

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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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.

June's meeting is the last until September. More information will be available in the September newsletter and the weekly e-mail.

General Meeting

June 25, 2019

6 p.m.

Clark Public Utilities Community Room

1200 Ft. Vancouver Way

(across from the old Ft. Vancouver Regional Library)

Finding the First Fort Vancouver will be the subject of the June 25 CCGS program. The presentation will be given by Amy Clearman, Portland State University graduate student. She will describe her research process and show photos of the artifacts that she found.

The event will begin with a potluck at 6 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7. It will be held in the Clark Public Utilities' Community Room, 1200 Ft. Vancouver Way. We'll also be installing our new officers for 2019-2020.

Contributed by Elsie Deatherage, Program Chairman

CCGS Focus Groups Summer Schedule

- Legacy Users Group meeting is cancelled for June, but expected to meet in July. Watch the Sunday email for information during the summer months when there isn't a newsletter.
- Scandinavian Focus Group is on hiatus for the summer, and will resume their meetings in September.
- First Thursday Unfocused Group's July meeting falls on Independence Day. The library will be closed, so no Unfocused Group meeting that day. June and August should be unaffected.
- At this time, both the Research Trip group and Family History Research Book club should meet as scheduled through the summer.

Check the weekly email for additional information or changes.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Greetings. This will be the last newsletter article until September. The Scandinavian Focus Group held its meeting on Monday, May 20th. We had a great turnout and our members shared their stories, plans for upcoming trips to Scandinavia, research goals, etc. In addition, we shared some nice food. This will be our last meeting until September.

We are in the process of developing our schedule for next year. Some members of the group have agreed to take on the responsibility of organizing presentations for next year. I will update you as to the topic areas and schedule in August. If you are interested in organizing a presentation for the group, please let me know. For example, if you may know of someone who would be a good guest speaker. Feel free to contact me with thoughts, ideas, etc.

Thanks again for your great support and have a great summer.

Richard Engstrom
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CCGS Trip to Salt Lake's Family History Library

Paula Schoenlien

CCGS Salt Lake City Trip to the Family History Library is planned for the week of October 13th, 2019. If interested, attend the 'Preparing for a Research Trip focus group, or leave a message for Paula Schoenlein at the CCGS library.

This new group meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the CCGS Library.

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.

Vancouver Old City Cemetery

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 our burials. Many thanks go out to Marian Kennedy, Dolly Merrick, Joy Kersteter and Kathryn Devine, Reference Librarian at the Washington State Library for all the great work this month.

Regarding the tragic murder of Lucretia V Anderson Baxter by her husband George Baxter, we have been able with the help of our researchers to determine that Edna, the daughter of George and Lucretia, was not murdered and then buried at Old City Cemetery. Previous records had indicated that she was buried next to her mother. Edna was adopted by relatives of the family. There were numerous newspaper articles regarding the incident: some quite graphic. George Baxter was incarcerated at the Oregon State Prison and was later along with a number of other individuals pardoned by the Oregon Governor. Some further records show that George remarried and worked as street car operator in Portland. I hope to develop for our September Newsletter an article about the incident.

Regarding Ruth Broughton, the correct spelling of the name should be Boughton. She was born Ruth Naomi Johnston in Washington state. Her husband was Roger Charles Boughton who she married in 1917 in Fresno, CA. They divorced in 1922 with Ruth claiming desertion. She died Mar 2, 1979 in Santa Cruz, Co., CA. She had twin sons Roger C Boughton & Ward M Boughton. It appears that her mother Mathilda Johnston is also buried at Old City Cemetery and that they both were moved from IOOF cemetery in Santa Cruz, CA.

Again, many thanks to our great researchers. Marian Kennedy has continued to research William Baumcratz/Baumkratz and has done a great job in tracing his ancestry. Thanks for your many hours of research.

How about some help with the following persons?

- Charles Huewitt/Hewitt/Hewlett. Born 1848, Died July 8, 1890 from gunshot wound. Buried on July 10, 1890 in SE Section-22. Possibly his sisters married name was Wilson. The plot owner is Wilson. Looking for parents, any marriage information, birth place, etc.
- Charles Hirzman/Hirsmann born 1821 Germany Died Feb 12, 1886 probably in Clark County, WA. Possibly in US Army stationed at Vancouver Barracks. Owner of plot was N Schmidt.
- Merle Heitman, Born Clark County, WA 1881 Died Oct 1, Marion Co., OR. Parents were Henry Heitman & Amelia Kraemer. Looking for possible marriage, children, etc.

Thanks in advance.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - MAY 2019

Bea Ritter, Membership

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A. William Ruttledge
Christy Yount

WELCOME BACK REINSTATED MEMBERS

Nita Freeman
Raylon Campbell

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, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

Lessons in Jewish DNA: One Man's Successes and What He Learned on the Journey
Presented by Israel Pickholtz

Wednesday, June 19, 11:00 a.m.

Researching in New Mexico, presented by Henrietta Martinez Christmas

Wednesday, June 26, 11:00 a.m.

A Month's Worth of Must-Have Tech Tips to Start Using Today, presented by Gena Philibert Ortega

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.

Colonial Dames 17th Century

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

Looking Ahead to July

The CCGS Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 4th and 5th, in observance of Independence Day.

Are You a Facebook User?

- “Genealogy Squad” was started in April, administrators include Drew Smith, Cyndi Ingle (Cyndi’s List), George Morgan, and Blaine Bettinger. The focus is to help genealogists at all levels with their genealogy questions and problems, and provide help with resources. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad/>
- Colonial American Genealogy (pre-1790), started by Michelle Simmons Lewis (if you’re in the Legacy Family Tree Facebook group, you’ll recognize her name), the focus is on Colonial America genealogy, pre-1790. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/colonialamerica/>

These are the newest that I’m aware of, there’s plenty more genealogy groups on Facebook!

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President: Brian Runyan
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CCGS Meetings and Programs

June 3 **NO Legacy Users Group Meeting, this month only**
Resource Book Club Focus Group, 12 noon, CCGS Library
June 6 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 – 3 p.m. CCGS Library
June 8 Tech Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
June 10 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
June 17 Research Group meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Library
June 25 General Meeting, 6 p.m., annual potluck and installation of officers (see pg. 1 for details)
July 1 Legacy Users Group Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CCGS Library
Resource Book Club Focus Group, 11 noon, CCGS Library
July 4-5 CCGS Library closed for Independence Day holiday. Will reopen July 9

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.