kuhn

"The Records of Irish Dissenting Churches Part 1"

by Fiona Fitzimons

More New Books
(continued from page 5)

Donated by Bev Schubert

Title: History of Creighton, Missouri 1885-1985 (Cass Co.)
Author: Creighton Centennial Book Committee

Title: Trails West
Author: National Geographical Society

Title: Bugles in the Valley: Garnett's Fort Simcoe
Author: H. Dean Guie

Title: Pochahontas and her Descendants
Author: Wyndham Robertson

Title: The German People, their Origin, Expansion & Culture
Author: Francis Owen

Title: Children of the Wild West
Author: Russell Freedman

Trailbreakers: Download the latest edition from this link:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/TB/TB_2017_43.

Membership Report
Bea Ritter, Membership

Welcome to the following new and reinstated CCGS members, who have joined or rejoined since May 2017:

New Members

Sandra Joten
Sally Mitchell
Richard Harper
Jayme Studer
Nancy McCarter
Denise Erkilla

Reinstated Members

Lea Donaldson
Mark Pelletier
John Allinger
Leslie Johnson
Laurel Burgess

Please fill out a membership form when renewing your membership. It is so much easier for us to keep our records accurate, even if you have made no changes. Bill scans the forms for his records, and I file the forms in our drawer for reference.

A Little of "This" and More of "That"

- In case you missed it on the calendar (page 10), the Legacy Users Group will not be held on Labor Day, September 4th. The Genealogy Do-Over group will still meet at 12 noon as usual.
- **SALT LAKE CITY TRIP**
We are planning a trip to Salt Lake City from October 16 – 20, 2017. If you are interested, please contact Ann Rowland @ 360-828-7736 or peaches030815@yahoo.com For many years this was an annual event for CCGS. Now that the Family History Library in Salt Lake is no longer sending microfilms to local Family History Centers, you may find it necessary to make a visit to Salt Lake if you don't want to wait until all the microfilms have been digitized and put online. Estimated date for completion of digitizing is some time in 2020.
- While as of August 31, 2017, we can no longer order microfilms from Salt Lake, the ones currently on loan at the 18th Street Family History Center will remain there indefinitely. There are five microfilm readers there in working order. Two more are broken and will **not** be repaired. Many areas have digitized images online which are not indexed yet. You can "pretend" you are using a microfilm reader and browse through these images.
- **Volunteers Needed:** CCGS runs on "volunteer power," and we could use your help. Volunteer positions available include **librarians**, a **newsletter printer** (person, not the machine), **volunteer researchers** to help answer queries, **Trailbreakers editor(s)** (our annual periodical, the link to the latest one appears above), and **indexers** and **compilers** for upcoming projects. If you are interested in becoming a librarian, contact Kara Lynn Rankin - [karalynnrankin@gmail.com] or Ralph Erickson [ralphe1308@gmail.com]. Contact CCGS President or Vice-President for information on the other available opportunities. Training and help will be provided.
- **Thank You** to **Lillian Fullerton** (Periodicals chairman) and **Janis Robertson** (Newsletter printer) for their efforts on behalf of CCGS over the past several years. Both have retired from these positions, and will be missed. Enjoy your retirement, ladies, and we hope to see you around CCGS in the future.

CCGS Volunteers

CCGS is a 100% volunteer-operated organization. We are tremendously grateful for all of our many volunteers and the dedication they bring to the success of our Society. Our volunteers have the opportunity to serve a few hours a month to more hours than they can count and everything in between. Many volunteers speak of how enjoyable their time is rubbing shoulders and sharing enthusiasm with other like-minded researchers. If you're not currently volunteering you're missing out on some really good times. There are currently several opportunities for volunteering that will enhance your connection with your Society. To find out how you can join in the fun, contact our President, Brian Runyan president@ccgs-wa.org or Vice-President, Bea Ritter gensoc@ccgs-wa.org.

CCGS Focus Groups

CCGS is home to several Focus groups which meet monthly at the Library annex (aka Education Center). If one of these is of interest to you, come join us!

