

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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**“Life is short,
do genealogy
FIRST”**

Spring Seminar May 25-27

Our Spring Seminar begins Friday evening, May 25th, with a reception held at the Ft. Vancouver Military Barracks. Come meet our special guest speaker, David Allen Lambert, chief genealogist at NEHGS. Saturday's event will be held at the Red Cross Building, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. David's seminar topics include 1) World War 1 Military research 2) Great Migration Era settler research 3) Probate & Deed Records research. A box luncheon is available to order. More information and the registration form appears elsewhere in this newsletter, or you can find it on our web site. A guided cemetery tour is proposed for Sunday, along with other self-guided tours. Information is available at the CCGS Library.

For 5 days before and during Memorial Weekend, The Fort Vancouver Tapestry will be displayed at the CCGS Library. Completed in 2005, this historic community project required 57 skilled stitchery workers contributing 100,000 hours over 5 plus years. <http://www.fortvancouvertapestry.com/>

May General Meeting

Due to the Spring Seminar in May, there will be no General Meeting. Join us on Tuesday, June 26th at 6 p.m. (note new time) for our annual potluck and installation of officers. May's newsletter will have more information.

CCGS Officers for 2018-2019

The annual election of officers for CCGS was held during the General Meeting on April 24th. The results are in !! President elect: Brian Runyan; Treasurer elect: Eric Jordahl; Secretary: Marian Kenedy will be installed at the June meeting.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

As some of you might be aware, CCGS sponsored a four-week publish-your-story workshop. Led by Bob Ferguson, twenty or so intrepid writers were inspired to write up a family or personal story that, as we say in the family history world, put flesh on the bones of an ancestor. Of those participants, four persevered and published a book during the class and several others continue to write with the intent to publish as their work progresses.

I am in the latter group. I am writing every day, exploring the life of my mother, Ruby Aileen Powell Runyan, 1920-1962. Hard to believe that in less than two years I will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of her birth. Although she died more than fifty years ago, her earth-walk continues to unfold. I am fortunate to have several scrapbooks she kept during her life that, explicitly and implicitly, adds to my understanding. One of the little pieces that has unfolded is a little notecard from a Washington High School (Portland, OR) classmate. As I read the note from Nori Oda, I wondered about her heritage as related to the historical context. Part of her note read, "We all felt like we were a part of a 'doomed' race, with everything happening as it did". The note was dated Dec 21, 1941, two weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I followed up on Nori Oda and discovered that she and her parents were interred with hundreds of other Americans of Japanese descent at Minidoka in Idaho. Her parents were imprisoned there until the end of the war but Nori was given an indefinite pass to move to Chicago. While there, she became active in the Buddhist Youth Association which advocated for Japanese-American rights. At the end of hostilities, she was deemed a loyal citizen once again and moved to Hawaii, married, had a family, died and was buried.

End of story? Not really. I felt that the note, along with several others she sent to my mother, needed to be in the possession of her family rather than remain hidden away in my mother's scrapbook. Following good research principles, I Googled one of her children and discovered that he was the head of an important governmental agency in the State of Hawaii. I contacted him, offering to give him his mother's correspondence. His response surprised me and suggested a whole new chapter in "Discovering Ike", the working title of my mother's memoirs. He remembered that we might have met some time in the past asking if my mother had nurtured a peach tree. That simple question opened up a flood of memories regarding my mother's love for an ornamental tree.

Sometime after moving into our Portland house on 65th, Aileen bought and planted a tree. The bare, new development was in sore need of beautification in 1952 and a flowering peach tree seemed just the ticket. It occupied a cherished spot in our yard and grew from a two foot twig to a four foot high treelet in a few years. Sadly, a neighborhood brat football game bent it flat and it looked like the end of the road to her beauty. Not to be defeated, my mother bent it back straight, taped the shredded trunk together, staked it up and threatened grievous bodily harm should any marauding boys inflict further damage. Over the years the peach tree grew to twenty feet and even though it sported a significantly splayed crotch, it grew, flowered every spring, and provided immense satisfaction and pride to my mother. No doubt, the tree sensed when my mother died in September of 1962 and when the Columbus Day storm hit in October, it gave up the ghost and was carried away by the immense winds. My mother never had to grieve the loss of her pride and joy. The flowering peach tree that had given her so much pleasure over the years had served its purpose. It was now left to those left behind to record its legacy.

Thus, a simple memory from the son of my mother's friend has spawned a whole new chapter in the tale of "Discovering Ike". Several individuals, both inside and outside of the previous writing class have expressed an interest in another series. If you are drawn to the opportunity to put "flesh on the bones" of one of your ancestors, contact Marcia Grubb, our Education Chair. Stay tuned: More plans to be revealed.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Thursday, May 10th from 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS Meeting Room. Join us for coffee (Fika) and goodies as we share our research goals and accomplishments and member plans for visits to Scandinavia. This will be our last meeting until September. Also bring ideas for programs for next year.

Many thanks to Kay Cooke for her two presentations on her 2017 trip to Scandinavia. Those of you who may be traveling to Scandinavia this year, we would love to have you present at our Focus Group.

