

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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**Tues, - Fri**  
10 am to 3:00 pm  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday only**  
6-9 pm

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday only**  
10 am to 3 pm

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

### **General Meeting** **Potluck Dinner, Installation of Officers** **And Guest Speaker** **June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.**

Join us on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the CCGS Annex for our annual potluck dinner and installation of officers. Bring a potluck dish to share and enjoy some visiting and good food before the official meeting to install our newly-elected CCGS officers begins at 7 p.m. Brian Runyan (President-elect), Eric Jordahl (Treasurer-elect) and Marian Kenedy (Secretary-elect) will be installed at this time. This ceremony will be followed by a guest speaker who will share stories of her travel in China.

Jane McDowell is an amateur family historian who developed an interest in her forebears' time as missionaries to China—which spanned 70 years, from 1864 to 1934. She took advantage of an opportunity to deeply research missionary history when she worked at Vanderbilt University and Emory University, both of which have divinity schools and extensive mission history collections.

In 2009, Jane joined three of her sisters and 12 of their first and second cousins for an 18-day trip to China, focusing on Shandong Province, where her great-grandparents and grandparents worked as evangelists, nurses, medical doctors, and teachers to the Chinese. Join her as she shares memories and photographs of this once-in-a-lifetime trip and the history of the Corbett and Heimburger families.

### **Congratulations!**

CCGS was the recipient of the “Outstanding Project” award from the Washington State Genealogical Society during their business and awards meeting held during our Spring Seminar on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The award was given for the recently-completed indexing project of the early Clark County Tax registers. Thanks to all of the CCGS volunteers who worked tirelessly on this project, making this special recognition possible!

### ***President's Message***

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

One of the most enjoyable things I get to do as your President is represent CCGS to the community. I am sometimes asked to give a talk to a civic group or fraternal organization to explain what this "genealogy thing" is all about. At the beginning of my talks I usually pose the question, "what's the point of filling in all those little boxes with all those dates and names?" I then attempt to get their attention by saying that really, "there is very little point: I'm alive. They're dead. So what?" I then go on and tell a few stories about my ancestors: John Robbins and family travelled the Oregon Trail in 1862 with his wife dying along the way. Yet he persevered. Deacon Michael Gerber and family left Switzerland and religious persecution behind and took ship to America in 1822. They left everything behind, yet they persevered. Unless you're of the first nation, somewhere, sometime one of your ancestors left where they were and came here. I then make the point that we often make decisions based on who we think we are. When we see that members of our family have done brave things it allows us to embrace the possibility that we might be capable of great things as well. If we find an ancestor swinging from a tree for horse thieving it can become a cautionary tale to inform our own choices.

I conclude by saying, "Henry David Thoreau stated in *On Walden Pond*, 'The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation.' Pretty cynical, if you ask me. And not a view that I have seen as I have researched my own family. I know my life matters more than the information filling some box on some form. Yes, my ancestors are dead and I'm alive, but they have taught me much about what it means to be me."

Without fail, one or more from the audience will have similar stories to tell about their ancestors. I am constantly struck with how many amazing people contributed to our existence.

We stand on the shoulders of giants!

### **Library Hours Change**

Beginning in June the CCGS library will be open ONLY one evening each month. The library will be open the THIRD Thursday from 6-9pm . Kathy Solheim has graciously offered to be one of the two volunteer librarians on those evenings and to make her expertise in Scandinavian research available to all. If you have Scandinavian ancestors take advantage of this opportunity. Of course, the library is open for all research on those evenings as well.

### **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](http://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-frequently-asked-questions-for-non-profits)

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The Scandinavian Focus Group will take a rest for the summer months and will resume in September. Our May meeting was very enjoyable as our members shared their recent breakthroughs in their research. In addition, several members will be visiting Scandinavia this summer. We hope to hear about their journeys when we reconvene next fall.



The photo that begins this article is of three unknown women from Sweden. Photo taken in St. Paul, Minnesota. Was in my Grandparents photo album. Was told they were friends of my Grandmother.

## SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Some recent research sites for Scandinavia genealogy have come to my attention. Here are a few that might be of interest.

