

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.

The next General
Meeting will be held on
June 25, more
information
forthcoming in June's
newsletter.

CSI: GENEALOGY

**Use Some of the Best Tools to Reveal
Your Family Story!**

Clark County Genealogical Society
2019 Spring Seminar ~ Saturday, May 4

- The Law and Genealogical Research with Dale Deatherage
- Paleography~Clues to Deciphering Old Handwriting with Pam Vestal
- Your DNA Results Are In! What Now? with Lisa McCullough

Seminar Location: Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA 98660

Start the day at 9:30 a.m. with Paper Tiger Coffee Roasters!

End the day at 5 p.m. with a *Silent Auction* and Light Refreshments!

Continue the seminar at 11 a.m. on Sunday with a Heritage Trees & Pioneers Tour!

www.CCGS-WA.org or 360-750-5688 for information and registration (\$36/members; \$45/non-member)

Reminder

There will be no general meeting in May due to the spring seminar taking place the first Saturday of the month. Join us again in June.

Congratulations!

Bea Ritter was elected as Vice President and Lowell Kenedy was elected as the assistant Treasurer at the April 23rd General Meeting. They join President Brian Runyan, Secretary Marian Kenedy, and Treasurer Eric Jordahl to round out our Board for the coming year.

Thanks for serving CCGS!

President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

April has ushered in some welcome changes at CCGS. We now have two new computers up and running. Steve Young has been helping get these new machines all dialed in and talking to the rest of the electronic choir. They are located on the north wall and the librarian's desk. Additionally, a grant is being prepared that will bring us two additional desktops and a third that will function as a server to help tie everything together. Hopefully, this will all be invisible to library users but one thing to be aware of is that we have upgraded our operating system to Windows 10. We clung to Windows 7 until our fingers cramped but we have had to bite the bullet as Microsoft is ending their support for 7. Continuing to use Windows 7 would have become a security issue, so there we are.

We have also had to do some upgrading of electrical connectivity. The Fire Marshall paid us a visit and we must discontinue all use of extension cords. You will see some new commercial grade power strips that have replaced the offending cords. This has also required us to move the OPEN/CLOSED sign to the other end of the display window.

We are in the process of researching a new security/alarm system to replace the VERY old system we have. That should be in place by the time you read this. The hope is that you won't even notice the difference. Stay tuned.

Last but not least: We have been informed by the property management company that smoking will no longer be permitted anywhere on the entire complex. That means you may smoke only in your private vehicle and nowhere else on the premises. Don't suspect this affects a great number of us but, for those of you that do smoke, please be aware. Thanks.

Just so I can report on something remotely genealogical: I had a surprise discovery recently. An ancestor was rumored to have been married briefly before marrying the woman with whom he had children and thus continued our family line. Little was known of this first marriage except that it had ended with her untimely death after only a few years of marriage. No children. I searched every way but sideways with no concrete results. After a frustrating afternoon, I thought, "what the heck?" I just put her name in a simple Google exact word search and what pops up? A picture. Of her on her wedding day. With the marriage date, place and name of the groom (my guy) on the back of the photo. In a place that had no known connection to my guy. Turns out they met in Portland and went to the uncles house in rural eastern Washington Territory to be married and then returned to Portland. Go figure.

Just a reminder to not overlook the simple Google search in your research strategy.

Happy hunting?

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.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The Scandinavian Focus Group will hold its next meeting Monday, May 20th 2pm to 3:30pm in the CCGS Library. This will be our final meeting of the season, as we take a hiatus until September. The May meeting will be an opportunity to share your research triumphs, brick walls, plans for upcoming trips to Scandinavia, etc. It will be a time to share stories along with refreshments and hopefully some good Scandinavian desserts.

The Nordia House in Portland, Oregon has a series of events on their schedule. Their website is: <https://www.nordicnorthwest.org> They presently have an exhibit "From Sweden to Oregon: The Immigrant Experience 1850-1950". Check out their website for future events.

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ARE YOU A CLOSET DETECTIVE WITH A PASSION FOR GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY?

JOIN OUR FAMILY TREE!

VOLUNTEER TODAY FOR THE CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



- ▶ *Are you a people person? Library volunteers help newbies get started or work on their research goals in genealogy and family history.*
- ▶ *Do you love keyboarding and computer work? Opportunities abound for accurate digitizing and indexing of national and local records.*
- ▶ *Are you a marketing, writing, publications design, or electronics and technology whiz?*
- ▶ *Do you have presentation or teaching abilities? You could teach a class or lead an interest group.*
- ▶ *Is event planning your forte? There's a spot for you on our yearly seminar team or membership meetings.*
- ▶ *Were you a business manager, fund developer or financial expert? We could use your expertise!*

For Information call Marcia Grubb, Clark County Genealogical Society, 360-750-5688.

VANCOUVER OLD CITY CEMETERY

As many of you know, there is an ongoing effort to update and expand the burial records for the Vancouver Old City Cemetery. As part of that effort we have sought the expertise of our members in filling in the gaps on some of the burials. Last month, we sought help regarding William Baumcrats born abt. 1819 and died Nov. 6, 1890 probably in Clark County, WA. Marian Kenedy has provided us with some good leads but he is still a mystery.

I have some new puzzles for this month.

