

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

*Check the on-line
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Tues, - Fri

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.

Next General Meeting
Will be held on
November 27th at
10 a.m.

General Meeting

November 27th

10 a.m. – 12 noon

"Panel Discussion: Researching Step Children"

Do you have step children in your family?

Four panel members will share how they discovered that a family member was actually a stepchild. They will tell about their subsequent follow-up research and what it revealed. Panelists include Micki Spar, author of a recent genealogy article on Stepchildren Research, President Brian Runyan, Education Chair Marcia Grubb, and Program Chair Elsie Deatherage.~~

Learn How To Research At The Genealogical Forum Of Oregon

The Research Book Club Focus Group is welcoming **Laurel Smith** from GFO to our meeting at **12:15 pm on Monday November 5th**. Our guest presenter will enlighten us on how to prepare for a Research Trip to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. Don't miss out on this great opportunity available to everyone.

Attendance is required at this event if you are planning to join us on Monday November 19th for our GFO Research Carpool Road Trip.

Sign up sheet for GFO Carpool Road Trip is available in the CCGS Library. Space is limited, sign up soon.

Winter Closure Reminder

CCGS follows Vancouver Public Schools inclement weather schedule. If the Vancouver schools are closed due to weather, CCGS will also be closed. And remember to check the CCGS page to see if we are open. Some of our librarians live outside of Vancouver and may have weather issues that will affect their drive in to the Library. We will post these closures on our web page. If in doubt, give us a call.

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Our intrepid president is unable to give us a message this month. Stay tuned for his words of wisdom coming in the December-January issue of this newsletter.

SCANDINAVIAN TRIP & SWEDISH REUNION

Contributed by Bea Ritter, CCGS Vice President & Membership Chair

This August my brother Larry and his wife Diane joined Lyman and me for a 12-day Cosmos bus tour of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, ending in Stockholm. We then took a train to Karlstad and rented a car so we could drive to Bengtsfors in Dalsland where our grandparents grew up. This is called the lake province of Sweden as everywhere you see lakes surrounded by green forests and farm fields. We stayed in Hotel Hemgården in Bengtsfors.

I had been in touch with cousins in Sweden by email for over a year, arranging our visit. We were able to visit the churches where both of my grandparents were baptized and confirmed. We also visited the home where my grandmother grew up, which was built in 1786. Her nephew and his wife live there and graciously welcomed us. Cousin Monica and her husband Roland built a new home near Bengtsfors two years ago and they invited many of our cousins for a family reunion on Sunday. What a fantastic day with lots of delicious food and visits with friendly cousins! I now have email contacts for many more cousins who are sharing family information and pictures.

I will be sharing stories and pictures at the January meeting for our Scandinavian group at CCGS.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Verna Couchman, long-time CCGS member and librarian. She passed away on October 9th.

Holiday Closures

The CCGS Library will be closed Thanksgiving day, November 22nd. We plan to be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of that week. However, if we have no library volunteers for those days, we will close. Be sure to check the web page or call the library if you plan on coming in on either day.

Looking ahead to December, the CCGS Library will be closed from Saturday, Dec. 22nd through January 7th for the Christmas & New Year holidays. We'll re-open on Tuesday, January 8th.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Thursday, November 8th 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS Meeting Room. The program for this meeting will be a presentation by Kathy Solheim. Kathy is a CCGS member who has great expertise in Norwegian genealogy. Her presentation will concentrate on the Norwegian site Digital Arkivet. Some of you may have used this site but there have been some major changes to the site in the past few years. Be sure to put this on your calendar!!

There will be no December meeting!!! Our January meeting will have a presentation by Bea Ritter on her recent trip to Scandinavia.

See you in November.

Richard Engstrom rengstro60@yahoo.com

OLD CITY CEMETERY

NEED YOUR HELP IN FINDING INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

As many of you know, Kathy Geyer and I have been updating the burial records for the Vancouver Old City Cemetery. Last month we requested assistance in helping us find information regarding two individuals buried at the Cemetery. A big thanks to Joy Kersteter and Paula Schoenlein in researching and solving our puzzle.

