

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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10 am to 3:00 pm

3rd Thursday only
6-9 pm

Saturday

2nd Saturday only
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.

General Meeting October 23, 10 a.m.

Presentation: "What's New in the Family Search Website"

FamilySearch.org recently added their two billionth image to their website. Some images are of microfilm reels; others are newly acquired. This presentation will assist you in finding the digital records of most interest to you. Indexing cannot keep up with the volume of records made available and tips will be given for using sleuthing methods that often yield the best results.

A 30+ year researcher, speaker Tom O'Brien is involved in many Portland-area genealogy groups and has specialties in Irish and German Research.

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Follow-up to September's Volunteer Recognition September 25, 2018

During the Volunteer Recognition portion of September's General Meeting, the following CCGS members were recognized for their contributions to the Society: Madeline Mesplay, Barbara Schrag, Chris Maitland, Kay Cooke, and Kathy Solheim.

Our recently retired Library Director, Lethene Parks, was also honored with a "Lifetime Achievement" recognition for her many years of service to CCGS. In addition to her years as Library Director, she also served as Education Director and CCGS president.

CCGS also recognized those who had given more than \$500 total since 2011. The donors were Anonymous, Kathleen Alvick, Jeanine Bailiff, Barbara Baker, Lois Bosland, Dennis & Carol Clark, Sharon Cleveland, the Colf Family Foundation, Stephen R. Cornick, James Crossman, Dale & Elsie Deatherage, Richard Engstrom, Larry & Jane Germann, Doug Hamilton, Margaret L. Colf, Gwen Jones, Roy & Mary Katschke, Lowell & Marian Kenedy, Beth Lewis, Lorlei K. Metke, Janice Oliva, Charles Russum, Bill & Sandra Whalley, and Richard L. Young.

General Meetings begin
day meeting schedule
in October:
10 a.m. – 12 noon
4th Tuesdays

October is Family History Month

Look for more information on CCGS Activities
throughout the month in this newsletter

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Back in Mid-September I had the opportunity to do one of my favorite things! I got to teach a class that focused on how to get started tracing your family's history to a group of enthusiastic attendees. There were some who were just getting started, a few "old hands" looking to "brush up" their skills and some who were picking it up again after a fallow period. The common denominator was the desire to be a part of a process by which their ancestors might be remembered.

Most of the members of the Getting Started Class were in, or approaching the, "I'm retired, so now I have the time to pursue my family's history" age group. While that is fairly typical, it does a disservice to the younger members of the community who wish to know more about their ancestors. It used to be that "draw your family tree" type assignments were common in public schools but that has diminished somewhat. That being said, there is still plenty of interest in the topic even if there won't be a question on the standardized test about it. On October 6th, CCGS is putting on a youth oriented event, with an interactive focus for the participants. From 9:30 to 3 pm the annex will host activities aimed at those still in school: Do you know what this old-time object is? Map your family. Make family tree a dream catcher. Look for more details elsewhere in this newsletter and bring out your children and grandchildren for a fun day.

Most of us start out as "name collectors". We gather a bare minimum of information to identify family members and accurately place them in a time and place. Then we dutifully enshrine them on a family group sheet or in a digital database. But something happens as we gather facts and document events: We become curious about them as we see more and more of their lives being revealed through their circumstances. We might discover that an unfamiliar name appears in the household as they are enumerated in a census. This unknown person is listed as a "hired hand" or, possibly, "servant". It might strike us as odd that our family had hired help when viewed through our present day lens. Don't only wealthy people have hired help now days? So we delve a little more into the history of their time and discover that it was not all that unusual as the amount of work, or labor it took just to provide for a family was much different than it is today. And then we discover they grew more wheat or potatoes or apples than they could use themselves and would sell or barter the surplus to earn money to purchase for things they didn't produce themselves. But that meant they needed more labor than the family could provide to bring it to harvest. And so they hired labor. And then, in the next census, one of those hired hands winds up married to one of the daughters and now Bob's your uncle! There's a family story that shouldn't be lost!

As previously reported, I have been working on putting together my mother's biography. After my own brush with mortality a year ago my desire to preserve something of my mother's existence has become more acute. I have realized that if ANY memory of her will be preserved, it's up to me. I'm her only child and all of her siblings and peers have passed on. I only knew my mother for sixteen of her forty-two years. My own knowledge of her is necessarily limited and as I delve into the records and memories she left behind I appreciate how truly limited it is. She was so much more than a wife and mother: WWII Coast Guard SPAR, 100 wpm typist (on a manual!), bowler with a wicked hook. These things about her need to be available for her descendants to discover but those stories will not be told unless I tell them!

And so I slog on, discovering more and more about this woman who birthed me!

As we begin to get a flavor of what their lives might have been like we decide to put our discoveries and insights down for others might share. Name collectors evolve into memory keepers. And so it often becomes for each of us. What will be the story told about you?



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The Scandinavian Focus Group had its first meeting of the season on Sept 13. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 11th, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room. Our tentative topic area for the meeting will be Swedish Genealogy Internet resources. At our last meeting we demonstrated just a few of the many Facebook sites that address Scandinavian Genealogy. I will list a few of those that might be helpful in your Scandinavian research. First, you must have a Facebook account or page to be able to join and participate in these individual sites. Almost all of these sites, require you to join the group. This is usually very simple, just clicking a button that says Join. Some sites ask a simple question as to your interest in joining the site. These sites are great resources. For example, the Swedish American Genealogy Group has individuals both in the USA and Sweden who can help you find your ancestors. They also can help in translation of documents and much more. This is also true of the Norwegian Genealogy site.