- Legacy Users Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Group members can bring questions and problems to the group for answers, and there is usually a feature of the Legacy genealogy program highlighted. **(Note: No Legacy Users Group meeting on Labor Day, Sept. 4th).**
- Genealogy Do-Over Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 12 noon, following the Legacy Users Group. Bring a sack lunch and share your do-over or go-over experiences from the past month, and get your assignment suggestions for the next month. **(Note: this group will meet at noon on Labor Day).**
- First Thursday Unfocused Group: Meets the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. No special focus (hence the name “Unfocused”) for this group—we meet and discuss most anything of a genealogical interest. And we sometimes have cookies, too!
- Scandinavian Group: Meets the second Thursday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The focus? Scandinavian genealogy, of course. If you have ancestors from one of the Scandinavian countries, come join the group for extra help, and to share your experiences.
- The Native American Group: Meets at the CCGS Library on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have Native American Heritage, this is the place to learn more.

CCGS AND FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Clark County Genealogical Society has been successfully enrolled in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card you may designate CCGS to receive a quarterly check based on our purchases at Fred Meyer. You can get more information by visiting

www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-frequently-asked-questions-for-non-profits

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).

Don’t forget to report your volunteer hours to Dolly Merrick, or write them on the volunteer log at CCGS!

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FALL 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE

ALL CLASSES: held at Clark County Genealogical Society Library Annex from **10 am to Noon**

FEE CLASSES: Tuition for each class is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members

Tuition with registration form may be paid at door with cash or check. Class day walk-in registrations will be accepted subject to available seating. Any class with insufficient registrations may be cancelled: registrants will be notified and refunded.

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Roots: Brian Runyan –Tuesday, September 19, 2017	
	FREE CLASS This class will get you started researching your family tree. Topics include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts, genealogy database programs, and best research practices.
Researching Pennsylvania Records: Elsie Deatherage – Tuesday, October 3, 2017	
	Pennsylvania has several distinct ethnic and religious groups that kept different records than we may be accustomed to, but that are really helpful. Learn how to overcome the challenges of state boundary issues, the shifting borders of counties and townships and the difficulties in locating churches and cemeteries. This class will cover the on and offline resources that are unique to the Keystone State.
Organizing on Purpose: Bea Ritter – Tuesday, October 10, 2017	
	Learn organizing strategies to easily find your copies and documents. Minimize the paper trail with notebooks and/or file drawers. Discover how-tos for saving your precious original photos with archival box examples. Bea has written 2 family history books, so join Bea as she offers her organizational strategies and ideas.
Researching Internet Sources: Alice Allen – Tuesday, October 17, 2017	
	Discover family genealogy research sources available online. Everyday family information previously available from distant archives are being digitized and made available online, some free and while others are fee based. This class will benefit both new and experienced searchers.
Researching Ohio Records: Lethene Parks – Tuesday, November 7, 2017	
	Lethene will share some of Ohio's unique early land laws that impacted other states' land division and land laws. This class will reveal the many record sources in Ohio: libraries, archives, historical societies, and Ohio's systems of county archives and township records. Further this class will point out Ohio records in CCGS Library.
Secrets of the Census: Barbara Schrag – Tuesday, November 14, 2017	
	Whether you are a beginner or a more advanced researcher, learn more about what the census has to tell you. This class will focus on details of the United States Federal Census. We will also touch on census research in Canada, Ireland and Great Britain.

Advance Registration form available online at www.ccg-s-wa.org

Also visit or call the Library Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm

CCGS Fall 2017 class schedule (7-14-17)

REGISTRATION FORM
CCGS Classes – Fall 2017

All classes are held in the CCGS Education Hall, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA.
Register by marking (x) the class/classes you wish to attend.

Fee Classes: \$12 for CCGS members, \$15 for non-members.

Beginning Class Free: *Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree*

() Tuesday, **September 19** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Brian Runyan.

Researching Pennsylvania Records

() Tuesday, **October 3** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Elsie Deatherage.

Organizing on Purpose

() Tuesday, **October 10** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Bea Ritter.

Researching Internet Sources

() Tuesday, **October 17** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Alice Allen.

Researching Ohio Records

() Tuesday, **November 7** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Lethene Parks.

Secrets of the Census

() Tuesday, **November 14** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Barbara Schrag

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Sept. 4 **Labor Day! NO Legacy Users Group or
Labor Day! Genealogy Users Group will meet as scheduled at 12 noon**
Sept. 7 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1-3 p.m. in CCGS Education Center
Sept. 9 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
Sept. 11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Sept. 14 Scandinavian Focus Group, 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Sept. 19 Education: Free Beginning Genealogy class, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Sept. 20 Deadline for October's newsletter
Sept. 25 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Sept. 26 General Meeting, 7 p.m. CCGS Education Center
July 31 Librarian's Training, 10 a.m. - 12 noon 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. [jgmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.