1. Charles H Baxter & Lucretia V Anderson Baxter. Lucretia was the daughter of William Reese Anderson & Sarah J Sturgess. It appears from our initial research that Lucretia V and her daughter Jennie were the victims of a homicide both dying on Feb 6, 1896 in Clark County, WA. We found a Charles H Baxter in the 1900 census incarcerated in the State Prison. The plot for Lucretia and Jennie and two other children was owned by Katherine Baxter. How is Katherine Baxter related to this family? Who are the parents of Charles H Baxter? Is there a newspaper article of the homicide?
2. Broughton, Ruth N, B. Abt. 1893 Dying May 2, 1979.

Thanks in advance for your help. We are also looking for someone to proofread our spreadsheets on the burials in Old City. We have been editing and making corrections, but it would be nice to have a fresh set of eyes. Just looking for typos, etc.

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Membership Report Bea Ritter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Joyce Atwater
Laura Mann
Barbara & Robert Nunn
Deborah Stiles-Lusk
Thomas Farrelly

And Thank you to New Life Member
Gwen Jones.

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

PLEASE INCLUDE US IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS!

One of the simplest and most common ways to make a significant gift to the Clark County Genealogical Society is through your will or living trust. This type of gift can provide you with estate tax benefits. You can make a gift of unused retirement assets. Simply contact the administrator of your IRA, 401(k), or other qualified plan and designate the Clark County Genealogical Society as a beneficiary. This is an easy way to support the programs that are dearest to you and keep our local genealogical society vibrant for your descendants.

WELCOME TO WEBINARS ON WEDNESDAYS



Come to the Clark County Genealogical Society Library for a free broadcast of the next Legacy Family Tree webinar. Every topic is different and presenters are knowledgeable experts. You'll learn tips for use in your own genealogy work!

717 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver, WA 360-750-5688

Wednesday, May 1, 11 a.m.

“How to Use Autosomal DNA to Resolve Historical Paternity Cases”

Presented by Ugo Perego

Wednesday, May 15, 11 a.m.

“The 10 Most Useful Databases for Eastern European Research”

Presented by Liza Alzo

Wednesday, May 22, 11 a.m.

“Google Drive: an Office in the Cloud”

Presented by “Dear Myrtle”

Wednesday, May 29, 11 a.m.

“Tools for Translating and Transcribing Genealogy Records”

Presented by Thomas MacEntee

For more information about these webinars, and to view them if you can't make it to the broadcasts at CCGS, visit their webpage here: <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

There are other webinars not listed here that we don't show at CCGS. Remember, they are free for about a week after the original presentation, or at any time if you are a webinar subscriber.

Visit their webpage for further information.

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.

“Getting to Know You”

Many of our long-time members will remember a column in the CCGS newsletters from several years back titled “Getting to Know You.” One or two CCGS members were featured in each newsletter with a biography, which also included information about what got them started in this wonderful obsession we call “genealogy research” (or family history research, etc”). I’m looking forward to bringing this feature back, beginning with the September issue.

I will be contacting CCGS Members over the coming weeks for your “Getting to Know You” articles. Information to consider including would be name (maiden name for the ladies), birth date & place (you don’t have to include the year if you don’t want to), basic information on parents and siblings, how you met your spouse, children, etc. Of course we will want to learn what got you interested in doing genealogy as well, and a little information on your family names, etc. And if you have a picture to include—we’d love that as well. And you don’t have to wait for me to contact you: you can send your bio to me at any time by emailing me at allen.alice@gmail.com

Older Newsletters

If you’d like to take a little stroll down Memory Lane, some old CCGS newsletters are available at this link: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/nl/newsletters.html>

Not all are available, as they were housed on Rootsweb/Ancestry servers which suffered a major crash a couple of years ago. Not everything has been restored at this time.

A Little of This ~ A Little of That

(In other words, a little filler as the editor has run out of submissions, but still has a page left to fill)

- **CCGS Library:** We've had to close our doors a couple of times over the past few weeks due to not having volunteers (or enough volunteers) to keep our doors open. We always open with a minimum of two librarians on duty, and if we don't have two librarians, we are closed. Many of our librarians are filling more than one shift each month, but the same people can't do it all. Being a CCGS Librarian is a GREAT way to help others research their family, and you will learn valuable lessons as well that will help you with your own research. If you'd like to be a librarian, training is available—you will never be working alone, but with other experienced librarians. Contact our Library Director—Sharon Thiesmeyer—at **sharront1 @ hotmail.com** for more information.
- **Tech Saturday:** On the schedule for Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bring computer questions any time during open hours and get help.
- **Another CCGS Death:** Be a just let me know that one of our long-time CCGS members passed away last summer. Larry Swatosh died on August 28, 2018. Be a will post his obituary on the bulletin board, and our Sunshine lady will send a card to the family.
- Before coming down to the Library, be sure to check the CCGS page to be sure we are open. We've had to be closed a couple of times lately due to lack of volunteers. Once you've logged on to the main page, click on "library," then "Library schedule and librarians on duty."
- When my Grandad was 65 he started running a mile a day to keep fit. He's 70 now and we have no idea where he is.
- June's newsletter will be the last one until September. The deadline for the June newsletter is Wednesday, May 22.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

May 2 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 – 3 p.m. CCGS Library
May 4-5 **Spring Seminar** (see page 1 for more information)
May 6 Legacy Users Group, **9:30 – 11:30 a.m.** CCGS Library
Resource Book Club Focus Group, 12 noon, CCGS Library
May 13 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
May 20 Scandinavian Group, **2 – 3:30 p.m. (new day and time)**, CCGS Library
May 22 **Newsletter Deadline**
May 27 **Memorial Day Observance**

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.