

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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of the latest
Trailbreakers, contact
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General Meeting Volunteer Recognition And Program September 25, 7 p.m.

Join us on Tuesday, September 25th at 7 p.m. in the CCGS for our next General Meeting. Program includes our annual Volunteer Recognition, and a guest speaker.

“Tracing Ancestors through Slavery and Freedom: Two Cases from Indian Ocean Islands” will be presented by Dr. Sue Peabody, Ph.D., Meyer Distinguished Professor of History Washington State University Vancouver.

Locating ancestors across the seas can be challenging for anyone, but especially when researching the histories of people who lived in slavery, because of naming and record-keeping practices. Professor Sue Peabody will discuss two projects, her recent prize-winning book, *Madeleine's Children: Family, Freedom, Secrets, and Lies in France's Indian Ocean Colonies* (Oxford, 2017), and her new project: *The Failure of the Succès: Anatomy of a Slave Smuggling Voyage*. Both projects involve the careful reconstruction of families in France's Indian Ocean Colonies of Réunion and Mauritius (with asides to Bengal and Mozambique) in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries using online databases and digital civil status records.

Trail Breakers

The *Trail Breakers* has been published and is at <http://www.ccgs-wa.org/nl/tb44.pdf>

The *Trail Breakers* features an article, *Publishing on the Cheap*, a review of three books students accomplished by taking the class *Your Story, Your Book*. The students were Lowell Kenedy, Suzi Dewsnap Terrell and Paula K. Niziolek. They all have a different style and scope. You will pick up some good ideas for writing a book of your own.

For those of you unfamiliar with the history of Vancouver, you will want to read the reprint on Vancouver; it is a great synopsis of our area. There are also reprints on John E. K. Rood, William and his son Curtis C. Strong, and Wm. R. Anderson.

Naming of Battle Ground was interesting. Did you know there are at least eight different spelling of Chief Umtux's name? Read the article to see other inconsistencies in the stories told about the battle.

The Military Records series has ended with this issue. IF you have an idea for another series, send them to Jane at germann@wa-net.com. The Vancouver Independent continues with August 1879 and the Combined Indexes will finish with the next issue.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Where oh, where did our summer go? As this September issue of the CCGS Newsletter greets you the hazy, smoky days of August are (hopefully) in our rear-view mirror. As you will see elsewhere there were folks who actually were able to do some research over the summer. Kinda reminds me of the “What I Did On My Summer Vacation” prompts from grade school.

And speaking of grade school: I drove past mine the other day. DEMOLISHED!! Portland Public Schools decided it was more cost effective to knock it down and build a new school from scratch. Happily they will be incorporating some historical elements in the new structure. The entire ornate entry portal will be included! I went there from Kindergarten – 1952 through Eighth Grade – 1961 as did most of my classmates. People moved around a lot less back in the day. The building was erected in 1917 on the site that was Hoffman It was named Joseph Kellogg School to honor a significant personage in Portland and Columbia River history. Joseph Kellogg was born in 1812 in Canada. Following the war of 1812 the family first moved to New York and then Ohio where Joseph became a skilled millwright. The entire family, Father, Mother, Joseph and brother Jason crossed the plains, arriving in Milwaukie, Oregon in 1848. They took up adjoining donation land claims. Joseph got right to work building the first commercial flour mill in Oregon, and several sawmills. He soon began building sailing vessels to transport lumber between Oregon and California. His efforts were well rewarded and he was able to build one of the first steamships in the area. By the 1870s he had formed the Joseph Kellogg Transportation Company and, with his two sons, operated steamboats on the Cowlitz River and Columbia River up to Washougal. He died in 1919. And now the beautiful brick school that bore his name has died as well. My understanding is that significant architectural details have been saved by the Rebuilding Center. I did manage to snag a couple of pieces of decorative masonry!

I wish to thank all of you who are continuing to participate in the Community Rewards Program with Fred Meyer. As of the end of the last quarter, we had 33 households participating and their purchases triggered a \$77.72 donation to us. Just as a reminder, if you haven't yet designated us as your preferred non-profit, it's easy to do. Just visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and link your Rewards Card to us. It doesn't cost you a penny nor does it diminish any of your benefits through their program.

We also benefit from a similar program with Amazon. It's even easier: Rather than beginning your Amazon search/purchase at Amazon.com go to smile.amazon.com. Everything happens the same way. At check out you will be prompted to enter where you want them to send their support. Just start typing Clark Count Gen . . . and your favorite Society will magically pop up as your choice! Easy-Peasy.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation
By Pat & DeDe Carlson

In answer to the call for articles about summer genealogy travel plans, Pat Carlson informed us that he and his wife DeDe spent from June 25 through July 23 traveling through southern Norway and Sweden. Pat reports that they found much information about their family history in both countries.

