

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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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.

General Meeting

March 26, 2019

10 a.m. – 12 noon

**Fort Vancouver Visitor Center,
1501 E Evergreen Blvd.**

"The Winds of Change - the 1840's at Fort Vancouver & Community"

Presented by Mary Rose, Executive Director

Friends of Fort Vancouver

At the height of successful activity for the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Vancouver, American wagon trains began rolling west. A land of opportunity was opening as the Eastern Seaboard burgeoned with industrialization and immigration. At Fort Vancouver, the Native American and Hawaiian populations were permanent residents with fur traders, clerks and officers of the HBC. Internationally, "Oregon" would be declared a U.S. Territory up to the 49th parallel and by 1849 the US Army was present at Vancouver to reinforce the Americans' claim. Opium Wars, cholera, and "free" trade worldwide contributed to the sweeping changes at Vancouver. The independence of American settlers, specifically women, influenced many ideals and helped lay the foundations of a strong American West that indeed altered the course of North American development and United States history.

RootsQuest - Forest Grove Oregon Stake Family History Conference

You are invited to our annual conference on March 16, 9:00 - 4:00, at 3600 Brooke Street, Forest Grove. We will have many wonderful instructors including Crista Cowan - Ancestry Corporate Genealogist. Free! Includes a free lunch.

Inclement Weather Reminder

It's March, we shouldn't need an inclement weather reminder, but with the snow still coming and going from our forecasts, once more we remind you that if the Vancouver School District is closed due to weather conditions, Clark County Genealogical Society's library will also be closed.

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Here we are. Three months into 2019. We can't even call it "the new year" anymore! There are two main foci of activity for CCGS this month . . . No wait! Three . . . No wait! . . . There's a whole bunch of stuff going on. Marcia Grubb, our intrepid Education Chair has been putting a tremendous amount of energy into our Spring curriculum. Classes are being set up for you continuing edification and education. See elsewhere in this missive for details. We are giving attention to our present circumstance regarding meeting space. You don't need a reminder that we no longer have the annex in which to hold classes, seminars, webinars, general meetings nor any gathering of more than about ten people. Everyone is working and squeezing and cozying to get us through the next few months of not-enough-space until we can increase the square feet available for our use. Thanks everyone for your patience. PLEASE keep abreast of announcements in the weekly emails (thank you Mary), the webpage ccgs-wa.org (thank you Bill), the newsletter (thank you Alice), the public announcements and Facebook pages (thank you Kay) to keep informed as to where and when things are happening. Because things are happening.! Webinars, sponsored by Legacy Family Tree are still being shown on the BIG screen in the library, (thank you, Barbara and Chris). The Library is still open on its regular schedule (thank you librarians). Committee meetings are happening. Educational classes will take place. Life is good. The sun is shining. The birds are chirping!

The end-of-year giving reached an all-time high: You all responded to our need by giving ~\$17,000 to insure that our doors remain open. Thank you, all. Your enthusiastic support for our mission is well-placed!

VANCOUVER OLD CITY CEMETERY

Our puzzle for last month regarding the Adams family needs further research. Thanks to Marian Kennedy for providing some possible leads to finding out more about the Adams.

This month, I have two more individuals that we need some help with. They are:

1. James Acterson born abt. 1841 and died April 16, 1889
2. Acterson (Female) Probably Wife of James born abt. 1853 and died Jan 19, 1892. Possible children: Grace, Rita, Russell. Children may have been born in Missouri.

Assume they died in Clark County, WA but not sure.
Thanks in advance for your help.

Richard Engstrom rengstro60@yahoo.com



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Greetings! The Scandinavian Focus Group, at its last meeting, had a great presentation by Bea Ritter on her summer trip to Scandinavia. Many thanks to Bea and Lyman. The next meeting of the Focus Group will be Monday, March 18th 2pm to 3:30pm in the CCGS Library. The tentative topic area will be Scandinavian Emigration to the USA or Using DNA to find our Scandinavian Cousins.

For you Swedish researchers, the Swenson Center at Augustana College holds an annual Swedish Workshop in Salt Lake City. It is usually the early part of November. I recommend it for beginners as well as experienced researchers. You can find out more at: <http://www.bitly.com/SAGWORKSHOP> I have not seen the dates for 2019 yet, but note that it sells out quickly. There is also a Swedish-Finnish workshop that is held in Salt Lake each year. When I know the dates, I will post it here in the newsletter.

Richard Engstrom rengstro60@yahoo.com

New Books Barbara Schrag

Our New Books shelf runneth over!

