

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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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.

The next Book Repair Workshop is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2018 from 10am to 2pm. Let Linda Dawson know if you are interested.

General Meeting

February 26, 2018
10 a.m. at CCGS Education Center

The Feb. 27 program will be presented by Bradley Richardson, Executive Director of the Clark County Historical Museum. He will discuss upcoming exhibits, programs and classes at the museum.

The First Thursday Speaker Series will cover topics such as Mother Joseph, the North Clark Historical Museum, the Cedar Creek Grist Mill, famed Vancouver architect Day Hilborn and much more. New exhibits exploring the history of medicine and the history of music will be on display. He will also speak about the Clark County Stories project.

Brad Richardson holds a M.A. in Public History from Portland State University and a B.A. in History from Washington State University Vancouver. He has worked for the Clark County Historical Museum for almost seven years.



The presentation will take place at 10 a.m. Feb. 27 at the Clark County Genealogical Society, 717 Grand Blvd. There is no charge and non-members are welcome.

Notes from the January Meeting

On January 23rd, we had a repeat speaker from a couple of years ago, speaking about seeking and finding his birth parents. Last year he published a book titled "Paper and Spit," which told of this journey. This presentation focused on finding his father, using both "paper" (traditional research) and "spit" (DNA). He provided a handout to those in attendance with information about DNA research and how to approach possible relatives. DNA testing companies were discussed, and questions were answered.

A copy of his book, "Paper and Spit" was raffled during the meeting.

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Happy February, everyone!

After a several month hiatus I am returning to the CCGS newsletter. For those who missed my Facebook posts let me recap: on November 7th I had a minor heart attack that resulted in quadruple bypass surgery a week later. I was released from the hospital two weeks later and began the long road back to regaining strength. I am very grateful for all who visited, messaged, get-well-carded, and just generally sent encouragement and support. I am on the mend and have returned to CCGS activities on a somewhat limited basis.

During my absence, many have been generous with their time to make sure the activities of CCGS continued. Many thanks to Marcia Grubb, Steve Young, Barbara Schragg, and Lethene Parks for making sure the webinars were available to watch live. And thanks to the Board of Directors who stepped up to keep things humming along with a special thank-you to Vice President Bea Ritter.

We have many activities coming up in the next few months. Education Chair Marcia Grubb is putting the finishing touches on the Spring class schedule which begins in March. The Legacy Family Tree hosted webinars have expanded to 96 classes this year. As you can calculate, that means more than two per week between now and the end of the year. Here is great opportunity to volunteer. There is an immediate need for two dedicated members to setup and take down the AV equipment (training cheerfully provided) and host these live presentations. There are both day-time and early evening webinars scheduled. The daytime host would commit to most Wednesdays from 10:30-12:30, the occasional Tuesday and the occasional Friday. The evening host would commit to one 5 o'clock Tuesday and two to three 5 o'clock Wednesdays each month. The person setting up would need to be registered for each of the classes. No subscription is required for these live webinars. Please contact me at president@ccgsa.org and I will walk you through the rest of the particulars.

Regular in-house classes begin in March. The Spring Seminar will be a two-day affair with a reception Friday May 25th and classes featuring David Allen Lambert. Stay tuned for more details.

The Focus Group Formerly Known as the “Do-Over” Group

The “Do Over” group began meeting in the spring of 2016 under the leadership of Paula Schoenlein. The “focus” was a do-over or a go-over of our genealogical research, based on the book and webinar by Thomas MacEntee.

The Do-Over focus group will continue to meet with a new name (yet to be decided) that will reflect a focus on research strategies. This group will use a combination of research books and periodicals from the CCGS shelves. We will continue to meet on the first Monday of each month at noon after the Legacy Users focus group. Come join us on Monday, February 5th at 12 noon following the Legacy Users Group as the new name and information about the new goals of the group are discussed.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The November meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group had a very entertaining and informative presentation by Kay Cooke. She described her adventures in Norway, meeting up with cousins and visiting the areas where her family lived. Tentatively, she will be at the Focus Group in April to talk about her adventures in Sweden. In addition, Kay will be doing a presentation on her Scandinavian summer vacation at the March CCGS Membership meeting. The topic of the February Focus Group meeting is yet to be determined.

For you Swedish researchers, ArkivDigital has added some new features. The Population Index of Sweden is now available from 1860 to 1930. This index is searchable by name, birthdate, etc. Also, there is now available Swedish American church books from Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and a few from Missouri, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. These records might be a key in finding your Swedish relatives in the USA. ArkivDigital is available at your local LDS Family History Center. In addition, I have a subscription, and would be happy to assist you in your research.

Richard Engstrom
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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.

Winter Closure Alerts

In the event of inclement weather, the CCGS Library follows Vancouver School District's closure policy. If the VSD is closed, we will also be closed. If in doubt, call CCGS or check the web site before coming in, as some of our librarians live in outlying areas and may not be able to safely travel to CCGS.

Also, in view of the nastiness of the current flu bug going around, remember to check the **Librarians on Duty** link on the CCGS web page to be sure we will be open. Last-minute illness may prevent enough volunteer librarians to staff the library on a given day, if a substitute librarian cannot be found. A "closed" notice will appear on that date in the monthly calendar if this happens.