Since you were so successful in solving that puzzle; we have a new one for you. The following two individuals, probably husband and wife are buried in the Masonic Section of the Old City Cemetery: Charles J Lowry b .1901 d. 1990. Eunice F Lowry b. 1911 d.1997. Our initial searches in Washington State and Oregon Death Records have come up with nothing. We are looking for place of birth and death for these two individuals plus any other relevant information.

Thanks for your help.

Richard Engstrom:
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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.

For a description of each webinar, go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

11:00am Wednesday 07 November 2018

Using Voting and Election Records to Find Your Ancestor
Presenter: Melissa Barker

11:00am Wednesday 28 November 2018

Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking
Presenter: Paula Stewart Warren

11:00am Wednesday 05 December 2018

Ins and Outs of Indexes: Keys to Unlocking County and State Records
Presenter: Mary Kircher Roddy

Presentations are subject to change, including the addition of new webinars that had **not** been announced at the time this newsletter was being prepared. We'll try to catch any changes in time for the weekly CCGS e-letter, and you can check for yourself at the link listed above. If you can't make it in to watch with us, you can register for free and watch it at home during times listed; watch at your convenience for free for about a week following original broadcast; or subscribe to the Legacy webinars and watch any time.

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. Available for first-time subscribers only.

Membership Report
Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to our newest member!

Jennifer Hamilton

Reminder

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4th. Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

Periodical News

Family Tree Magazine, October / November 2018

"Through The Maze"
by David A Fryxell

"Document Detective"
by George G Morgan

American Ancestors, Summer 2018

"Your Guide To Lineage Societies"

New Books

The following books have been added to the CCGS collection, and will appear on the “New Shelf” during the month of November.

Donated by Joy Kersteter

Title: The Mikesell Family, Eleven Generations with Allied Families

Author: Nadine Mikesell
(duplicate)

Title: Hammond Ambassador World Atlas
Author: Hammond Publications

Title: A Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, etc.

Author: Elizabeth Shown Mills
(duplicate)

Title: Historic Architecture of Bourbon County, Kentucky
Author: Walter E. Langsam & William G. Johnson

Title: The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual
Author: Board for Certification of Genealogists
(duplicate)

Title: The ALKI 1941 (yearbook)
Author: Vancouver High School

Title: Bitter Ground, The Civil War in Missouri’s Golden Valley
Author: Kathleen White Miles

Title: History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky
Author: William Henry Perrin

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: Descendants of Etienne Stephen Boyer
Author: Mary Catherine Norbut

Title: The Chickasaw’s
Author: Arrell M. Gibson

Title: The Boys - 1st North Dakota Volunteers in the Philippians
Author: John Durand

Title: Cherokee Proud—a Guide for Tracing and Honoring Your Cherokee Ancestors
Author: Tony Mack McClure

New Books

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Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Title: The Chinook

Author: Clifford E. Trafzer

Donated by Sherry Lambert

Title: Skamania County Washington Marriage Records

Author: CCGS
(duplicate)

Donated by Lela Miller

Title: WSU Alumni Directory

Author: Washington State University

Donated by Steve Young

Title: Webster’s Biographical Dictionary

Author: Merriam-Webster

Title: Webster’s Blue-Backed Spelling Book & New England Primer

Author: Benjamin Harris

Christmas is Coming!

Do you have a favorite Christmas memory? Maybe it’s a special Christmas gift, or a visit to or from relatives. Could it be a favorite long-standing Christmas tradition? Instead of getting gifts, did your family share gifts with less-fortunate friends or relatives? Was it a tradition to attend a midnight church service on Christmas Eve?

For the December newsletter, we’re collecting Christmas memories from our CCGS members. Send your Christmas memories to allen.alice @ gmail.com by the December 5th deadline. We’ll publish them in the next newsletter.

If I don’t hear from you, you may be getting an email from me.

CCGS Volunteers

CCGS is a 100% volunteer-operated organization. We are tremendously grateful for all of our many volunteers and the dedication they bring to the success of our Society. Our volunteers have the opportunity to serve a few hours a month to more hours than they can count and everything in between. Many volunteers speak of how enjoyable their time is rubbing shoulders and sharing enthusiasm with other like-minded researchers. If you're not currently volunteering you're missing out on some really good times. There are currently several opportunities for volunteering that will enhance your connection with your Society. To find out how you can join in the fun, contact our President, Brian Runyan president@ccgs-wa.org or Vice-President, Bea Ritter gensoc@ccgs-wa.org.

