

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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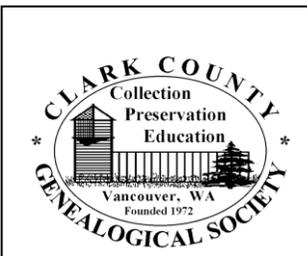
### February General Meeting

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.  
CCGS Library

Using the GLO, HistoryGeo and Oregon Donation Land Claim materials can lead you on a rewarding journey of discovery that covers a lot more territory than you might think.

The website of the Bureau of Land Management General Land Office is an incredibly valuable resource for researching your Federal Land States ancestors. Even those ancestors who never left the east coast can sometimes be found if you know how to look.

Join GFO Research Assistant and Education Committee Chair Kristin Parks to learn more about these helpful resources.



Land Patent Details	
Accession Nr: MI1130_268 Document Type: State Volume Patent State: Michigan Issue Date: 6/15/1837 Cancelled: No	
Names On Document	Miscellaneous Information
MILLET, ALEXANDER	Land Office: Monroe
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	Mineral Reservations: No
	Tribe: ---
	Militia: ---
	State In Favor Of: ---
Military Rank: ---	Authority: April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)
Document Numbers	Survey Information
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Misc. Doc. Nr: ---	Survey Date: ---
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Indian Allot. Nr: ---	Metes/Bounds: No
Land Descriptions	

**President's Message**  
**Brian Runyan, CCGS President**

Hello everyone and Happy February!

Before I launch into the news of the month past, I must revisit two items from last month's Newsletter:

- 1) I mentioned that it was never a good idea to try and mention the names of all who had contributed countless hours to getting our new space ready for habitation. Boy, did I call that one right! Our intrepid Head Librarian, Sharon Thiesmeyer was the mainstay of the effort. In addition to working with incredible focus to put together a preliminary plan for the building, she was there almost every day to help shepherd the actual construction and move. My apologies for allowing your invaluable effort to fall through the cracks. I have ordered up the inscription on my tombstone:

HE FORGOT TO MENTION SHARON THIESMEYER  
HIS SISTER FROM ANOTHER MISTER

- 2) I noted that the Board had passed a measure wherein non-members would be required to pay a small fee for access to the Library. At the January Board Meeting it was decided to table that for six months.

It's been a busy first month in our new space. Classes have been held, webinars have been attended, meetings have been held, obituaries have been clipped, stuff has continued to migrate from the storage unit to new places. Also, we've had our share of challenges getting everything up and running; getting everyone onboard with the new security system, making plans for new door hardware, configuring our new, fabulous data systems, working out the kinks in the heating configuration. All-in-all, things are coming together. Plans are being drawn for the Spring curriculum. Feelers have been floated for a one-day Saturday seminar.

And as these things come together, other things are in need of everyone's attention: namely the elected offices of CCGS President, Treasurer and Secretary are to be contested in May with voting in June and installation of new officers in July. Steve Cornick is heading up the nominating committee and soliciting candidates for these three offices. Anyone out there wishing to throw their hat in the ring, Steve can be reached at [src2000@comcast.net](mailto:src2000@comcast.net).

**From the Library Committee**  
Barbara Schrag

Although you might not have noticed, the Library Committee has been working furiously before, during and after our move to our fabulous new location, and are still working on a complete inventory of books, and ongoing evaluation and cataloging of vertical file items, among other projects. Some of these projects are quite time consuming, and we will gratefully welcome more help with them. Call the Library at 360-750-5688, and leave a message for Library Director, Sharon Thiesmeyer if you can spare some time to help.

We are able to accept book donations again. Next month, look for a "New Books Shelf" in the Library.



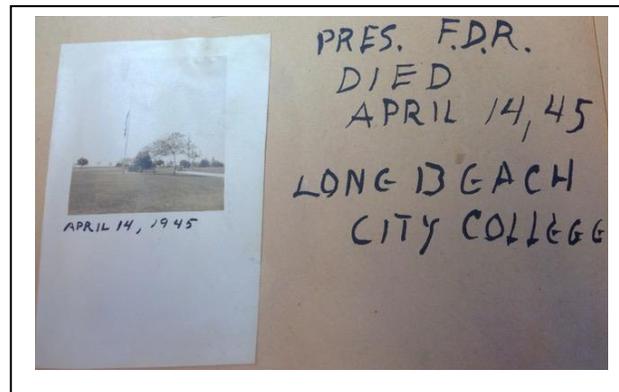
### Scandinavian Corner (Bea Ritter)

The Scandinavian Focus group met on January 20, 2019. We decided to continue to meet the third Monday of the month at 2 pm to 3:30 pm. We have been so fortunate to have Richard Engstrom facilitate our meetings and programs. He did a wonderful job of finding people to present programs for us and helped many in our group find information on their ancestors in Sweden. Because of personal reasons, he is unable to continue to be our leader. We are looking for new people to lead our group and plan programs. We would love to have suggestions for programs of interest to our Scandinavian group. If you know of someone who could present a program for us, please let us know. Send information to Ralph Erickson at [ralphe1308@gmail.com](mailto:ralphe1308@gmail.com) or Bea Ritter at [bea.ritter@centurylink.net](mailto:bea.ritter@centurylink.net).

### New CCGS Group By Marcia Grubb

Craft Clan Focus Group is in full swing, learning creative ways to share family stories. While looking through and sorting our old photos and mementoes, some family memories were not exactly as remembered. One real discovery gem was Lyda's mom, Carole Constance Miller Flumerfelt McClintock's vintage half-mast flag photo noting FDR's 1945 death.

Craft Clan Focus Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday every month, check the CCGS Meeting Calendar to confirm.