We've been doing some catch-up in cataloging new books, thanks to generous donations last year by Nona McPherson's family, the Rankin family and others. We've added more than 100 new books in the last month, too many to list here. Many are small, but chock-full of genealogy, including more than 20 books of court records, marriages and deeds in Edgefield County, South Carolina; seven volumes of marriages in South Carolina in the late 17th to 19th century; a dozen books of records and research tips in Pennsylvania, plus Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, Alabama, and many more. Stop by to browse the New Books shelf, or ask a Librarian to look up books by locations or topics. Items on the New Books shelf will change at the end of each month.

Membership Report Bea Ritter, Membership Chairman

We have two new members:

Welcome to our new members:

Larry Brown
Milada Allen

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

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

11:00am Wednesday 06 March 2019

A Guide to Third Party Tools For DNA Testing

Presenter: Michelle Leonard

11:00am Wednesday 20 March 2019

One African-American Family's Story of Migration from the South: A Boarding House in Detroit

Presenter: J. Marc Lowe

11:00am Wednesday 27 March 2019

No Purchase Necessary: Free Genealogy Tools for your iPad/iPhone

Presenter: Devin Ashby

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.

Save the Date: 2019 Spring Seminar

The spring seminar is being planned for May 3-5. As of now, the schedule will include:

CSI Genealogy

The Law and Genealogical Research

Paleography

DNA Results - What Now?

Cemetery Tour

Spring Seminar asks for Silent Auction donation items. Seeking cool and clever items for WOW factor! Thanks for all your support. Bring items to the Library or call for more information.

Watch for more information!

SOME CHANGES IN MY RESEARCH

By Marian Kenedy

I had been somewhat interested in family ancestors as an adult. There were relatives who shared information along the way. In April 1977 my husband Lowell was transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah, to be the state design engineer in the Soil Conservation Service. That November a neighbor took me to the Family History Library in the Church Office Building (COB). She gave me a tour and I was hooked. I usually spent 2 days every week at the Library, sometimes more, and my last week was in May 2010 shortly before we moved to Vancouver. My first project was to gather what data I could from those legal sized family group sheets in large books on the 4th floor. These days you use FamilySearch.org at home and check Family Trees for the same data. Some of the Trees may have much more data.

About 1985 the new Family History Library was built and opened across the street from Temple Square. It was much bigger and much easier to use. The old paper card files disappeared as computers arrived on the scene. At first we had just the International Genealogical Index (IGI), then Ancestral File appeared, followed by Pedigree Resource Files. These all merged into the Family Search.org and Family Trees.

I don't remember when or how we made film copies in the COB. Copiers (wet to dry) continued to improve over the years, as did the manner of paying for copies. At first we paid staff members for copies but in the last few years there were coin machines on the copiers, and then we paid for plastic cards and entered them into the slots.

Every so often, the "compulsive furniture movers" moved the census films and/or all the family history books, and/or research books, and/or computers on various floors to make them more useful. At one time they moved all the family history books to Hotel Utah, now the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, and we hiked uphill and back to look at those books. Fortunately, they came back to the Library.

Ancestry had a deal with the LDS Church and copied many films from the Library into their database, putting the results on the Library computers at no charge to patrons.

We bought our first computer about 1984, and soon found that we each needed a computer. We progressed from DOS to Windows. We belonged to a computer club and a one of the members named Bruce Buzbee was in charge of a genealogy interest group that we attended. At this time the LDS Church had created its Personal Ancestral File computer program and he helped us learn how to use it. Bruce eventually created genealogy programs, too, and taught those. His latest program is nationally known and used as "RootsMagic".

Two exciting events occurred at or near the Library. In 1999 shortly after the Columbine shooting, an older man entered the Library with a gun, killing 4 people, and injuring several others. I was there that day. Years later we had a tornado come through downtown Salt Lake City, blowing between the Library and the adjacent Church History Building. Fortunately, no damage was done right there. I was home that day.

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717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, Washington 360-750-5688
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

March 4 Legacy Users Group, **9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (new time)**, CCGS Library
Resource Book Club Focus Group, 12 noon, CCGS Library
March 5 Class: Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree, 10 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library (free class)
March 7 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 – 3 p.m. CCGS Library
March 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins, set clocks forward one hour
March 11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
March 12 Class: Family Search-What's New, 10 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
March 18 Scandinavian Group, **2 – 3:30 p.m. (new day and time)**, CCGS Library
March 19 Class: Researching Tennessee Records, 10 a.m. – noon, CCGS Library
March 20 **Newsletter Deadline**
March 25 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
March 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.