1. Denmark Genealogy Links: Over 100 genealogy links for Denmark, including ship passenger lists, census records, cemetery transcriptions, military records, etc.  
[www.genealogylinks.net](http://www.genealogylinks.net)
2. Odense, Denmark: Searchable records for the City of Odense, Denmark.  
[www.odensedatabasen.dk](http://www.odensedatabasen.dk)
3. Census Records for Denmark: Searchable Census records for Denmark going back to 1787.  
[www.ddd.dda.dk](http://www.ddd.dda.dk)
4. Swedish Genealogy Guide: Great Site with videos on Swedish Genealogy, Swedish-English Dictionary and informative blog.  
[www.swedishgenealogyguide.com](http://www.swedishgenealogyguide.com)
5. Danish Churchyards & Cemeteries: Interesting site for learning about burial practices and guide for searching for burials.  
[www.mydanishroots.com](http://www.mydanishroots.com)
6. Database of Danish Emigrants: Searchable database for finding your Danish emigrants. Has built in translator for many languages.  
[www.udvandrerkivet.dk](http://www.udvandrerkivet.dk)
7. Swedish Postcards from 1800's to late 1900's: See what your city might have looked like in past.  
[www.thelocal.se](http://www.thelocal.se)
8. Demographic Database of Southern Sweden: This is nice database for Skåne, Blekinge & Halland. There is also YouTube video primer on how to use database.  
[www.dds.nu](http://www.dds.nu)
9. Swedish Police Photos for Stockholm: Over 10,000 photos of individuals in trouble with the police. (Didn't find any of my relatives)  
[www.digitalastadsarkivet.stockholm.se](http://www.digitalastadsarkivet.stockholm.se)

Have a great summer.

Richard Engstrom [rengstro60@yahoo.com](mailto:rengstro60@yahoo.com)

## Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Legacy Family Tree sponsors and hosts webinars featuring some of the best genealogists in the world. For the past two-plus years, CCGS has been privileged to show ALL of these live webinars free to the public. The popularity of these classes has encouraged Legacy to expand their offerings from one per week to now at least two and sometimes three times per week. Conversely, the attendance at our showings has diminished while taxing the resources of our volunteers.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> we will show all of the live webinars that originate on Wednesday DAYS. Currently that is about three per month. Please check the schedules published on our website, Facebook page, weekly email and front window.

You can watch the additional webinars own by signing up in advance at <https://familytreewebinars.com/> or watch for free for a week following each webinar. If you have an interest in any of the other webinars offered we encourage you subscribe to the webinars through Legacy.

Note: CCGS members receive a 50% discount on their first subscription. It's been called the "Best deal in Genealogy" as a subscription gets you access to the huge library of over 700 archived webinars. This includes webinars only available to webinar subscribers. They have NOT been shown before.

The following webinars will be shown at CCGS during the month of June. Check the schedule for July and August in our weekly email, as the newsletter will not be published during the summer.

### **Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.**

"What your Ancestors' Neighbors Can Tell You," presented by Melissa Barker

### **Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.**

"Lightroom or Photoshop? What should I use for my photo editing," presented by Jared Hodges

Visit <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> for more webinar information that will not be presented at CCGS. Register here as well to watch on your own.

## Summer Plans?

Taking a genealogy research trip this summer? We'd love to hear about your trip. Please share them for an upcoming newsletter later this year.

Send your story to [allen.alice @ gmail.com](mailto:allen.alice@gmail.com)

**Periodical News**  
Paula Schoenlein

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

Internet Genealogy, April / May 2018

"A Visit to the Internet Archive"  
by Diane L. Richard

"Save Money on Your Genealogy!"  
by Gena Philibert-Ortega

Family Tree Magazine May / June 2018

"Holes in History"  
by Sunny Jane Morton

"DNA Direction"  
by Diahan Southard

**New Books**

The following books are "new" to CCGS, and will remain on the New Shelf during June.

Donated by Marian Kenedy

Title: Ancestry's Concise Genealogical Dictionary  
Author: Maurine and Glen Harris

Title: What Did They Mean By That? A Dictionary of Historical Terms for Genealogists  
Author: Paul Drake

Title: A Medical Miscellany for Genealogists  
Author: Dr. Jeanette L. Jerger

Donated by Lowell Kenedy

Title: Palouse Farm Stories  
Author: Lowell Kenedy  
\*\*Note: This book was written and published as a result of our Book class earlier this year

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: The Tohono O'odham and Pimeria Alta  
Author: Allan J. MacIntyre, Arizona Historical Society

**Membership Report**  
Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following new members:

William Clark  
Shannon and Dorothy Williams

And welcome back to the following former member:

Judith Peterson

**More New Books**

Donated by Lonna Parker

Title: Horse Sense  
Author: Willard Leonard

Title: John Adams  
Author: David McCullough

Title: The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin  
Author: Gordon S. Wood

Title: Voices from the Past: John Dennis Schafer Family Letters 1842-1898  
Author: Susan Schafer, compiler

Title: Arizona Territorial Sampler  
Author: Melissa Ruffner, Budge Ruffner

Title: Benjamin Franklin, an American Life  
Author: Walter Isaacson

Title: The Heart of Everything That Is  
Author: Bob Drury, Tom Clavin

Title: Tough Trip Through Paradise  
Author: Andrew Garcia

Donated by Steve Young

Title: Webster's Dictionary of Word Origins  
Author: Merriam-Webster

Donated by Rosemary L. Tolle  
Title: The Heritage, Hot Spring Co., Arkansas  
Author: Deborah Rendeau, Editor

## **Using PERSI Today**

Contributed by Elsie Deatherage

Many of us regularly used PERSI when we could access it from home using our library card. We couldn't see the actual article – just the title, the number of pages, the publication it appeared in and when it was published. To get a copy of the actual article, we had to mail a request form to the Allen County Public Library along with a check for \$7.50 for up to six articles. When the articles arrived, we received an invoice for 20 cents per page for copying costs. In 2013, Find My Past began partnering with the Allen County Public Library. I was unclear how the system currently worked, so I was delighted to see a presentation, “Using PERSI Like a Pro”, presented by Cari A. Taplin, CG, at the NGS Conference in Grand Rapids.