If you took a genealogy-related trip recently, there's still time to submit a write-up for October's newsletter. Send to the newsletter editor no later than Wednesday, September 19th, deadline for the October newsletter!

SCANDINAVIAN CORNER



That was a quick summer. Welcome back.

The Scandinavian Focus Group will have its first meeting of the season on Thursday, September 13th, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS Meeting Room. I am in the process of putting together our meeting topics, etc. and will share those with the focus group and CCGS membership in the next few weeks. Every one is welcome to attend our meetings. Some of the topic areas for this year will be Swedish & Norwegian Genealogy resources and websites. I am hoping that we will have a session on Immigration. In addition, a couple of our members have or will be traveling to Scandinavia this summer. The sharing of these trips and adventures is always a highlight for our focus group. Unfortunately, I have been home all summer. I have been working with another CCGS volunteer, Kathy Geyer, for the past few years in updating the burial records for the Vancouver Old City Cemetery. We are nearing the end and hope by fall to have a completed set of records for the cemetery. This effort has included updating and correcting information on burials in the cemetery. We have gone through the funeral home records for the cemetery as well as doing a visual walkthrough to ascertain whether there are markers for the individual burials. We are supporting this work with records, from Ancestry, Family Search, FindAGrave, Washington State Death Records, Clark County Pioneer Books, etc. We also have worked closely with the City of Vancouver in the development of this new database. Upon completion, we will make it available through our CCGS website and also City of Vancouver cemetery website. If you did not know, we have on our CCGS website a listing of all Clark County Cemeteries. Many of these cemeteries have photos of grave markers provided by volunteers. For some of these cemeteries there are also a record of burials. Check it out.

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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

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Legacy Family Tree sponsors and hosts webinars featuring some of the best genealogists in the world. The following webinars will be shown at CCGS during the month of September.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m.

“What’s Been Done: Using Someone Else’s Genealogy Research,” with Thomas MacEntee.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m.

“25 Simple Research Hacks Every Genealogist Should Know,” with Lisa Alzo

There are more webinar presentations than the ones listed above. You can watch the additional webinars on your 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 that are available to subscribers only, 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. Contact the CCGS library during open hours to get your discount coupon. You must be a current member to qualify.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Alice Allen

My great grandfather, Samuel Henry Johnson was born in 1848 in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. By 1850 his mother had died, and his father, also named Samuel Henry Johnson, married a cousin of young Sam’s mother. After the Civil War, “young” Sam and his older brother Merritt, left Illinois and took up homesteads in Kansas. Now, possibly for the first time in more than 150 years, the two families were reunited, as my oldest daughter and I traveled to Jo Daviess County to meet cousins from the second family of “old” Sam. In all the documents that my cousins showed us, there was seldom a mention of young Sam or his brother.

I first met my cousin Sandy via the Internet, back in 1999. It was either through the Rootsweb Message Boards or the USGenWeb Project, but we have kept up a pretty steady correspondence all this time. So when my daughter offered to travel with me to visit her, naturally I jumped at the chance. Sandy’s 3gg grandmother is the second wife of old Sam, and a full cousin to my 2gg grandmother, who died before 1850. Many descendants of these early settlers still live in the area, so I was able to meet new cousins, hear family stories that were unknown, visit my gg grandfather’s house (built in 1857), my 3gg grandfather’s silo (all that is left of his homestead after one of his grandson’s set fire to either his house or barn—not clear which), and bring home pictures, documents, and more. Additionally, I will undertake to write up my part of the family to submit to the Stockton Historical Society, as there is no information on old Sam’s first family there.

Sight-seeing included lots of corn and a ferry ride across the Mississippi River; cemetery research, Galena and its beautiful historic buildings. Oh, and we just missed a tornado on the way home! Couldn’t ask for a better summer vacation/genealogy trip!

Periodical News
Paula Schoenlein

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

NGS Magazine, April - June 2018

"Discover German Families in CompGen's Free Databases," by Timo Kracke

"Overcoming the Language Barrier: The Translation Process," by Bryan O'Sullivan

Internet Genealogy, August / September 2018

"Home Delivery from Newspapers.com" by Joe Grandinetti

Family Tree Magazine, September 2018

"Privacy Please," by Judy G. Russell and Sunny Jane Morton

"How To Be A Genealogy NINJA," by Lisa A. Alzo

CCGS Volunteers

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

New Books

These recent additions to the CCGS Library will be on the New Shelf through September.

