

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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*Check the on-line
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<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

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
February 26 at
10 a.m.

General Meeting
February 26, 2019
10 a.m. – 12 noon

Clark County Historical Museum
1511 Main Street, Vancouver WA

<http://www.cchmuseum.org/visit/hours-and-directions/>

War of 1812

How much do you know about the War of 1812? What was it about, what did it accomplish, and how can you find the records of those who served? The war that gave us our National Anthem, and not much else, is often overlooked. Yet it was an important time in our nation's history, and nearly tore the country apart. Come and find out more at our February General Meeting. Duane Funk is our presenter, and is an experienced genealogist who is particularly knowledgeable about military records and military history.

Important Note About Our Focus Groups

Beginning in February, there will be a couple of changes to some of the CCGS Focus groups:

- The Legacy Users' Group will meet the first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the CCGS Library, beginning with February's meeting
- The Scandinavian Group will meet the third Monday of the month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the CCGS Library, beginning with the February meeting.

The other groups will continue to meet at the CCGS Library at their current times for now. Check the weekly email for any last-minute changes.

Winter Closure Reminder

CCGS follows Vancouver Public Schools inclement weather schedule. If the Vancouver schools are closed due to bad weather, CCGS will also be closed. You can also 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

As you may remember from last month CCGS no longer has the luxury of having all our activities in one location. This past January 22nd we held our General Meeting at the Clark County Historical Museum's meeting space. There was a good turnout to hear Laurel Smith from the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. She gave an entertaining and informative presentation about researching in cemeteries.

At this point, we have decided to hold as many of our regular activities in the Library. Wednesday, January 23rd, we hosted the first Legacy Webinar there and, while not ideal, the attendees were able to learn a great deal about using OneNote as an effective tool in genealogical record keeping. For the time being we will continue to host these presentations in the Library but check the website (ccgs-wa.org), the weekly email, our Facebook page, or the Library front window for location updates.

Marcia Grubb is hard at work putting the Spring curriculum together. The regular classes have traditionally been held on Tuesdays. Moving them to Monday has been discussed but no decision has been made yet. It's understood that there will be some inconvenience to Library patrons when there is another activity going and everyone will be asked for their patience as we work through this change.

Again, check your regular sources for the latest updates.

VANCOUVER OLD CITY CEMETERY

Thanks for your help in solving our query for November and December regarding the Lowry family. The correct spelling of their surname was Lowery. The following is brief summary of the research shared by our members: Rose Marie Harshman, Joy Kersteter & Marian Kennedy.

One of the reasons we could not find Charles James Lowery initially was that his father died early and his mother Pauline (Polly) Hambury remarried to James Gaskell and for a period of time Charles James took the Gaskell name. At some point he returned to using Lowery. One of our members found a Veterans Pension Application under name of Gaskell which helped us figure out the puzzle. Lowery, Charles James, (Correct Spelling of last name) Born April 2, 1901 Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Died April 27, 1990 Ridgefield, Clark, WA. Wife Eunice F Benedict. Parents: Charles Lowery & Polly Hambury born England (His mother remarried after death of Charles Lowery-to Thomas Gaskell-For a period of time Charles James used name of Gaskell and then reverted back to Lowery) Served in US Army WW1 111th Infantry 28th Div. Private.

Lowery, Eunice F, Maiden Name Benedict) born Jan 16, 1911 Elkins, West Virginia. Died March 13, 1997 Clark County, WA. Husband Charles James Lowery. Parents Herbert Benedict born Penn. & Zaretta C Carroll born West Virginia. No children.

This month's request for help:

ADAMS, JOSEPH I. b. 1843, d. 31 Jan 1900 of pleurisy, age 57y. Int. 2 Feb 1900 SW 46-S/2 Line 3 (Mrs. L.M. ADAMS). Parents were not listed.

Ref: #3 ADAMS, MRS. L.M. b. ?, D. ? age ?. Int. SW 46 S/2 (no marker-no information). Ref: #3 SW

As you can see, we have very little information. Look forward to your great research.

Richard Engstrom
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SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to the new year. The Scandinavian Focus Group will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, Feb. 18th, 2pm to 3:30pm in the CCGS Library. The screen has been moved from the former meeting room to the library. This will allow us to use the projector for our meetings. I have scheduled the CCGS library for March, April & May for our future meetings on the third Monday of the month, 2pm to 3:30pm.

