

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Hours of operation
Closed Sunday & Monday

*Check the on-line
library calendar for
unexpected closures.*

<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.

See page 3 for more
Information on our
upcoming
Spring Seminar

General Meeting
April 23, 2019
7 p.m.

Clark County Historical Museum
1511 Main Street - Vancouver

Beyond Names and Dates: Filling in the Stories of Our Female Ancestors
For most of recorded time, women didn't leave much of a paper trail, but they still have wonderful stories to tell. We'll look at ways in which local history, laws, politics, natural disasters, probate inventories, and other resources can help.

Pam Vestal is a full-time genealogist and lecturer in Oregon, but her research extends far beyond the Pacific Northwest, with clients all over the U.S. and research that reaches beyond our borders.

The April 23 meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street, Vancouver. On street parking is free after 6 p.m.

Please Note:

We'll also be electing officers at this meeting. More information on pg. 6.

Spend the first Saturday in May with Us!

CSI Genealogy!
Using the Best Tools
to Uncover your
family story

May 4, 2019
at the
Clark County Historical
Museum

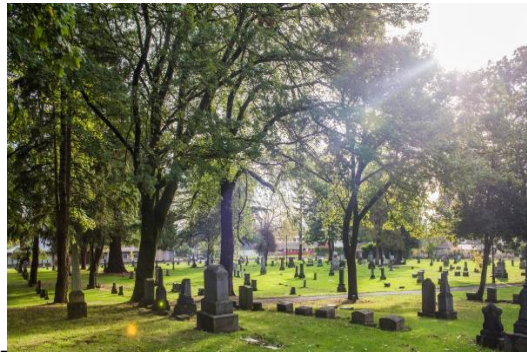
Get your Registration form at www.ccgs-wa.org
or in the CCGS library

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

It looks as if ol' man Winter is officially retired. Spring weather started for sure right around the Vernal Equinox and we can officially start rejoicing in the increasing temperatures. Things are getting back on an even keel with classes, webinars, regular library hours. Back in February, we had a bit of a catastrophe with the death of part of our computer system. Replacements have been procured and we're back up and running better than ever. The outage put a crimp in the project to inventory and catalog our library holdings, but, it too, is back on track.

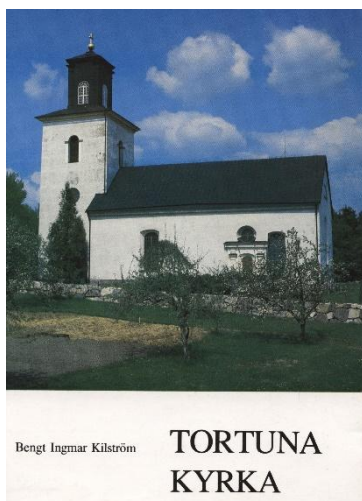
When you come down to the library to research, one of the first things you should do is discover what resources are on our shelves. The best way to do that is to go to one of the library computers and open a program called ReaderWare. It is a database that contains the inventory of all our holdings. It is searchable by Title, Author, and/or Keyword. Everything is then findable on the shelves following the Dewey decimal numbering system. ReaderWare is constantly being updated as we acquire new materials. Additionally, periodicals and materials currently stored in the vertical files are being added. A huge shout out to the librarians involved in this big undertaking: Head Librarian Sharon Thiesmeyer has been coordinating the efforts of Sharon Cleveland, Marcia Grubb, Bill Whalley, Steve Cornick, Alice Allen, Paula Schoenline, Barbara Schrag, and Steve Young. Thanks to all for your great dedication.



VANCOUVER OLD CITY CEMETERY

Thanks to Marian Kennedy for solving our puzzle for last month regarding the Acteson family. The spelling of the surname in our original records was incorrect. James Acteson & wife Mary Melissa Plouff were both born in Quebec, Canada. Mary Melissa, we find out, is not buried at Old City Cemetery but is interred at River View Cemetery, Portland, Or. Marian provided us with a lot more information which we can now add to our data base. Thanks again.

This month's puzzle is: William Baumcrats or Baumerats or? He was born about 1819 and died Nov. 6th, 1890. Buried in plot SW-80. Thanks in advance for your help.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The Scandinavian Focus Group will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 15th, 2pm to 3:30pm in the CCGS Library. Our topic will be “Planning your trip to Scandinavia”. Our members will share tips on how to plan for your trip to the homeland and connecting with your Scandinavian cousins. Our meetings are open so even if you are not a member of CCGS, please feel free to join us on the 15th.

The above photo is the Tortuna Kyrka (Parish Church) in Tortuna, Västmanland, Sweden. This is where my Swedish grandfather attended and received his confirmation. There is an excellent Facebook site, **Kyrkor, Kapell Och Heliga Hus**, which has numerous photos of parish churches in Sweden. Worth a look if you are comfortable using Facebook.

The next Swedish American Genealogy workshop is scheduled for Nov. 3-10, 2019 in Salt Lake City. It fills up fast so one needs to act quickly if you are interested in attending. This workshop is under the aegis of the Swenson Center at Augustana College. The contact information is:

<http://www.augustana.edu/swenson/sag>

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Spend the first Saturday in May with Us!

Saturday Seminar Topics include:

The Law and Genealogical Research – Dale Deatherage
Paleography – Deciphering Old Handwriting – Pam Vestal
Have Your DNA Results! What Now? - Lisa McCullough

It's a Saturday Night Silent Auction! Join the Fun.
We have a Wow antique Baby Grand Piano for bid.

Sunday Tour from the CCGS Library at 11 am:

Heritage Trees and Pioneers of the Old City Cemetery. Discover early Clark County pioneers with some rather interesting connections to local trees! Tour guide is Marcia Grubb, Master Gardener & dedicated tree geek.

