

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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*Check the on-line
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<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

Tues, - Fri
10 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday
6-9 pm

Saturday
2nd 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.

Reminder:

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

November General Meeting

Tuesday, November 28th

10 a.m. – 12 noon

CCGS Annex

German Research

Presented by Tom O'Brien

Tom O'Brien, is a frequent speaker at Portland area genealogy groups. His topic will be German Research.

This class will look at resources that could assist us with our research of German Ancestors. We shall consider some of the reasons why our ancestors may have chosen to leave their homeland. We'll look at the constant boundary changes and other events that influenced the lives of our ancestors. Where we may locate the records created by our ancestors will be reviewed.

CCGS Evernote Workshop

Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. to noon

Instructor: Dale Deatherage

CCGS Education Center (715 Grand Blvd.)

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

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 in sync.”

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

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.

A registration form appeared in the October newsletter, or you can call the library at 360-750-5688 to register.

Inclement Weather Closure Reminder

The CCGS library is closed when Vancouver Schools are closed due to bad weather. Also, some of librarians live in outlying areas and may not be able to get to the library. Be sure to check our web page for last-minute closures.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

The CCGS library subscribes to a number of genealogically relevant magazines. The most current issues are on the rack behind the librarian's desk. We are currently revisiting our retention policies as we meet the challenge of limited shelf space. Paula Schoenlein, under the guidance of Library Director Lethene Parks and Head Librarian Sharon Theismeier is surveying to which periodicals we subscribe, what is archived, and what is available online through the various publishers. The goal is to develop policies for periodical retention and access that best serve our patrons. A list of these publications is to be found by clicking on the CCGS Genealogical Magazine Subscriptions link on the home page at ccgs-wa.org. If you have a favorite magazine that you would like to see available at the CCGS library let one of the above mentioned individuals know.

The Fall 2017 issue of Forum magazine is a case in point. This publication of the Federation of Genealogy Societies is a great place in which to invest your research time. The President's message regarding the vulnerability of our family treasures is particularly timely as we think back on the 2017 season of hurricanes and wildfires. Wish to develop a plan for your 2018 education? Julie Cahill Tarr lays out what you might wish to consider.

In short, there are many, many sources to consult. find them at the CCGS library.

Our Fall education offerings are in full swing with only two more classes left: November 7th, Lethene Parks holds our collective hands through Ohio research and November 14th Barbara Schrag lets us in on the secrets of the census. Be there or be square.

And speaking of censuses, the 2020 census is just around the corner in terms of planning. This will be the first census in which there will be an option to respond online. In May the Bureau Director, John Thompson, abruptly resigned and Ron Jarmin was named acting director. Currently no one has been nominated to permanently fill the position. A significant portion of the census budget goes to hire hundreds of thousands of temporary workers to go door-to-door gathering information from those who did not respond by mail or online. It has been reported that the current level of funding is inadequate and that the US Postal Service may play a significant role. Stay tuned.

Fall Classes – November

There are still a couple of classes remaining for our Fall slate of Genealogy classes:

- Tuesday, November 7th, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Lethene Parks will present “Researching Ohio Records.”
- Tuesday, November 14th, 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Barbara Schrag will help us learn more about U.S. Federal Census records and the goodies that can be found in these records. She will also touch on censuses for Canada, Ireland and Great Britain.

The registration form appeared in both the September and October newsletters, or you can find it online at our web site. You can also call the CCGS Library during open hours (Tuesday-Friday from 10 to 3) and register with the librarian on duty. We encourage advance registration, it's helpful to the presenter when planning for handouts, etc.

Class fees are \$12 for current CCGS members, and \$15 for others.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The Scandinavian Focus Group had a most successful October meeting. We had a live Skype presentation from Norway by genealogist Martin Roe Eidhammer. His topic was Norwegian farms and naming practices. Many thanks to Kay Cooke for arranging the presentation and to Steve Cornick for assisting with the setup for the meeting. We are hoping to have Martin back for another presentation in the future. Martin has a very interesting and informative blog which is in English: www.martinroe.com/blog

The November meeting of the Focus Group's topic will be "What is new in Swedish Genealogy Research". I will be talking about what is new on ArkivDigital, as well as other new sources for doing your Swedish research. I am attending this month a Swedish workshop in Salt Lake City sponsored by the Swenson Center which is part of Augustana College. I should have lots of new information to share with the Focus Group. The Focus Group meeting will be Thursday, November 9th 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room.

I would like each month to talk about a particular publication that might be of interest in your Scandinavian genealogical research. This week I would like to recommend the "City of Dreams "The 400-Year Epic History of Immigrant New York by Tyler Anbinder. If you had ancestors that immigrated to or through New York City, this book may be of interest. It does not focus on Scandinavian immigration as such, but there is a very informative chapter on Ellis Island and Castle Garden.

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Miscellaneous Notes

- Reminder: Time to regain that lost hour of sleep from last Spring, as we set our clocks back one hour the weekend of November 4th – before turning in Saturday night or first thing Sunday morning.
- CCGS will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday & Friday, November 23rd & 24th. We will re-open on Tuesday, November 28th.
- Looking ahead to the Christmas-New Year's holidays, the CCGS Library will be closed from December 23rd through January 8th. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 9th.
- There will be no Legacy Users Group on January 1st. Watch for news of the status of the Do-Over group in the weekly e-letters, since the next newsletter may not be published in time to update it there.
- Reminder: the CCGS web site is the place to go to check the latest CCGS news. This will be especially helpful over the winter months if you're wondering about the library's operation.

