

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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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.

General Meeting

April 24, 2018
7 p.m. at CCGS Education Center

The Fort and the Village: Exploring Fur Trade Fort Vancouver

The Village was a diverse community on the margins of the Hudson's Bay Company's fur trade Fort Vancouver where most of the population of the fort lived. Since many of the inhabitants of the Village did not leave written records, historical archaeologists must contrast the few historical documents with the artifacts, features, and architectural remains of its inhabitants. This talk will explore what we can tell about the diverse people of the fort and village based on the historical records and artifacts.

~Presenter's Bio~

Doug Wilson is the Pacific West Region's historical archaeologist for the National Park Service and archaeologist at Fort Vancouver. In addition, Wilson directs the Northwest Cultural Resources Institute, which integrates university students with professional archaeologists and volunteers to provide new scientific and historical research while interpreting National Park Service sites. He also teaches the joint National Park Service/Portland State University/Washington State University Vancouver archaeological school at Fort Vancouver and is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Anthropology at Portland State University. Recent publications include *Exploring Fort Vancouver* (University of Washington Press), and chapters in *Frontiers of Colonialism* (University of Florida Press) and *British Forts and their Communities* (University of Florida Press), all of which are available at the Friends of Fort Vancouver NHS gift shop.

At April's General Meeting we will also be electing officers for 2018-2019.

General Meetings
return to evenings in
April - 7 p.m.

Save the Date: May 25-27, CCGS Spring Seminar and
WSG Society Annual Awards

Registration form on page 7, or see the CCGS Website

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Things are a-poppin' at CCGS! Our membership is expanding. Classes are well under way. The library continues to grow. One area garnering a lot of attention is the planning for the Spring Seminar. In addition to the Seminar itself, we are also hosting a gala reception at Fort Vancouver on Friday, May 25th. We are going to feature stories of migration to the Clark County area. They will be from all eras, not just the early days. We are asking for stories that illustrate the building of our community. Here's an example:

With the end of WWII, going home was on the mind of every fatigued soldier, sailor and Marine. After years of warfare everyone wanted to return to a sense of security and well-being. Nothing said that as clearly as home. The flood of men coming back into Clark County created a problem: many were returning married or soon to be. All these new families were in need of housing. My parents were part of this flood. Both my mother and father were recently discharged from the Coast Guard. They had met just as the war was ending and by 1947 they were a family of three needing more space. Vancouver had built housing to accommodate the workers at the shipyards. These workers dispersed when those jobs disappeared and the housing they had occupied were perfect for the returning vets. We moved into McLaughlin Heights in March of 1948 and thus was my family's arrival in Clark County.

What was your family's arrival story? Was there a Hudson's Bay fur trader? Did a great grandmother successfully navigate the water route to Fort Vancouver at the end of the Oregon Trail? Or is your family a more recent arrival like mine? However and whenever they arrived, take a few minutes and write it up. Do you have pictures? Include those, too. Contact Marcia Grubb at [mlouise at aol.com](mailto:mlouise@aol.com).

Spring Education Classes – Finale

CCGS's Spring line-up of classes comes to and end this month, with the following offerings:

- Tuesday, April 3rd, 10 a.m.: "Migration Patterns in North America," presented by Lethene Parks
- Tuesday, April 10th, 10 a.m.: "Getting the Most out of Ancestry," presented by Elsie Deatherage

Classes are held at the CCGS Education Center from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Member price is \$12 each class; non CCGS members price is \$15 each class. Advance registration is encouraged, as classes without sufficient sign-ups may be cancelled. Class information and registration form are available in March's newsletter or online at our web site. You may also register by calling the CCGS Library during open hours and registering with the on-duty librarian. Pay in advance or at the door.

Research Tip

(Submitted by Alice Allen)

Review your documents carefully, you never know what you will find. About 5 years ago I had found an 1810 deed record for a brother of my 4x great grandfather in Ontario County, New York. This deed provided me with the name of his wife, but what I did not realize until I read further recently, that it also showed that my 5x great grandmother was still living in 1810 (others had said she died about 1801); and a sister of my 4x great grandfather was also still living, and listed as "unmarried." This property was undoubtedly the same as what he inherited from his father in 1798 since his mother and sister were named as "grantors" on this deed.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Thursday, April 12th, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS Meeting Room. Kay Cooke will be the presenter. This will be part 2 of describing her travels in Scandinavia. Please put it on your calendar.