I wanted to bring to your attention and ask for your assistance in a special project initiated by some Swedish genealogists. They are in the process of developing a website that will include US Swedish Church Records as well as photographing cemetery markers for Swedish emigrants who came to the USA. There is an increasing interest in Sweden as well as other Scandinavian countries in finding their lost ancestors who emigrated to the USA. In many cases, it is difficult to trace these ancestors. It may be due to a name change or census records that give little information about the exact origin (parish) of the Swedish emigrant. I am presently documenting Swedish born emigrants who are buried at the Old City Cemetery. This is part of a larger project in which we are updating the records for the Cemetery. If you have Swedish ancestors buried in Old City Cemetery, let me know. If you have Swedish ancestors in other Clark County cemeteries, send me your information. Thanks for your help.

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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

CCGS Volunteers

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

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, May 02, 2018, 11:00am:

Special Appearance by the Founder and CEO of MyHeritage, Gilad Japhet

Join us and the founder of one of genealogy's most successful companies, Gilad Japhet, for an intimate view into his brainchild, MyHeritage.

Tuesday, May 08, 2018, 11:00am:

Discover Your Family in School Yearbooks, MyHeritage Webinars

Wednesday, May 09, 2018, 5:00pm:

The Hidden Web: Digging Deeper, Cyndi Ingle

Friday, May 11, 2018, 11:00am:

A Checklist of African American Resources, Angela Walton-Raji

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 5:00pm:

Good Research Habits, Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 11:00am:

The First 5 Things to Do with Your New Test Results, Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 11:00am:

How to Use the Smart Matches & Record Matches MyHeritage Technologies, MyHeritage Webinars

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 11:00am:

Quaker Migration into America, Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 11:00am:

The Palatine Immigrants: Tracing and Locating 18th Century German Immigrants Online, Luana Darby, MLIS, AG

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

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.

Periodical News

Paula Schoenlein

CCGS subscribes to several periodicals, here are a few of the interesting articles found in recent publications. The newest publications are found on the rack behind the Librarian's desk.

Family Tree Magazine, March/April 2018

"On Your Mark"

by Nancy Hendrickson

"Your Forever Family Tree"

by Rick Crume

"Should You Take the Hint"

by Sunny Jane Morton

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American Spirit, March/April 2018

"The First Women Voter in America"

by Nancy Mann Jackson

Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following new members:

David & Doreen Turpen

Tina Fronk

Carolyn Sutton

Patty Harvey

Delores & Patrick Carlson

Judith Mason

Claudia Wade

Elizabeth Wylie

Jan Bader

Annette Pleiss

And welcome back to the following former members:

Wisconsin Historical Society

Clark County Historical Preservation Commission

What Are Your Plans For Summer Vacation?

Bea Ritter sent me her plans for the summer. I can't wait to hear her report when they return!

"My brother and I and our spouses have booked a 12 bus tour of the Scandinavian countries, and then will take train from Stockholm to Karlstad where we will rent a car. I have cousins who have a house in Dalsland area where both my grandparents grew up. My cousins speak 4 Languages and are fluent in English. They will be able to take us to the places where my grandparents grew up and be our tour guides. Have several other cousins we plan to also visit. Ending our visit in Oslo with another cousin and then fly home. I have many Swedish records for my family. In the process of writing my Grandparents' immigration story and information about their families. Many cousins live in the area so hope to see ones I met in 1996 and meet new ones."

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An update to my (Alice Allen) trip this summer: My cousin recently told me that she has a friend who is living in my gg grandfather's house in Stockton (Illinois), and plans to ask if we can have a tour. My gg grandfather lived in the Stockton area from his 1843 marriage to my gg grandmother, until his death in 1910. While it probably won't look quite the same, I will be able to say "I was there!"

“Odd Jobs”

Marian Kenedy recently discovered an old newspaper clipping in one of her books, and gave it to me to use in a newsletter. This was published in 1996, name of newspaper unknown, by Terence L. Day, genealogist, journalist, and faculty member of Washington State University.

In your genealogy research, have you run across some “odd” occupations and wondered what they were? Here are a few interesting ones from this article:

- Ackerman: a ploughman or ox herder
- Dempster: a judge
- Eyer: a person who made the eyes in needles. They were also called “holers.”
- Gaffman: a court bailiff
- Harlot: while we currently think of this term to mean a prostitute, in the past this title was applied to vagabonds and beggars, and to male servants
- Hooker: in pre-Civil War days, this was someone who operated a machine that laid fabric flat in uniform folds of any required length.
- Jakes-farmer: someone who emptied cesspools for a living.
- Mondayman: a person who worked for a landowner on Mondays in lieu of rent. Also called a cottager.
- Nipper: a boy employed by the wagoner to help collect and deliver goods. (And now you know where the phrase “little nipper” came from).
- Preceptress: a school mistress.
- Quarrel picker: a glazier.
- Rack maiden: a girl employed in the mines of Cornwall to dress the ore.
- Tranqueter: a person who made hoops.
- Upright worker: a chimney sweep.
- Vulcan: a blacksmith
- Wainwright: a wagon builder (not to be confused with wheelwrights, who made wheels.
- Xylographer: someone who made or used wooden blocks used in printing illustrations.
- Zoographer: a person who describes and classifies animals.

Tips and Summer Plans

Still collecting research tips and Summer travel plans for upcoming newsletters.
Send them to [allen.alice @ gmail.com](mailto:allen.alice@gmail.com)



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

May 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
May 7 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
CCGS Research Group, 12 noon- 2 p.m. CCGS Education Center
May 10 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center (last one until September)
May 14 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center
May 23 **Deadline for June Newsletter**
May 25-27 Spring Seminar
May 28 **Memorial Day**

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.