### **What exactly is PERSI?**

It is the Periodical Source Index, a catalog of genealogical and historical society periodicals from around the world. This valuable resource was created by the Allen County Public Library staff and is currently made available by Find My Past, a pay subscription site. From home, the index portion is free, but if you want to see the detailed citation or a digitized article, you need to be a Find My Past subscriber or pay for the information through a pre-paid points system. You can see the detailed citation at the local Family History Library. They ask that you log in using your own account (you can create an account without being a subscriber). The Genealogical Forum of Oregon also has access to Find My Past.

**How Do I Access PERSI on Find My Past?** One of the options on the banner at the top of the home page is “Search”. Click on it and you get a drop down menu that includes the option, “Newspapers and Periodicals”. Click on that option and it will bring up another page. On the left side are four more choices, one of which is PERiodical Source Index. This brings up a search screen with the choices, “Who” (last name), “Where”(location) and “What Else” (keywords). You can enter information in one, two or all three fields. Surnames will only show up in search results if they are in the article title, so you may want to focus more on their location.

### **Obtaining a Copy of an Article**

Some articles are available digitally on the Find My past site to subscribers or pay as you go points purchasers. When I did a search for the Drummond surname at the Family History Library on 18<sup>th</sup> Street, I got 194 results. About one in ten was available digitally. There are potentially two symbols to the right of the index search results. The one that looks like a sheet of paper with text on it is the detailed citation. The symbol that looks like a camera indicates that the article is available digitally.

A second way to get the article is to contact the publisher (their name and mailing address is included in the detailed citation). If it is a genealogy or historical society, you might check their website. Some societies, such as the Missouri State Genealogical Society, have made past issues available online, even to non-members.

A third option is to order directly from the Allen County Public Library, the way the we used to. The order form is available at the bottom of the search page on the Find My Past site. The estimated time to receive the articles is six to eight weeks.

Another option is to visit another library that has the article. The detailed citations list a number of locations where the periodical can be found. You may also want to do a search on WorldCat for additional locations.

## Spring Seminar Report

If you missed the Spring Seminar held on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, you missed a wonderful event. The presentations by our guest speaker, David Allen Lambert, were inspiring. Even though I don't have any World War I ancestors, I learned how to find them, as well as tidbits for the other wars.

Many thanks to Marcia Grubb and her team of volunteers for putting this all together for us. Hundreds of hours went into planning, set-up, and pulling this seminar together to make this a wonderful experience for all attendees.

## CCGS BOOK MENDING WORKSHOP

CCGS Quarterly Book mending workshop is scheduled June 25, 2018 12-2 pm in the Annex. Librarians are encouraged to attend but all members are welcome.

We will teach you how to assess and correct book repair issues. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Dawson at texas44 @ gmail.com or call 360 921-9916

## TENTATIVE LIST OF FALL CLASSES

Tentative titles for fall classes include Genealogy and the Law; Obituary writing and locating notices; Finding Women in Records; and Beginning Genealogy. Possible are Immigration and Naturalization; and Research Travel Preparation. Watch the weekly email for more details as they evolve; and final plans should be available by the time the September newsletter comes out.

## Research Tip

Shared by CCGS member Lonna Parker:

Recently, Lonna shared her experiences with a research site called "Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches."

<https://twistedtwigsgenealogy.com/>

This site specializes in retrieving records from NARA, usually with a briefer waiting period before the record reaches you, and usually at a discounted price from NARA's fees. Records include military service and pension files, as well as war records (from the Revolutionary War through World War II.

Be sure to click on all links for more information, including the "how I got started" page as well as ordering information for the files. You'll need to register with your name and email address, and can sign up to receive the newsletter to receive tips and information about periodic specials. Lonna says they offer discounts throughout the year from regular prices.

***If you have information on any other sites that may be of interest, send me this for future newsletters!***

CCGS Volunteers

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*

June 4 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center  
CCGS Research Group, 12 noon- 2 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
June 7 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center  
June 11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
June 25 Book Repair Workshop, 12 noon-2 p.m. CCGS Annex  
June 26 General Meeting: Potluck, installation of officers, guest speaker 6 p.m. (**Note time change**)

**Note: The following groups and/or committees will NOT be meeting during the summer:**  
Scandinavian Interest Group and Library Committee. Meetings for these groups resume in September

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.