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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.

Reminder:

**Winter hours for
General Meetings are
10 a.m. – 12 noon
October - March**

October General Meeting Tuesday, October 24th 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Annex

DNA Basics

Could DNA testing help me? Which test should I take? Which company should I use?

Lisa McCullough will cover the basics of DNA and DNA testing and will explain how it can help further your genealogy research.

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Lisa has a B.S. in Engineering and has taken two week-long institute classes on DNA. She leads a DNA Q and A special interest group that meets twice a month at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

General Meeting Review September 24

The September General Meeting opened with our annual Volunteer Recognition awards, followed by our guest presentation by Pam Vestal on Voter Records. CCGS members honored with a certificate and a book on our bookshelf quilt include:

Marcia Grubb – Education
Sharon Thiesmeyer – Library
Alice Allen – Newsletter
Mary McMonegal – Weekly e-letter

Special recognition was given to two long-time volunteers who are retiring. Both have put in many years of service on our behalf:

Lillian Fullerton – Elinor Perlich

Recognition was also given to Barbara Baker, our intrepid bathroom keeper, who has volunteered for several years for a job no one wants to do.

Coming up on Friday, October 6th: all-day webinars from the Family History Library put on by Legacy Family Tree. See page 6 for the class schedule. All for free! Come join us for some or all of the webinars.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Last month I jumped on my soapbox regarding what constitutes a “fact”. This month I’ll just put a foot on the box again and say a bit about the “reasonably exhaustive search”. There exists an entire side of genealogy dedicated to following the “Genealogical Proof Standard”. Some will say it is the only legitimate side. Many of us fancy ourselves scholarly researchers and painstakingly attempt to discover every document or reference to any particular ancestor in order to “prove” what we think we know about them. Then we document every source following rigid rules for citations. In March of 2016, Elizabeth Shown Mills wrote a blog post regarding the research process. She opines:

“As research is done we have to

- process the findings,
- interpret each document,
- correlate all the details,
- evaluate the whole body of evidence, and
- seek out new findings based on clues in what we've found.

Then we repeat the process until we have a clear, logical, and convincing solution, with all contradictions resolved.”

Can't really say it much better than that.

She goes on to say, “This fits a lot of people’s definition of **unreasonably exhausting** research. But, like a good workout at the gym, . . . we discover that it turns from *exhausting to exhilarating*---and our work from that point on becomes much stronger”.

This brings me to the point of this month’s soapbox:

This September just past, I was privileged to present a “Getting Started” class to a group of about ten enthusiastic beginners. It’s always a challenge to suggest guidelines that will not suck the joy right out of new researchers. Long-time family history seekers understand how important it is to follow established standards for recording information: proper format for names, dates, and places, proper sourcing, etc. Indeed there are books written and studied telling us how to scholarly document our reasonably exhaustive searches. Professional genealogists and their research are held to a “Genealogical Proof Standard”. Yet those just getting started can quickly become overwhelmed with admonishments to “do it right”. Hopefully, I was able to present information that portrayed their journey as joyful and not just daunting.

This lesson that people come to genealogy from many different places and with many different goals was brought home to me one day at our library. A patron came in with that oft-heard request, “I want to write down my family’s history”. . . . Aaand I was off to the races . . . enthusiastically (and righteously) needing to school them in the right way of “doing” genealogy. Fortunately, I noticed their eyes begin to glaze over and caught myself before they fled the building mumbling something about pompous bloviates. As it turned out, all they wanted was to learn how to display three or four generations to take to a family reunion. They already had all the names, dates and places. They just wanted some presentation suggestions. I gave them some four generation pedigree charts and showed them how to fill them out and they went away happy campers. They didn’t need to know how to apply for membership in the DAR. They just wanted something simple and pretty to show their family.

And we can do that! We have the technology!

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Thursday, October 12th from 10am to 11:30am.

This should be a great meeting as we will have a live Skype presentation by Martin Roe Eidhammer. Martin is a Norway based genealogist who will be talking about Norway farms and naming practices. We will have an opportunity to interact with Martin during the presentation. If you have any particular questions for him, please forward them to me or to Kay Cooke. I want to thank Kay for arranging this presentation.

The Scandinavian Focus Group has purchased some new items for the CCGS library. These items should be on the library shelves soon.