I wanted to bring to your attention that there is a Scandinavian Genealogy group that meets monthly at Portland State University. I am including their schedule for this year.

LOCATION:

Finnish Room (room 124), Cramer Hall,
Portland State University
1721 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201-3300

PARKING is available in PSU Parking Structure #1 along 6th Avenue between SW Hall and Harrison streets. It costs about \$7 for an all-day parking permit on Saturdays to park anywhere on the 3rd floor and above.

MEMBERSHIP is only \$10 per year payable by cash or check. We are a nonprofit organization here to help each other research our family history.

The classes in this spring's series are as follows:

Feb. 16 DNA: In Your Case
March 16 The Case of the Mislaid Danes
April 20 The Case of the Lost Norwegians
May 18 The Case of the Unfound Finns
June 15 Related Cases

This series will focus on case studies. Would you like your ancestors to be one of the cases we present? We'll be happy to consider it and see if we can help you. Bring your trees and your questions!

For those of you who are researching your Swedish ancestors, I again offer my assistance. I have a subscription to ArkivDigital as well as other resources. Feel free to contact me:

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Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Legacy Family Tree sponsors and hosts webinars featuring some of the best genealogists in the world. With the loss of the Annex, we temporarily suspended showing these at CCGS. We're happy to report that we have resumed showing the Wednesday daytime webinars. They will be shown in the CCGS Library. Here's what's happening in February. For a complete description of each webinar, go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

11:00am Wednesday 06 February 2019

DNA and the GPS Solves a Mystery: Hamilton's in Colonial New England
Presenter: Shellee Morehead

11:00am Wednesday 20 February 2019

Online Resources for French Genealogy, part 1: Compiled Records, Church Records, and Civil Registration
Presenter: Paul Woodbury

11:00am Wednesday 27 February 2019

Spreadsheets 401: Excel-lent Inspiration
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; or 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 Chairman

We would like to welcome our new members:
Richard Baker
Johanna Hyatt

Welcome back to Reinstated member:
Steve Shelton

Our condolences to the family of Glen Jones, a CCGS member, librarian, and former Education Chairman. Glen passed away in Stayton, Oregon on December 23rd. A graveside service was held on December 31, which was attended by several CCGS members. His obituary was in the December 27th Columbian.

Periodical News

Paula Schoenlein

Family Tree Magazine, January / February 2019

Check out these 6 tricks for filling in research gaps.

"Missing Out"
by Marsha Hoffman Rising

Learn to create a family time capsule.

"Blasts from the Pasts"
by Denise May Levenick

Your Genealogy Today, January / February 2019

"What's Left to Do After Finding a Family History?"
by Robbie Gorr

Nothing So Constant as Change
Alice Aultman Allen, Newsletter Editor

Whether we've been doing genealogy and family history research for just a few years, or for many, MANY years, we're sure that you have noticed many changes since you started. From the mid 1800's when New England Historic Genealogical Society began abstracting and transcribing records from New England, to today's online genealogy databases organizations such as Family Search and Ancestry, our "hobby" is changing.

February's question was "What changes have you noticed in genealogy research since you began researching?" I received one submission, which I'm including below for your reading pleasure. This comes from the CCGS member who has been researching longer than anyone I've ever known, so she has seen a lot of changes. I will add my observations following hers.

From Lethene Dennis Parks:

"I started doing genealogy research in 1947, as a high school student. It started when a cousin of my Dennis great-grandfather sent our family a 60-page typed history/genealogy of the Dennis family. It started with the first ancestors to come to America, on the Mayflower in 1620. The Dennises were mostly from England and Wales. Other branches of the family came to America over the next ten or fifteen years. Most settled in New England, mostly in Massachusetts, but a few in Vermont and Maine.

At that time, there were no computers, no photocopy machines, no way to scan documents. If you wanted a copy of a document, you transcribed it, usually by hand, then typed. If you wanted to make a copy of the transcription, you used handwriting or typed it, using carbon paper to make a copy. I retired from my career as a librarian in 1988; my farewell gift from my library colleagues was a little hand-held computer. Computers were just coming into use in libraries at that time. Washington State was one of the first in the nation to put computers into libraries and to form any sort of network so the computers could communicate with other computers. Whatever I learned about how to use computers was self-taught, by the trial-and-error method. Computers were not common in classrooms until the days of my children and, grandchildren, so they are the ones I go to if I need help or want to learn something new."