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

11:00am Wednesday 03 April 2019

An Introduction to DNA Painter

Presenter: Jonny Perl

11:00am Wednesday 17 April 2019

Boost Your Germanic Research: Understand Historical Jurisdictions

Presenter: Teresa Steinkamp McMillan

11:00am Wednesday 24 April 2019

Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry.com, Family Search, Findmypast, Myheritage 2019 edition

Presenter: Sunny Morton

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.

New Books

Barbara Schrag

Another big month for our Accessions team—too many books to list in the newsletter. Thanks to our donors: GFO, Nona McPherson, Earl Valentine, Beverly Przybylski, Stephen Young, Marcia Grubb, Madeline Mesplay, Gene Kuechmann, Marian Kenedy, Maria Adler, Rankin Family, and the Landers Family.

Research areas include Columbia County, Washington (newspaper abstracts), Native American research, and some Family History books (surnames include Brazel, Dunbar, Abner, Clevenger, and more).

These books will be on the "New Shelf" at the CCGS Library through the end of April.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

So you say, you are hooked on genealogy? You want to progress further into your lineage and have the camaraderie of like-minded women, whom also, promote good works.

The Ft. Vancouver Chapter of the Washington State Society of Colonial Dames 17th Century offers you all of this, with your membership into our society.

A patriotic genealogical organization, we accept women applicants 21 years of age or older, who can prove their ancestry, beyond the year 1701. If you are dedicated to working toward such a goal, we are the organization for you. For those who've worked hard to accomplish this, membership is a way to formally authenticate and archive your lineage for posterity, within our national organization..

Our society, also, affords you a method to move further into your ancestry too.

Early on, as a heraldry society, we broadened our scope through the 1915 establishment of our organization, as a patriotic genealogical society. Along with genealogy and heraldry, we promote the preservation of American Colonial History, its value and ideals, our flag and the Constitution. We promote like education of our youth and veteran service too. Other worthy projects, include the marking of historic places and monuments, and maintaining the grave of Pocahontas, who died and was buried in England.

Meetings are held every 3 months in Vancouver, and prospective members with pending applications may attend. A capable chapter officer awaits your inquiry.

For more information, explore our website online: *The National Society of Colonial Dames 17th Century, Washington, D.C.* Be sure to include the designation: 17th Century, as there are other organizations with like names, but have different missions.

If you like local contact, drop us a note with your contact information to:
Ft. Vancouver Chapter, Colonial Dames 17th Century,
c/o 1365 South 15th Way
Ridgefield, Washington 98642

Membership Report

Bea Ritter

Welcome New Members

Susan Garritano

Tina Marks

Evelyn Kalb

Welcome back Reinstated Member

Randy Studer

Volunteer Hours

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

Volunteer participation is one criteria for obtaining grants for our Society.

Condolences

Several of our CCGS members have recently passed away:

Lyndon Gabriel, who was a long-time librarian for CCGS, passed away on March 7th. There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 1st, at 1p.m. at East Vancouver Community Church, 12415 SE 7th St. in Vancouver.

Jack Crowley passed on January 24th. He lived close enough to CCGS that he would unlock and re-lock the Annex to our renters.

Dr. Ed McAninch passed away on December 27th in Camas. He would sometimes stop in and participate with the First Thursday Unfocused group.

Our condolences to their families.

Wrapping up our Spring Classes

There are only two classes left of our Spring series:

- **Land and Property Research**

Tuesday, April 2nd, 10 a.m. at the CCGS Library. Lethene Parks is our presenter. She has a wealth of knowledge in these areas, which are often overlooked by researchers, and are often the best available source of information, depending on time periods and locations.

- **Maps: Information Sources Beyond Expectations**

Tuesday, April 9th, 10 a.m. at the CCGS Library. Presented by Education Director Marcia Grubb. If you love maps and mapping, you won't want to miss this class, as Marcia will help us learn how maps can help us in our genealogical research.

There's still time to register, and we recommend registering prior to the class. Classes with insufficient registrations are subject to cancellation. Pre-registering also allows our class leaders know how many may be coming so she can prepare enough handouts for class members.

Call the CCGS Library during open hours to register by phone.

Registration forms are also available online at www.ccgswa.org or at the Library

The forms can be filled out and dropped off during library hours, too. Payment can be made in advance or at the door. For CCGS members, the class fee is \$12. It's \$15 for non-CCGS members.

2019-2020 Election of Officers

Because we won't be holding a May General Meeting, election of officers for 2019-2020 will take place at the beginning of the April 23rd General Meeting. Positions open for election are Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer. Bea Ritter is the current nominee for Vice President, and Lowell Kenedy for Assistant Treasurer. Steve Cornick is person to contact if you wish to add another nomination for one of these officers. This must be done prior to the April 23rd meeting.

Installation of officers will take place at the June General Meeting.

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).

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 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

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Vice President: Bea Ritter
Secretary: Marian Kenedy

Treasurer: Eric Jordahl
Asst. Treasurer: Lowell Kenedy
Past President: Lethene Parks

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

April 1 Legacy Users Group, **9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (new time)**, CCGS Library
Resource Book Club Focus Group, 12 noon, CCGS Library
April 2 Class: Land & Property Records Research, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
April 4 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 – 3 p.m. CCGS Library
April 8 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
April 9 Class: Maps: Information Sources Beyond Expectation, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
April 15 Scandinavian Group, **2 – 3:30 p.m. (new day and time)**, CCGS Library
April 17 **Newsletter Deadline**
April 22 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
April 23 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.