Donated by Lethene Parks

Researchers Guide to American Genealogy Author: Val Greenwood

Title: Ancestral Trails

Author: Mark D. Herber

Donated by Elsie Deatherage

Title: Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, vol. 6

Author: William Wade Hinshaw

Donated by Lyndon Gabriel

Title: Dayton Centennial, 1880-1980

Author: Sheila Henry, Chairman 1980 Centennial Commission

Donated by Earl Valentine

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Title: Mastering Genealogical Proof

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Special Interest Groups at CCGS

- Legacy Users Group, meets the first Monday of each month from 10 a.m. – noon. Group leader is Brian Runyan. Discussions are related to features of the Legacy genealogy program. Questions or problems with the software? Bring them here for answers.
Note: Due to the Labor Day holiday, this group will not meet in September.
- CCGS Research Group, meets the first Monday of each month from noon to 2 p.m. Group leader is Paula Schoenlein. Focus is on research techniques and helps, from various sources.
Note: This group will meet in September in spite of the Labor Day holiday.
- First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy group, meets the first Thursday at CCGS from 1 – 3 p.m. Group leader is Larry Dean. Discussion is based on anything related to genealogy.
- Scandinavian Focus Group, meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30. Group leader is Richard Engstrom. All Scandinavian countries are represented here. Richard posts the month's topic in each CCGS newsletter. If you missed this month's focus, see page 3 of this newsletter.

History Making at Fort Vancouver High School Cheerleading!

CCGS is supporting the young athletes of 2018-2019 FVHS Cheerleading who train hard year-round to provide spirit at both home and away sporting events. The significant participation cost for each athlete is only partially met by parents and team members fundraising. By sponsoring cheerleader Eva Alainz, CCGS is supporting Eva and her team's outreach at school and community service events. Look for our CCGS logo on the FVHS team sponsorship t-shirts that will be worn during the athletic season at fundraisers, school and community events.

Two Rivers Heritage Museum Article in the Columbian

In case you missed this in the Columbian last month, Bill Whalley submitted this write-up from the Two Rivers Heritage Museum in the August 8th, 2018 edition.

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2018/aug/08/late-camas-researchers-family-gives-notes-to-historical-museum/>

Washougal — The Two Rivers Heritage Museum recently received volumes of research notes and a complete second set of Camas-Washougal Homestead Records from the family of Curtis Hughey, a former Camas-Washougal Historical Society president who died on Nov. 25. Sorted alphabetically by last name, the Homestead Record notebooks cover property from Cape Horn to 192nd Ave in east Vancouver, and feature land records, court documents, affidavits, verbatim testimony from homesteaders and their witnesses, newspaper clippings and additional family information that Hughey collected and organized. “It is a treasure trove of historic information,” said Brian McClatchie, historical society board member. “In my opinion this research and notes are the most important records we have for telling stories of the people of Camas-Washougal. Much of it we did not even know existed until it was dropped off for us.” Hughey moved to Camas in 1946 with his mother to live with his grandparents, and graduated from Camas High School that year. He was active in civic work and was involved in the start of the Fern Prairie Fire Department. Hughey retired from the Camas paper mill in 1991 and began dabbling in genealogy research.

Two Rivers Historical Society
<http://www.tworivers-history.org>

OCTOBER FAMILY HISTORY MONTH: HELP NEEDED

Calling all CCGS Members: Help needed for planning and coordinating Kid activities for October Family History Month KID DAY on Saturday October 6th.

Email Marcia Grubb at [mlouise421 at aol.com](mailto:mlouise421@aol.com)

or call the Library!

REGISTRATION FORM
CCGS Classes – Fall 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, **September 18** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Brian Runyan.

Using Local Histories and Published Resources

() Tuesday, **September 25** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Marcia Grubb.

Finding the Women in Your Family Tree

() Tuesday, **October 2** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Barbara Schrag

Writing Your Own Obituary and Find A Grave Online Research Tips

() Tuesday, **October 9** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor Lela Miller and Alice Allen

Genealogy and the Law

() Tuesday, **October 16** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Dale Deatherage

Researching Missouri Records

() Tuesday, **October 30** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Bryan Runyan

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Sept. 3 **NO Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center (Labor Day holiday)**
CCGS Research Group, 12 noon- 2 p.m. CCGS Education Center (**will meet as scheduled**)
- Sept. 6 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
- Sept. 10 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center
- Sept. 11 Research Travel Prep. Class, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS
- Sept. 12 Scandinavian Research group, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
- Sept. 15 Senior Wellness Connections Expo, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ilani Resort Event Center. CCGS will have a booth here
- Sept. 18 CCGS Beginning class, 10 a.m. – 12 noon **FREE**
- Sept. 25 CCGS Class, 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Local Histories and Published Resources (\$12/15)
- Sept. 25 General Meeting, 7 p.m.: Volunteer Recognition and Program (see page 1 for more information)

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.