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>

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

Wednesday, February 07, 2018, 11:00am:

Photo Restoration Roadshow, presented by Eric Basir

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 11am:

Have Nordic Ancestors? Count Yourself Lucky - Nordic Records are Amazing
Presented by Mike Mansfield

Tuesday, Feb 20, 2018, 5:00pm:

Using Swedish Taxation Records to Solve Tough Genealogical Problems;
Jill Morelli, CG

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 11am:

Tribal Quest: A special project to document the family histories of tribal people,
Presented by Golan Levi

Friday, February 23, 2018, 11:00am:

Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 2): Adding an Online Document
Presented by Geoff Rasmussen

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 11:00am:

Find Your Roots in German Farm Histories
Presented by Gail Blankenau

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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.

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

New Books

Compiled by Sharon Thiesmeyer and Lonna Parker

The following books were added to our collection recently, and can be found on the New Shelf through the end of February.

CCGS Purchase

Title: The Shaping of America, vol. 1, Atlantic America 1492-1800

Author: D.W. Meinig

Title: The Shaping of America, vol. 3, Transcontinental America 1850-1915

Author: D. W. Meinig

Title: The Shaping of America, vol. 4, Global America 1915-2000

Author: D. W. Meinig

Title: Ancestors of American Presidents

Author: Gary Boyd Roberts

Title: Early New England Families 1641-1700, vol. 1

Author: Alicia Crane Williams

Title: Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800

Author: Frederic W. Bailey

Donated by Glen Jones

Title: Walla Walla – Portrait of a Western Town

Author: Robert Bennett

Donated by Sandi Long

Title: The Congressional Medal of Honor

Author: Harley Shane

Title: Voices of Ballard and Beyond

Author: Gordon Strand

Donated by Steve Young

Title: Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms

Author: Webster-Merriam

Unknown Donor

Title: Pocahontas and her Descendants

Author: Wyndham Robertson

CCGS Volunteers

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

Periodical News

Paula Schoenlein

Family Tree Magazine, Jan - Feb 2018

"Treasure Hunting in the Archives"

by Shelley K. Bishop

This edition also contains "State Research Guides" for Delaware and Utah.

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Your Genealogy Today, Jan - Feb 2018

"Sign of the Times" (using timelines as a research tool), by Diane L. Richard

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American Ancestors, Winter 2018

"Philemon Whale's English Account Book, 1632-1633," by Robert Charles Anderson

Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

New members for December and January

Jan DeGrandchamp

Bonnie Larson

Angie Blackmer

(Tekla) Jean Peters

Suzi Terrell

Welcome!

CCGS Focus Groups

Legacy Users Group: First Monday @ 10 a.m.

"Do-Over" Group: First Monday @ 12 noon, following the Legacy group. See related article, pg. 2

First Thursday Unfocused Group: First Thursday, 1 – 3 p.m. General genealogy discussions

Scandinavian Focus Group: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. – 11:30.

CCGS Publications are now displayed in the bookshelf behind the Librarian desk - the complete list is available on our website. Available inventory will be offered at drastically reduced prices for a limited time.

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SPRING 2018 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, March 6, 2018	
	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.
Irish Records Researching: Barbara Schrag– Tuesday, March 13, 2018	
	Are you one of over 50 million Americans with Irish heritage? Come learn about all of the new resources available in the last two years, plus a few often overlooked sources. Bring your laptop or tablet and "bookmark" sites as we explore them together.
Researching Military Records– Tuesday, March 20, 2018	
	Military events and records often hold surprising family clues beyond an individual's service records. Even from our earliest American settlements, the need for defense produced military records, thus providing useful family search resources.
Migration Patterns in North America: Lethene Parks – Tuesday, April 3, 2018	
	The Who, Why and How of Your Family's Migration. We will talk about migrations: why people migrated; their modes of travel; and the routes traveled. You will choose one of your family lines and together we will learn some research techniques that will give you a new perspective and as well provide clues for further research. You will want to bring your device so you can access your database or bring printed materials you have on your chosen family line.
Getting the Most Out of Ancestry : Elsie Deatherage– Tuesday, April 10, 2018	
	Are you frustrated by your search results? Do you feel like there are untapped record sources that you aren't finding? Learn how to tap into less popular databases by changing the way that you search. Feel free to bring your laptop or tablet or you can just follow along.

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 Spring 2018 class schedule (Jan2018)

REGISTRATION FORM
CCGS Classes – Spring 2018

All classes are held in the CCGS Annex/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, **March 6** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Brian Runyan.

Irish Records Researching

() Tuesday, **March 13** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Barbara Schrag.

Researching Military Records

() Tuesday, **March 20** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Marcia Grubb.

Migration Patterns in North America

() Tuesday, **April 3** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Lethene Parks.

Getting the Most Out of Ancestry

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

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Feb. 1 Workshop: Your Story Your Book, 2nd session, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Feb. 5 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Group formerly known as “Do-Over Group – 12 noon – 2 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Feb. 8 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Workshop: Your Story Your Book 3rd session, **12 noon – 2 p.m.** CCGS Education Center
Feb. 12 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Feb. 15 Workshop: Your Story Your Book, final session, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Feb. 21 **Deadline for March Newsletter**
Feb. 26 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
Book Repair Workshop, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Feb. 27 General Meeting, 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.