

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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library calendar for
unexpected closures.*

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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.

Reminder: Beginning with
the October General
Meeting, we will be
returning to daytime hours.
Next month's newsletter will
have more information.

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm



(Photograph by Stephen Young)

Jenn Jett

Jenn Jett - Lewis Army Museum Archivist

Jenn Jett, will present the September program for the Clark County Genealogical Society. Ms. Jett will speak on the history of Fort Lewis, the history of military records, and the research request process at the Lewis Army Museum. She will also cover common federal and private resources available to researchers.

Clark County Historical Museum,
1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA
On street parking is available free of charge after 6 p.m.

Location

GENEALOGY SATURDAY CLASS

Saturday, 10am – 12 noon

Just getting started on your genealogy quest? Stuck at a stubborn brick wall? Come in the first Saturday of the month and let our experts teach you what you need to know to successfully navigate your family tree. These classes are designed to interest brand new students as well as those who want to revive dormant skills. As is our custom - no fee for these classes.

- Beginning Genealogy with Elsie Deatherage (Saturday, September 7th)
- Beginning Genealogy with Alice Allen (Saturday, October 5th)
- Beginning Genealogy with Barbara Schrag (Saturday, November 2nd)

All Saturday beginning classes will run from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. All beginning classes are free. Sign-up form is available on the CCGS web site. It's recommended that you sign up so that the presenter knows how many handouts to prepare.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Autumn is now upon us with a few glorious days yet to remind us of the summer-that-was. As most everyone knows, we have been fortunate enough to find a new home. Just to recap, for those who may have been traveling the globe for this past year: In November of 2018 we quite unexpectedly had the lease on half of our space not renewed. We had less than a month to vacate our classroom and meeting space. With Herculean effort, we packed up tables, chairs and nearly twenty years of accumulation and moved it into storage. We then tried to make do with our remaining space. We held our smaller meetings and classes in the library and our larger meetings in the generously donated Clark County Historical Museum meeting space and other venues like the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center and the Clark Public Utilities meeting room. We are extremely grateful for their help as we attempted to carry out our mission of Collection, Preservation and Education of all things genealogical. And carry them out we did! Classes, meetings, webinars all went forward but at a cost. We realized early in that these could only be stop-gap measures. The library space had to cease functioning as a library when other activities were scheduled.

We began the hunt for a new space almost immediately. Abandoned grocery stores, commercial spaces, even tumble-down structures sadly in need of repair; all were examined as possibilities. An early front-runner was a Bank building on 52nd St up in the Minnehaha neighborhood; 2500+ sf, bright and airy, modern construction. After months of intense back-and-forth, on the last day of July, a deal was reached. Clark County Genealogical Society inked a three year lease on the building at 3205 NE 52nd St. We officially take possession October 1, 2019.

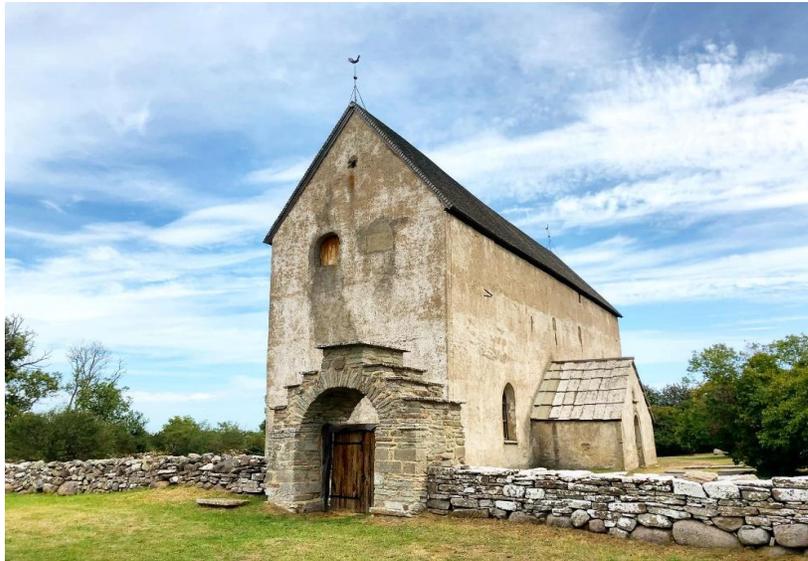
In the meantime, we are hard at work sketching out how the space might be configured to house our 10,000+ volume library, provide space for research, have a great class/meeting room and figuring out how we will use a walk-in vault! Our hope is to be in the space and open for business before January, 2020. Stay tuned for more information and invitations to be part of this process as CCGS takes a giant leap into our future.