Some new sites for your exploration:

Demographic Data Base of Southern Sweden has free vital record indexes from dozens of parishes in Halland, Skåne, and Blekinge provinces. Not every parish is included, but indexing continues and new data is added on a regular basis. www.ddss.nu

Finland and Karelia Project-If you have Finnish roots, check out this project on Geni.com. There are links to regional and locality projects with more local information. Most of Finland and Karelia are covered. You need to be a Geni user. Check it out. www.geni.com

Danish Military Records “Laegdsruller”. It is in Danish but you enter name of the parish and year you want to search and then “enter” www.laegdsruller.dk

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Research Tips

- How I stay on task and avoid the BSO* lurking at the bottom of the rabbit hole. I write out the ONE question I am trying to answer with my research and put it on a sticky note on my computer screen.

*Bright Shiny Object

(Shared by CCGS President, Brian Runyan)

- Don't forget to use the USGenWeb Project, founded in the summer of 1996 and pre-dating our data-rich sites such as Family Search and Ancestry. There is a wealth of information in many of these early sites that will never be found in Ancestry or Family Search, such as family diaries, obituaries submitted by their users, etc. Go to <http://www.usgenweb.org> and locate your state and county of choice. I found a diary on the Lenawee County Michigan site which had frequent mentions of my 2x great grandmother's brother, an early settler there. And I was able to locate my 3x great grandmother in the 1860 census that was indexed incorrectly by Ancestry, because many years before, volunteers had transcribed this census. Armed with the correct information, I browsed the census on Ancestry and found her.

(Shared by Alice Allen)

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, April 04, 2018, 11:00am:

Jewish Genealogy for the Non-Jew: History, Migration, DNA, presented by Schelly Talalay Darashti

Friday, April 06, 2018, 11:00am:

Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 3): Adding a Census Record, with Geoff Rasmussen

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 5:00pm:

Georgia: Gateway to Westward Expansion, presented by Rory Cathcart

Friday, April 13, 2018, 11:00am:

Researching Your Oregon Ancestors, presented by Tessa Keough

Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 5:00pm:

Better Together: Making Your Case with Documents and DNA, presented by Patti Lee Hobbs, CG

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 11:00am:

Lincoln's Laws and the Records of War, presented by Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 11:00am:

Get the Most from the MyHeritage Search Engine for Historical Records, with Daniel Horowitz, MyHeritage Webinars

Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 11:00am:

Verifying Information You Find Online, presented by Marian Pierre-Louis

Presentations are subject to change, including the addition of new webinars that had **not** been announced at the time this newsletter was being prepared.

****Note:** The April 10th webinar “Genealogy for Advanced Users: Grow Your Family Tree Online,” will not be shown at CCGS as it conflicts with our final Spring class. You will need to register and watch on your own, or watch later on when the recording has been released.**

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

Periodical News
Paula Schoenlein

CCGS subscribes to several periodicals, here are a few of the interesting articles found in recent publications.

American Ancestors, Winter 2018

Focus on New York

"Outside the Borders of New York"

by Henry B Hoff

Breaking New Ground

"Our Historic Catholic Records Online Project"

by Jean Maguire

Internet Genealogy, Feb/March 2018

"10 Databases You Didn't Know Were on Ancestry.com"

by Gena Philibert-Ortega

"Do You Have Lost Irish Ancestors?"

Researching Cobh may help

by Jill Browne

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.

Question of the Month

Do you have a research planned for the near future?

Please share any planned research trips you have planned for our May and June newsletters, and please share your actual trip highlights for our September issue when you return. We don't publish a newsletter in June or July, but would love to hear about any plans you have for your research trip first, and results later.

I am so excited! My oldest daughter and I will be heading off to Stockton and Wards Grove, Illinois in mid-July. We'll be meeting up with a cousin I have "known" online since 1999, who still lives there. Can't wait, and of course I will share my trip with you!

CCGS Volunteers

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

Membership Report
Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following new members:

Lela Miller

Michele Holden

Bev and Ken Tyler

Looking forward to meeting you!

Research Tip
Elsie Deatherage

My research tip is to take advantage of abstracts compiled by earlier researchers. It may give you a lead that can help you break through a brick wall

Lois Stanley, in partnership with George and Maryhelen Wilson, compiled about 20 books abstracting Missouri genealogy records. Our library has "Missouri Taxpayers 1819-1826" and the GFO Library has 14 of their books.