My observations:

I've "only" been engaged in this fascinating hobby for 50 years. In addition to the changes Lethene has noted, I have a few to add of my own. CCGS President Brian Runyan has referred to these early days of genealogy research as "lick a stamp and wait" days. You wrote letters to relatives along with writing to courthouses, genealogy societies, etc., to get the information you were after. The people I wrote to were not genealogists, but they knew their families. They saved obituaries, newspaper clippings of family events as a matter of everyday life. As I visited with cousins in Illinois last summer, I was astounded at the pictures, newspaper articles and obituaries that Cousin Sandy had from her grandmother; and that Cousin Mel not only had documents, but she knew the events without referring to the documents. You don't see that very often today, unless you're a genealogist.

It has been said for many years that only 10-15% of all genealogical information is online. Some of the places you'll find information is in personal papers, photos, family bibles, newspaper articles held by relatives. If you happen to have a collection of personable papers, organize those and save them for future generations.

And Write Your Own Personal Story for Future Generations!

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SPRING 2019 CLASS SCHEDULE

ALL CLASSES: held at the Clark County Genealogical Society Library from **10 am to Noon**

FEE CLASSES: Tuition for each class is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members

Registration may be paid at door with cash or check. Walk-ins accepted subject to available seating. Class may be canceled if lacking minimum registrants or bad weather. Registrants will be notified and refunded.

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Roots: Elsie Deatherage – Tuesday, March 5, 2019	
	FREE CLASS - This class starts your family tree research with a <i>begin at the beginning</i> strategy. Topics will include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts, genealogy database programs, and best research practices.
Family Search – What’s New: Alice Allen – Tuesday, March 12, 2019	
	Join Alice to learn about the constantly changing and improving FamilySearch.org website. Come learn what’s new, along with tips and tricks to make your own Family Searching experience a happy one!
Researching Tennessee Records: Bea Ritter – Tuesday, March 19, 2019	
	We have had many requests for Tennessee family research information and Bea is up to the task! She has walked at least 10 different county search venues for her own family searches. Along with her practical search experiences, Bea will present informed guidelines for your Tennessee ancestor research. Maybe some local photos too.
Land and Property Records Research: Lethene Parks – Tuesday, April 2, 2019	
	Land records have suffered fewer losses, they apply to more Americans and they go back in time further than any other type of records, making them an invaluable source for locating your ancestors. Lethene will guide us through different real property documents as well as provide CCGS resources available in our library.
Maps: Information Sources Beyond Expectations: Marcia Grubb– Tuesday, April 9, 2019	
	Map-making or cartography has served many purposes over time and for genealogists can provide key information locating an ancestor at a particular place and time. If you are unable to locate great granddad in the town grandma told you – maybe it’s time to discover more about maps!

Registration form also available online at www.ccg-s-wa.org or at the Library

CCGS Spring Class 2019 class schedule (Jan 2019)

REGISTRATION FORM
CCGS Classes – Spring 2019

All classes are held in the CCGS Library, 717 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, **March 5** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Elsie Deatherage.

FamilySearch – What’s New

() Tuesday, **March 12** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Alice Allen.

Researching Tennessee Records

() Tuesday, **March 19** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Bea Ritter.

Land and Property Records Research

() Tuesday, **April 2** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Lethene Parks.

Maps: Information Sources Beyond Expectations

() Tuesday, **April 9** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Marcia Grubb.

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Past President: Lethene Parks

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Feb. 4 Legacy Users Group, **9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (new time)**, CCGS Library
Resource Book Club Focus Group, 12 noon, CCGS Library
Feb. 7 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 – 3 p.m. CCGS Library
Feb. 11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
Feb. 18 Scandinavian Group, **2 – 3:30 p.m. (new day and time)**, CCGS Library
Feb. 20 **Newsletter Deadline**
Feb. 25 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
Feb. 26 General Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Clark County Historical Society (see pg. 1 for details)

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
Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr - Sept, 7 - 9 pm.
No General Meetings are 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.