VANCOUVER OLD CITY CEMETERY

This has been a busy summer as we continue our development of burial records for the Old City Cemetery. Many thanks to Kathy Geyer, who is doing all the data entry as well as doing research. In addition, I want to thank Joy Kersteter, CCGS member, who has helped to solve some of the more puzzling questions regarding individuals buried at Old City. I have yet to be able to stump her: but we have many more burials that we need researched. The following are:

1. James Lanson: Born abt. 1843 Died: May 10, 1910 Probably Clark County, WA by Suicide. Burial Plot: SW 149 N-2
2. Cotton, Charles (?) B abt. 1827 Died Oct 5, 1887 Buried in same plot as Annie Couch-Maiden Name Feary. SW 15-6. We have researched Annie Couch but did not find any relationship with Charles Cotton.
3. Ray, Oscar, B Nov. 1869 Died June 8, 1940 Vancouver, WA. Was Spanish-American War Veteran. SW 86-N2

Thanks in advance for your help.
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SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome back! Hope you had a great summer. The Scandinavian Focus Group will begin meeting again on Monday, September 16, 2019 2:00 PM to 3:30PM in the CCGS Library. We will plan to meet in October on the 21st but the November and December meetings will probably be canceled. As many of you know, CCGS will be moving to a new location during the month of November. We normally do not meet in December. By January, we will be in a new location, with a new meeting room, etc.

Our September meeting will be a time to meet our members as well as share any research trips to Scandinavia or research on your Scandinavian lines in the USA.

I would encourage those who are researching your Swedish ancestors to review the new offerings on ArkivDigital. Most recently they have indexed births 1800-1840 for Västmanland, Älvsborg, and Örebro counties. More and more parish records are being indexed which certainly makes for an easier search process. ArkivDigital frequently has free weekends or you can access for free at a local Family History Center. In addition, I have a subscription and can by appointment meet you at the CCGS library to assist in your search.

This is one you should put on your calendar!! Kathy Solheim will be presenting the following class at CCGS: SCANDINAVIAN RESEARCH WITH DNA. This class will focus on basic research techniques while adding insight into DNA interpretation. The class will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019 9am to 11am in CCGS Library. Fee: \$12 for CCGS Members, \$15 for non-members. Kathy did a presentation for our Scandinavian Group last year. She a skilled researcher as well an excellent presenter.

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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!

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Wednesday, September 4, 11:00 a.m.

Combining DNA & Traditional Research – In-Depth Case, presented by Michelle Leonard

Wednesday, September 18, 11:00 a.m.

Research Latin American Genealogical Resources on the Internet, presented by Daniel Horowitz

Wednesday, September 25, 11:00 a.m.

Meaningful Tables and Graphs for Correlation in Family History, presented by Ruth Wilson Craig

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.

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

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

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 November 17, 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.



Getting to Know Barbara Schrag

Barbara Lynch Schrag has been a member of the Clark County Genealogical Society since 2017. Born and raised in California, she moved with her husband to his home state of Washington after they both retired. Steve and Barb have two grown daughters, a granddaughter and step-grandson, and a grand-kitty.

Barb's father's parents were both born in Ireland, and both emigrated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the turn of the last century. Her mother's family has lived almost exclusively in and around Greene County, Pennsylvania, for 200 years.

Before she retired, Barb was a nurse, childbirth educator, museum guest services manager, and a performing arts center ticketing manager.

At CCGS, Barbara is a regular library volunteer who enjoys helping people get started with their research. She is also working with Bill Whalley with our membership database, and helps Library Director Sharon Thiesmeyer with Readerware, our online catalog. She has also taught some of our Beginning Genealogy and other classes, and helps setup for the Legacy Family Tree webinars in the library.

Barb is also a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

Our condolences to the families of the following CCGS Life members who passed away within the past few months. Obituaries are posted on the bulletin board at the library.

William Hidden, died May 17

Lois Kullberg, died June 29, 2019

Charles (Chuck) Thompson, died July 4

Jo-Ann Lee, died July 12...



Getting to Know Marcia Grubb

My membership in Clark County Genealogical Society began in 2017 with the simple purpose of upping my genealogy research game. What I have learned far exceeded my initial goals! Believing I had no Clark County roots, I was astounded to learn from our library records that my Oregon resident great grandmother, Hattie Esther America Briggs Robertson married her second husband William Lawson (no relation) here in 1925. Further I learned my grandmother Viola May Robertson Lawson was a featured concert pianist in 1925 when the Wolfe Trio played on Radio KGW in Portland. At CCGS I learned to connect the dots for numerous stories like Hattie and Viola. Here's my story:

Marcia Louise Lawson arrived in the usual way to Kathryn Loretta (Fittinger) and Charles Meredith Lawson on 21 April 1948. Two more sisters arrived, Leslie Ann in 1950 and Nancy Denise in 1953. We three were born in San Gabriel, California. My parents did not remain married, so by the 1960 US Census I lived in Covina, California with my father. My formative school years were in the Charter Oak Schools District, graduating in 1966 from Charter Oak High School.