- “Searching for your Danish Ancestors” A guide to Danish Genealogical Research in the United States and Denmark, 2017.
- “A Research guide for Norwegian Genealogy”
- “Swedish American Historical Quarterly”
- “Norwegians in America, their History and Record, 1907-1913” by Martin Ulvestad (Volumes 1, 2 & 3)
- “Swedish American Genealogist” This journal is published by the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

Family Search has recently run a series of webinars on Scandinavian genealogy research. These webinars can be accessed for free at the Family Search website.

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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. Webinars are subject to change. For a description of each webinar, go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

11:00am Wednesday 04 October 2017

No Easy Button: Using Immersion Genealogy to Understand Your Ancestors

Presenter: Lisa Also

Learn how to go beyond the same old research strategies through “immersion genealogy” to further understand your ancestors’ lives.

8:00 am – 4 pm Friday 06 October 2017

Legacy Family Tree Webinar Extravaganza!

Join us for some or all of the webinars presented this day from the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. Information on times and topics appear in a related article on page 6.

5:00pm Wednesday 11 October 2017

Southern States Migration Patterns

Presenter: Mary Hill

Learn from maps and historical details how to follow the trail of your ancestors into and out of the southern states.

11:00am Friday 13 October 2017

Is Your Society Growing? Social Media May Be Your Saving Grace

Presenter: Dear Myrtle

This webinar discusses 10 ideas to pump new life into genealogy & historical societies and family associations.

5:00pm Tuesday 17 October 2017

Databases, Search Engines and the Genealogical Proof Standard

Presenter: David Oimette, CG

With billions of indexed records available online, what methodologies should the researcher employ to best leverage these resources in keeping with genealogical standards?

11:00am Wednesday 18 October 2017

The WPA: Sources for Your Genealogy

Presenter: Gena Phillips-Ortega

In this presentation we will discuss The WPA, projects under the WPA relevant to genealogy, and how you can research some of those records today.

11:00am Wednesday 25 October 2017

Midwestern & Plains States Level Census Records

Presenter: Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA

Many Midwestern and Plains states have superb state census records. Learn about the indexes, the many personal details these censuses include, locating the censuses, and alternate sources.

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In addition to the above schedule, My Heritage will present a one-day series of webinars on Sunday, October 29th. These will not be shown at CCGS but you can register for webinars of your choice at the link above. Broadcast from Israel, they will begin at 4 a.m. Pacific time.

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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

So many books were added to our collection over the past month that we don't have room to name them all. They will remain on the New Shelf at CCGS for the month of October. Following is a small sampling of what you can find:

Purchased by CCGS:

- Beginners Guide to Internet Genealogy Computer Programs, by Karen Clifford
- Beginners Guide to Using Tax Lists, by Cornelius Carroll

Donated by the Scandinavian Focus Group:

- Norwegians in America, their History and Records, 1907-1913, vol. 1, by Martin Ulvestad

Donated by Pat Bauer

- Story of the Meadows Fire in 1948, by the Columbian

Donated by Stephen Young

- Pictorial History of Pierce County, Washington, by the Tacoma-Pierce Co. Genealogical Society

Periodical News

Paula Schoenlein

Interesting articles in the latest periodicals we subscribe to:

Family Tree magazine, September 2017

- "No Stone Unturned" by Joy Neighbors
- "Now What? Answers to your genealogy questions" by David A Fryxell

American Spirit, September/October 2017

- "Drawn From Imagination: Mason and Dixons Line Across the Land" by Courtney Peter

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, Beaver Briefs, Volume 49, Number 2, Spring 2017

- "So What's on the 1916 Oregon Certificate of Birth?" by Liz Tice

Membership

Bea Ritter, Membership Chairman

Welcome to the following new CCGS members:

James and Victoria Work
Raylon and Izeal Campbell
Patricia Crumley-Howard
Denise Erkkila

Can You Help?

On September 2, our friend Marcia Grubb, our intrepid Education Director, suffered a life-altering event. While driving & towing a new (to her) 17' travel trailer, the trailer fishtailed causing the SUV and trailer to roll, totaling both vehicles. Fortunately no other vehicles were involved, but Marcia was banged up with a softball sized bump on her right leg and transported to the local emergency room where x-rays showed no broken bones but bruises and pulled muscles that will require a bit of healing time. In a heartbeat, she lost her transportation and her tiny house residence. There is a Go Fun Me campaign that seeks to help get her back on her feet. You can visit it at <https://www.gofundme.com/marcia-grubb-needs-ou-r-help> or, if you're on FaceBook, visit my (Brian Runyan) Facebook page.