<http://www.ccg-s-wa.org/>

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 01 November 2017

Is This the End? Taking Your German Brick Walls Down Piece by Piece

Presenter: Luana Darby

What do you need to look for once you have reached your brick wall? What is available and how do you find it? Learn how to think like a German and understand how to assess the needs of your German research to get the most out of it.

5:00pm Wednesday 08 November 2017

New York City Research: Navigating Through the Five Burroughs

Presenter: Michael L. Strauss

This lecture offers a unique prospective into various historical records that are New York City

11:00am Friday 10 November 2017

Using Non-Population Schedules For Content and Evidence

Presenter: Jill Morelli

Non-population schedules can also provide evidence and context for your family history. We will investigate five different record sets which shed light on many of our ancestors' lives and stories about them.

11:00am Wednesday 15 November 2017

British and Irish Research: The Differences

Presenter: Brian Donovan

This talk will examine these differences in records and research techniques between Britain and Ireland, why Irish records were created, or destroyed, and how they can be used to unlock your past.

5:00pm Wednesday 21 November 2017

Research in Federal Records: Some Assembly Required

Presenter: Malissa Ruffner

Federal records offer genealogical gold with both direct references to our ancestors and rich contextual background information. Malissa will offer a framework and several case studies that highlight the integration of multiple research tools.

11am Wednesday 29 November 2017

Understanding Alabama

Presenter: Rorey Cathcart

Alabama presents the budding genealogist with both unique challenges and unique opportunities. Explore the records and repositories you'll need to consider.

11am Wednesday 06 December 2017

Finding Your Roots in Catholic Records

Presenter: Lisa Toth Salinas

Join Lisa for an introduction into Catholic genealogy, an overview of traditional and often-overlooked documents, and research strategies that will help you dig into your Catholic roots.

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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

Check out the "New Shelf" at the Library for the latest books purchased and donated to CCGS. They will remain there for the month of November, before being moved to their regular places on the Library shelves.

Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chairman

Here are the names of new and reinstated members as of October 11, 2017

New

James and Victoria Work

Raylon and Izeal Campbell

Patricia Crumley-Howard

Janyce Andre and Larry Lovell

Reinstated

Lillian Christina

Thanks so much to all of you who renewed your membership on time. It helps us keep our records accurate and up to date. Welcome to all of the new and reinstated members. We value your membership and support.

Periodical News

Paula Schoenlein

Interesting articles in the latest periodicals we subscribe to:

- **NGS Magazine July - September 2017**

This issue has multiple articles on "Storytelling". Check them all out, or pick and chose what interests you most.

- **Genealogy Today Sept - Oct 2017**

"Road Overseers, Surveyors of Highways, and Road Juries"

by David A Norris

"Discover Your WW1 Ancestor Through State-Based Resources"

by Margaret Moen

- **Family Tree Magazine Oct - Nov 2017**

"Digging Deeper"

by Shelley K BishopI

- **Internet Genealogy Oct - Nov 2017**

"Discover YMCA WW1 Service Cards"

by David A Norris

Can You Help? (repeat)

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-our-help> or, if you're on FaceBook, visit my (Brian Runyan) Facebook page.

CCGS Directory

The 2017 Clark County Genealogical Society membership directory may be downloaded from this URL
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/d/2017_directory.pdf

Find-A-Grave Will Change Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D.

Findagrave.com has announced that the web site soon will change. Some changes are cosmetic, while others are functional. A map feature has been added.

The home page, formerly just a list of over thirty choices, will become a photograph with a few menu selections across the top. That page will be dominated by the search panel, which will function largely as it has in the past and with the same options for every search box except those related to location.

The current search panel specifies location via pull-down lists for country, state, and county. The new search panel offers a single box for location, in which you are supposed to type the name of a place. As you begin to type a city, county, state, or country that box auto-fills with suggested place names which you can select with a mouse click. Use the American English equivalent of a country name; *Germany* works but *Deutschland* doesn't.

The new home page's menu bar goes across the top of the screen. Clicking *CEMETERIES* takes you to a page that lets you hunt cemeteries in either of two ways. Near the top left of the page is a search box where you can type a cemetery name. This auto-fill box works as above. When you select a name, you see a hit list of cemeteries with that name. Each entry on the hit list displays some facts about that cemetery, and a link to its information page. That page contains a search box that you can use to hunt for a person's name.

Instead of using that cemetery-name search box, you can use the cemetery-place search box to its right. Clicking a place name produces a map of cemeteries near that place. You can zoom the map in or out, and can pan it in any direction. (If the map doesn't display any marker pins, zoom in.) After a name is in that search box, clicking *Search* leads to a hit list of cemeteries near that place. Use this hit list the same way you use the other cemetery search box.

To see and experiment with all the planned changes, go to <https://findagrave.com/> and then click *preview now* near the top center of the screen.

“I Did Not Know That” (Thanks to Bea Ritter, we WILL know that)

A SHOT OF WHISKEY

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

American fighter planes in WWII had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

(More coming in future editions, as space permits)

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.
- 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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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Nov. 2 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1-3 p.m. in CCGS Education Center
Nov. 4 CCGS Evernote Workshop, 10-a.m. – noon in CCGS Education Center
Nov. 6 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
Nov. 7 Education: Researching in Ohio, 10-a.m. – 12 noon in CCGS Education Center
Nov. 9 Scandinavian Focus Group, 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Nov. 11 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
Nov. 13 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Nov. 14 Education: “Census Records,” 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Nov. 23-24 Library closed for Thanksgiving Holiday, reopens Tuesday, Nov. 28
Nov. 27 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Nov. 28 **General Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center**
Dec. 4 Legacy Users Group 10 a.m. – noon in CCGS Education Center
Do-Over Genealogy Group, 12 noon in CCGS Education Center
Dec. 7 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1-3 p.m. in 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.