I attended California State Polytechnic College in Pomona, but by the 1970 US Census, I married my college sweetheart, Clark Stephen Grubb and we left Pomona, California moving to the Northwest with our son Clark Stephen Grubb IV ("Dusty"). Our daughter, Dana Liesel was born in Eugene, Oregon and later our son Grant Robertson was born in Edmonds, Washington.

By the 1980 US Census we were enumerated in Edmonds in a new neighborhood called Lamplighter West. By the 1990 US Census Dana and I lived in Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas. I was a certified PLS, Dana was in high school and earned her driver's license at age 16. Dusty was at UW and Grant was a middle schooler in Edmonds.

In 1994, Dana and I returned to the Pacific NW, but by 1998 Dana lived and worked as a legal assistant in New York City. I challenged myself in 1998 to take Master Gardener training through Multnomah County Extension. By the 2000 US Census I lived in Gresham, Oregon. I also traveled solo for the first time abroad to Southern France, just me in a rental car. In 2001, I moved to Hazel Dell, Washington, where my skills blossomed on my 1 acre plus garden. Grant graduated from Bothell High School, Dana was planning her 2002 wedding to Evan Grant and Dusty was working in Seattle for Amazon.com.

I still lived in Hazel Dell during the 2010 US Census, but later moved east to Fort Lee, New Jersey to be close to my grandchildren Aden Grant and Ariana Grant. I soaked up all the rich New York City history I could, but by 2013 the West Coast called and I returned to Vancouver. In 2015, Grant married Emerald Leslie Hosey and grandson Isaac James was born in February 2016.

As the 2020 US Census nears, my employment on the 2020 Census enumerating team gives me an up-close view on the making of the first fully digital census. As I am verifying neighborhood census information, folks tell me when an impressive front yard tree was planted or that all the land around was settled by a grandfather back in the day. While getting the job information is necessary and confidential, hearing about Vancouver neighborhood and family stories is priceless.

Attention: The deadline for October's newsletter is Wednesday, September 18. If you are submitting something for the newsletter, please remember to put "CCGS Newsletter" in the Subject line so it sorts to my Newsletter folder. Your editor has lost some items for this newsletter that I've had to go searching for, including one I never found. Thank you!

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Fall 2019 CLASS SCHEDULE

ALL CLASSES: held at the Clark County Genealogical Society Library from **9 am to 11 am**

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.

Searching American Church Records: Marcia Grubb – Tuesday, September 24, 2019



Prior to records being maintained with a local city clerk, vital family records were kept in the family's church parish. Births, baptisms, marriages and deaths are key clues in a building family story. In this we will learn the many family denominations in early America and how to locate them.

Canadian Genealogical Research-Where to start: Elsie Deatherage – Tuesday, October 1, 2019



Join Elsie to learn about locating family records in Canada. Many families immigrated first to Canada and some became Americans first and then moved to Canada. Whether French or English speaking, some ancestor records might begin in Canada.

Digital Records Preservation & Organization: Jodi Siewert – Tuesday, October 8, 2019



Records, records, we all have so many records! These records are clues and they verify family information. Whether searching at a local or distant genealogical research library, it is impossible to bring the file cabinet along, so it's time to organize your records so you can find them now!

Scandinavian Research with DNA: Kathy Solheim – Tuesday, October 15, 2019



We often receive requests for a Scandinavian class, so Kathy brings us her expertise along with her practical knowledge. This class will focus on basic research techniques while adding insight into DNA interpretation.

Updated Vital Records Researching: Barbara Schrag – Tuesday, November 5, 2019



Vital records are essential genealogical research information. More records are available online, but many more are not. In this class, Barbara will bring 21st century searching clues for locating your ancestors.

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

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

September 2 Legacy Users Group Meeting, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (it's a holiday, but we're still meeting)
Resource Book Club Focus Group, 12 noon, CCGS Library
September 5 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 – 3 p.m. CCGS Library
September 7 **Free!** Beginning Genealogy class, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Library
September 9 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
September 14 Tech Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
September 16 Research Group meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Library
September 18 **Deadline for October Newsletter**
September 23 Library Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., CCGS Library
September 24 Class: Searching American Church Records, 9 – 11 a.m. CCGS Library
September 24 General Meeting, 7 p.m., 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.