While in Salt Lake in January, I searched "Death Records from Missouri Newspapers January 1854 - December 1863". The contents are alphabetized by surname. It included a death notice for Horatio Drummond, the nephew of my ancestors. The abstract included the name of the newspaper that the death notice appeared in, the date it was published and a short synopsis. The abstract also listed Anthena Drummond, his sister, but her listing did not include the newspaper or date.

I ordered the newspaper death notice from the State Historical Society of Missouri, at a cost of \$15, and it arrived by email in a few days. The complete death notice told readers that three members of Sarah Drummond's family died of typhoid in six days; her 25 year old son, Horatio, her 18 year old daughter, Anthena, and her 20 year old nephew, Francis M. Carr, whom she and her husband had raised as their own after his parents had died when he was an infant. This was a gold mine! Francis was the son of my ancestor and her second husband. They married in 1832 and she was dead by 1835. I didn't know what happened to her second husband and I was unaware that she had a child with him. I had previously searched (unsuccessfully) for Anthena Drummond as an adult in the hope of uncovering her grandmother's maiden name. Two of Sarah's older sons were named as the co-executors for the two young men, so there was a lot of relationship info in a short article.

Update on our 2017 Grant From Clark County

In 2017 Clark County Genealogical Society received a Historical Records Preservation grant from Clark County. The specific purpose was to digitize and transcribe two original tax ledgers for the City of Vancouver, one from 1886 and one from 1891. This project has now been completed in partnership with the Clark County History Museum and Washington State University, Vancouver and is now available for public access at <http://content.libraries.wsu.edu/index.php/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16866coll8>

The ledgers will become part of the collection preserved and administered by the Washington State Archives. Tracy Rebstock a representative of the Archives, received these historical documents in a short ceremony that took place on March 6, 2018 at the Clark County Genealogical Society offices, [715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver](#).

Well done, CCGS volunteers!

How Grandchildren Perceive their Grandparents

- My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked me, "Did you start at 1?"
- A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
- When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." He advisedly told me, "Grandpa says "Look in your underwear. Mine says I'm 4 to 5."
- My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
- I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying loudly, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"
- A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
- A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children then started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
- When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us inside.. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."



REGISTRATION FORM
May 25, 26 & 27, 2018
Gala Reception, CCGS Spring 2018 Seminar and
WSG Society Annual Awards

Events will be held at venues in the **Fort Vancouver National Historic Site**

- **Friday 7 to 9:30 pm: Hudson Bay Company Gala Reception** at the Artillery Barracks, 600 E. Hathaway Rd. Friday night fun with historic Clark County guests! Appetizers from DuckTales Kitchen with a beer and wine bar (food & one drink ticket included).
- **Saturday 8 am to 3 pm: Seminar featuring 3 Lectures from David Allen Lambert, NEHGS chief genealogist and Washington State Genealogy Society Annual Awards Luncheon** at the Historic Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes Rd. Lunch boxes will be available at 11:45 am. A pop-up CCGS Bookstore will be open during all breaks.
- **Sunday 10 am to 3 pm: CCGS Library and Annex** will be open. Visit our Resource Library while waiting to connect with friends for the Tours. We have WiFi and cold sodas.

Registration			
	Cost	Number	Amount
Friday Gala Reception (\$10 at door)	\$8		
Saturday Seminar – <i>CCGS Member No.</i>	\$70		
Seminar Saturday– Non-member	\$85		
<i>Early Registration Member Seminar Discount – prior to April 2nd</i>	\$65		
<i>Early Registration Non-Member Seminar Discount - prior to April 2nd</i>	\$80		
Printed Seminar Syllabus	\$5		
Gourmet Box Lunch includes Wrap sandwich with squeeze bottle condiments, plus Duck Tales coleslaw, red delicious apple, chocolate chip cookie, assorted canned sodas and bottled water options <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <i>Check box for your wrap selection (selections received after May 15th cannot be guaranteed)</i>	\$15		
A downloadable digital format syllabus will be emailed with your Registration Confirmation information.	Free		
<i>Seminar Seating Limited to first 150 registrants</i>	Total Enclosed		

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

April 2 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Research Group – 12 noon – 2 p.m. CCGS Education Center
April 3 Class: Migration Patterns in North America, presented by Lethene Parks
April 5 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
April 9 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center
April 10 Class: Getting the Most out of Ancestry, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, presented by Elsie Deatherage
April 12 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
April 12 **Deadline for March Newsletter**
April 23 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
April 24 General Meeting, 7 – 9 p.m. CCGS Education Center
May 25-27 Spring Seminar

Note: No General Meeting in May due to Spring Seminar

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.