CCGS Focus Groups

CCGS is home to several Focus groups which meet monthly at the Library annex (aka Education Center). If one of these is of interest to you, come join us!

- Legacy Users Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Group members can bring questions and problems to the group for answers, and there is usually a feature of the Legacy genealogy program highlighted. **Looking for a new moderator for this group in order for it to continue.**
- Research Book Club Focus Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 12 noon, following the Legacy Users Group. Bring a sack lunch and share your thoughts about this month's chapter.
- First Thursday Unfocused Group: Meets the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. No special focus (hence the name "Unfocused") for this group—we meet and discuss most anything of a genealogical interest. And we sometimes have cookies, too!
- Scandinavian Group: Meets the second Thursday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The focus? Scandinavian genealogy, of course. If you have ancestors from one of the Scandinavian countries, come join the group for extra help, and to share your experiences.

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

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that the Clark County Genealogical Society has a Facebook page? Ours is one among 4,500 across the nation! People in genealogy are communicating in all sorts of ways and the CCGS Facebook page is another way to notify you about upcoming workshops and seminars, plus other valuable research tips. We hope you will "like" (become a friend and/or join) the CCGS Facebook page. To "like" our page, you must have a personal profile of your own. Even if you aren't very active with your own Facebook profile, we encourage you to "like" the CCGS page – and invite your genealogist friends to do so as well! Plus, you might consider joining the Clark County Genealogical Society Facebook Group Page where you can ask questions, get answers and start conversations. If you don't have a Facebook profile and would like to get started, go to www.Facebook.com and follow the steps to sign up. It's easy! Or, stop by the CCGS library and one of the librarians might be able to help you get started (call first to see if there is a Facebook expert on hand).

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

Favorite Genealogy Blogs

What is a blog?

A “blog” (short for “web log”) is an online journal or an informational web site, the topics can be anything one wants to write about. The “blogger” may want to share favorite recipes, fun trips, or anything that comes to mind that he or she thinks will be of interest to their readers. Many genealogists—both amateur and professional—have a blog or blogs to share their tips for finding records, successful searches, family information, and more. Most blogs have a feature that allows you to subscribe to the blog, thereby getting updates when the blogger has added something new.

Here are a couple of links that may be helpful if you want to start your own blog:

- <https://firstsiteguide.com/>
- <https://www.bloggingbasics101.com/how-do-i-start-a-blog/>

Here are some of my favorite Genealogy-related blogs:

- Family Search’s Blog
<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/>
- American Ancestors (NEHGS) Blog
<https://vita-brevis.org/>
- Randy Seaver’s “Genea-Musings Blog
<https://www.geneamusings.com/>
- Jana’s Genealogy and Family History Blog
<https://janasgenealogyandfamilyhistory.blogspot.com/>
- Genealogy Bank
<https://blog.genealogybank.com/>
- Tangled Roots and Trees Blog
<https://tangledrootsandtrees.blogspot.com/>
- Miriam Robbins AnceStories Blog (Miriam has been the speaker at past Spring Seminars)
<https://ancestoriess1.blogspot.com/>
- Dear Myrtle has several blogs:
<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>
<http://blog.geneawebinars.com/>
<https://genea-quilters.blogspot.com/>
- Amy Johnson Crow
<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/>

Do you have your own blog? Have a favorite that isn’t listed here? Send me the link(s) and I’ll include them in upcoming newsletters.

With all this talk about blogs, I may become inspired to resurrect my old one. Haven’t posted in it since January, 2015. This was when Thomas MacEntee’s Genealogy Do-Over was introduced. I had such good intentions!

<https://genealogyland.blogspot.com/>

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Nov. 1 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group, 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks **back** one hour
Nov. 5 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Education Center
Research Book Focus group, 12 -2 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Nov. 8 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10 -11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Nov. 12 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Nov. 19 Research Book Focus group Field Trip
Nov. 22 **Thanksgiving Holiday, CCGS Library closed this day**
Nov. 26 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Nov. 27 General Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Education Center
Dec. 3 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Research Book Focus Group – 12 noon -2 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Dec. 5 December-January Newsletter Deadline
Dec.6 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group, 1 – 3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Dec. 10 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Education Center

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.