CCGS WANTS YOU! AS A LIBRARIAN....

What an amazing group of talented people who currently serve as volunteer librarians at CCGS. There is quarterly training which varies from field trips to other genealogical/historical venues to such mundane but important things like "how do we get this to print on both sides?"

The next librarians training will be held on a Monday, October 30, from 10-noon. You are welcome to come see how you can fit into this delightful family of dedicated people.

For further information you may e-mail the library director, Lethene Parks at Lethene@Comcast.net or Kara Lynn Rankin at KaraLynnRankin@gmail.com

Workshop Scheduled

On page 7 of this newsletter is the registration form for an Evernote workshop presented by Dale Deatherage on November 2nd. This is hands-on and we encourage participants to bring their laptops. See the form for more information.

“Webinar Extravagana”

Legacy is hosting a six class webinar Friday 6 Oct 2017. They will be presented live from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and sponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogy. We WILL be showing them ALL in the Annex starting at 8am. The offerings are as follows:

8:00am

Sweden's Multiple Naming Systems and How They Changed in the 1800s, by Martha Garrett, CG

This lecture will demonstrate the complexity of names and potential pitfalls regarding names in one particular culture—Sweden. It will raise awareness about personal names and present a broadly applicable strategy for getting names right in genealogical work

9:15am

Past Conflict Repatriation: The Role of Genealogists and Methodology in Fulfilling Our Nation’s Promise, by Jeanne Bloom, CG

Learn about the repatriation program and the techniques genealogists use to locate family members and DNA reference samples for missing service members from past conflicts.

10:30am

Reasonably Exhaustive Research of African American Families That Came Out of Slavery

by [LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG](#)

The first component of the Genealogical Proof Standard is the conduct of reasonably exhaustive research. This lecture will highlight the sources and strategies available to meet this requirement in the case of African American ancestors who were enslaved.

12:30pm

Using Timelines for Correlation and Analysis

by [Jill Morelli, CG](#)

Timelines are one of many tools a genealogist can use to display evidence in the determination of proof arguments. This lecture explores the strategic aspect of the use of timelines and their relationship to the Genealogical Proof Standard, analysis and correlation. Timelines will be defined, their relationship to the GPS articulated and reasons why you should use timelines in your research work. Many examples, illustrating different types of problems and their resultant formats, will be presented. We will also cover how to build effective timelines using Word and Excel

1:45pm Pacific

Land, Licenses, Love Gone Wrong, and Other Assorted Courthouse Records by [Ann Staley, CG, CGL](#)

This lecture explores the rich resources found within courthouse walls and examines how these records can add to the genealogical search.

3:00pm Pacific

Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls

by [Tom Jones, Ph.D, CG, CGL](#)

A case study set in the early 1800s demonstrates methodology for using autosomal DNA test results to help solve longstanding genealogical problems.

REGISTRATION FORM
CCGS Evernote Workshop – November 2, 2017
10 am to noon

This class is held in the CCGS Education Hall, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA.

Fee Class: Free for CCGS members, \$5 for non-members.

***Evernote Workshop* -- Instructor: Dale Deatherage**

Dale is back to take us through Evernote with this hands-on workshop. Evernote – “Allows you to capture, organize, and share notes from anywhere. Your best ideas are always with you and always in sync.”

“Work smarter – enhance your notes with links, checklists, tables, attachments, and audio recordings. Even handwritten notes are searchable.

As our genealogical research expands, so does our need to avail ourselves of smart technology.

We encourage you to download the free Evernote from www.evernote.com to your laptop so you can follow along with Dale as he explains how Evernote could simplify your genealogical organization process.

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Evernote Workshop

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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.ccg5-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

- Oct. 2 Legacy Users Group 10 a.m. – 12 noon in CCGS Education Center
- Do-Over Genealogy Users Group 12 noon – 2 p.m. in CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 3 Education: Researching Pennsylvania Records 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 5 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1-3 p.m. in CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 9 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 10 Education: Organizing on Purpose 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 12 Scandinavian Focus Group, 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 14 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
- Oct. 17 Education: Researching Internet Sources 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Education Center
- Oct. 18 Deadline for October's newsletter**
- Oct. 23 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- Oct. 24 General Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center (Note Time change to “winter hours”)**
- Oct. 30 Librarian's Training, 10 a.m. - 12 noon CCGS Education Center
- Nov. 2 Evernote Workshop, Instructor Dale Deatherage, 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. [jgmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.