Here are some of my favorites:

- Swedish American Genealogy Group
- Swedish Culture and Traditions (This is sister site to Swedish American Genealogy Group. (They have been posting photos of Parish Churches on this site)
- Svenskt Porträttarkiv-This site has numerous photos of people in Sweden. The website is searchable by name.
- Finnish Genealogy
- Norwegian Genealogy
- My Ancestors are from Småland. There are now a number of sites for each province in Sweden. They post photos from the province as well as assist in genealogy research. Most of the members are in Sweden. Facebook has a translation tool that works quite well.
- Danish American Genealogy
- Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (This is great site for research help in USA)

As I said, these are just a few of the sites. Just use their search engine to find your country of interest, etc.

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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 October.

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.

“Remote Research in the Databases of the Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System,” with Rick Sayre

Wed, Oct 17, 2018: 11 am - 12:30 pm

“Ho to California! The Draw of the Gold Rush,” with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

“10 Eastern European Genealogy Resources You Might Be Missing,” with Lisa Alzo

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

“Privacy Issues with Online Family Trees,” with Randol Schoenberg

Bonus Webinars for October

Friday, Oct. 19, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Five **Live** presentations from the Salt Lake Family History Library. See the webinar link below for more information on topics and presenters.

Friday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Researching French and Indian War Ancestors, with Craig R. Scott

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.

Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our many new and reinstated members

NEW MEMBERS

Dorothy Doll	Lloyd Lambert
Harry Gamble	John Lake
James Pearson	Paula Niziolek
Carol Bartel	Tom Dudley
Elizabeth Madrigal	Don Rose

REINSTATED

Dena Iverson
Edwin Senior
Maria Guzman
Frances Faris-Person

Periodical News
Paula Schoenlein

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

Your Genealogy Today, September / October 2018
"Shades of Gray"
by Sue Lisk

"Helicopter Genealogy"
by Sue Lisk

Family Tree, September 2018
"Getting Googly - Eyed, 101 Best Websites for genealogy"
by David A Fryxell

CCGS Volunteers

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

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

OLD CITY CEMETERY

NEED YOUR HELP IN FINDING INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

As many of you know, Cathy Geyer and I have been working on updating the burial records for the Old City Cemetery. I am seeking your assistance in finding information on the following persons:

E. Crimshaw B. 1859-D.1930
M. Crimshaw B 1857-D. 1933

They are buried in Vancouver Old City Cemetery. They have a marker which denotes the above information. Probably husband and wife. We have been unable to find any records on these two individuals. They do not show up in Washington State Death Records. We have tried various spellings. No luck. They are buried in plot with original owner's name of Sluman/Stale. I am sure some of our CCGS genealogists will be able to find these lost folks.

Thanks for you help!
Richard Engstrom rengstro60@yahoo.com

CD Giveaway

As recent notices in the weekly email reported, CCGS was the recipient of numerous Family Search CD's which we are giving away. They will only work on Windows XP and **older** computers. CCGS member Pat Bauer also notified me that she has a box of CD's to give away as well. Again, these will only work on older operating systems. Contact Pat at ampb98642@gmail.com for information on what she has. **Again, these CD's do not work on newer computer operating systems such as Windows 7, 8 or 10.** They only work on XP and older operating systems.

October is Family History Month

- Kids' Day on Saturday October 6th
 - Make Family Tree Wind Catchers!
 - Map Your Family in the USA!
 - Discover artifacts from the past!
- Kids' Writing Contest - true family story
10 to 14 years
 - Prizes: 5 finalist entries published
 - 1st place entry wins cash prize
 - Register at CCGS Library
- "Who Do You Think You Are" showing on the CCGS big screen.
- Two added Webinar screenings - check webinar calendar.

Have you ever wondered about the instructions given to census takers as they set about enumerating this country's citizens? Well, wonder no more!

The following download link sent by Elsie Deatherage tells us what the census takers were **supposed** to ask. This was originally sent by "The Legal Genealogist," Judy G. Russell. It's a free download, and you will need a PDF reader (also free) to read it.

<https://www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/pol02-ma.pdf>

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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Amount _____ Cash [] Check [] Check Number _____ Will pay at door []

Recorded with copy in Class Registration Notebook [] Recorded with copy on Daily Sheet []

Note: You can also register by phone. Call the CCGS Library during library hours and register for your class or classes of choice, then pay at the door. While you can register at the door, pre-registration is recommended as classes with insufficient registration prior to date of class are subject to cancellation.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Oct. 1 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Education Center
 - Oct. 2 CCGS Research Group, 12 noon- 2 p.m. CCGS Education Center
 - Oct. 4 CCGS Education class, “Finding the Women in Your Family Tree,” 10 a.m. - noon
 - Oct. 4 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
 - Oct. 6 Kid’s Day! 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., see related article
 - Oct. 8 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Education Center
 - Oct. 9 CCGS Education class, “Write Your Own Obituary” and “Find a Grave,” 10 a.m. - noon
 - Oct. 11 Scandinavian Research group, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
“Who Do You Think You Are,” 1 – 6 p.m., see related article. Popcorn too!
 - Oct. 16 CCGS Education class, “Genealogy and the Law,” 10 a.m. - noon
 - Oct. 23 General Meeting, **10 a.m. – noon** (note the time change)
 - Oct. 29 Librarian’s Training, 10 a.m. – noon, CCGS Education Center
 - Oct. 30 CCGS Education Class, “Researching Missouri Records,” 10 a.m. - noon
- 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.