## Trail Breakers

Jane Germann

Marcia Grubb and Jane Germann will be co-editors of the Trail Breakers for the next volume (46, 2020). Marcia will then take over as editor for Vol. 47 (2021). She is excited to do more articles and is looking at perhaps going to more than one issue per year.

The skills of Lethene Parks will be used as the Senior Researcher. She has submitted several articles over the years and has been promoted to this roll.

Continue to send your suggestions and stories to Marcia Grubb [mlouise421@aol.com](mailto:mlouise421@aol.com), Lethene Parks [lethene@comcast.net](mailto:lethene@comcast.net), or Jane Germann [germann1964@comcast.net](mailto:germann1964@comcast.net).

## Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chairman

Welcome to the following new members:

Judith Freeman  
Donna Davis & Georgene Neal  
Karen Gough  
Jim Mather  
Gary Butler  
Connie Grenz  
Stephen Poulsen  
Sharon Simrin & Sandra Helton  
Tom Anders  
Carol Ann McCarn  
Diane and Rand Miller  
Terence Dunn

### Reinstated Members

Bruce Maas  
Charles Caughlan  
John Lake  
Rory & Glenna Bowman  
Janyce Andre  
Molly Weinstein

Looking forward to meeting you!

## Beginning Classes

Our popular series of beginning genealogy classes return in 2020. These are held the first Saturday of each month at the CCGS library from 10 a.m. till 12 noon, and are free to all. While they are mostly designed for those with little or no genealogy experience, others who have done some research often find there's something new to be learned.

The next class will be on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be taught by Elsie Deatherage.

## Announcement

The 2020 CCGS Members Directory is available for download at <https://www.ccg-s-wa.org/members/THELIST0120.pdf>. Please be reminded that this directory is for the exclusive use of our Individual, Joint and Life members, and it should not be shared with any other individuals or organizations.

If you do not have access to a computer, call the library during open hours to arrange printing and pick up there.

**Inclement weather reminder:** If Vancouver schools are closed, CCGS will also be closed. Check the CCGS web site to be sure we will be open. Some librarians live in outlying areas that may be affected by the weather, and not able to make it to the library.

## Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Legacy Family Tree sponsors and hosts webinars featuring some of the best genealogists in the world. We're happy to report that we have the 2020 Webinar schedule, and we will continue showing the Wednesday daytime webinars. Here's what's happening in February. For a complete description of each webinar, go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

Wednesday, February 5, 11 a.m.

Developing a DNA Testing Plan: a Guide for Beginners, presented by Debra Renard

Wednesday, February 19, 11 a.m.

Newspapers for People of Color Genealogy Research, presented by Nicka Smith

Wednesday, February 24, 11 a.m.

Using Snagit for Genealogy Visual Story Telling and Instruction, presented by Colleen Greene

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. There are more webinars on other days, and at other times which you can view from home for free.

### **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.**

Elsie Deatherage shared this notice from the "Legal Genealogist" about a new, FREE database. It's the newly-launched [US Mexican War Soldiers & Sailors Database](#), a joint project of FGS and the National Park Service (NPS), and hosted on the website of the NPS's Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park in Texas.

**Cite/link to this post:** Judy G. Russell, "[2020 alphabet soup: A is for...](#)," *The Legal Genealogist* (<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> : posted 18 Jan 2020).

(Link is clickable by pressing your CTRL key and Enter)

### **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](http://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-frequently-asked-questions-for-non-profits)

## Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Century, Washington, D.C.* Be sure to include the designation: 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

Hannah Mayhew Daggett Chapter of Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century, located in Vancouver.  
c/o 1365 South 15<sup>th</sup> Way  
Ridgefield, Washington 98642

## CCGS Focus Groups

CCGS is home to several Focus groups which meet monthly at the Library. If one of these is of interest to you, come join us!

- Legacy Users Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Group members can bring questions and problems to the group for answers, and there is usually a feature of the Legacy genealogy program highlighted.
- Research Book Club Focus Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 12 noon, following the Legacy Users Group. Bring a sack lunch and share your thoughts about this month's chapter.
- First Thursday Unfocused Group: Meets the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. No special focus (hence the name "Unfocused") for this group—we meet and discuss most anything of a genealogical interest.
- Scandinavian Group: Meets the third Monday of each month from 10 to 2 – 3:30 p.m.. The focus? Scandinavian genealogy, of course. If you have ancestors from one of the Scandinavian countries, come join the group for extra help, and to share your experiences. **This group is looking for a new moderator.**
- Craft Clan: This brand-new focus group met for the first time Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, with six ladies present. We worked on getting our historical (and other) pictures into photo albums. If you have family photos you NEED to get organized and into albums, this group is tailor-made for you! Bring your photos, albums, paper, and other tools and join us on the fourth Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is more fun when you're with a group of friends, than it is doing it alone at home. Several members are experienced at this, so if you need some ideas, you'll find them here.

## Rootsweb Mailing Lists Closing

Ancestry recently announced the closure of the once-popular mailing lists from Rootsweb, effective March 2<sup>nd</sup>. A number of lists have already found new homes. Some of the more active lists include the Quaker Roots list, Old Chester County, PA, some fairly active surname lists such as Wilcox, Paxton, etc. You can still post on the old lists for now, and they will be archived. If you have received notice from any of the lists you belong to and wish to continue, check those lists for further instructions.

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**CCGS Classes – Spring 2020**

All classes are held in the CCGS Library, 3205 NE 52<sup>nd</sup> St., Vancouver, WA. Register by marking (x) the class/classes you wish to attend.

**Class Fee: \$12 for CCGS members, \$15 for non-members.**

Scottish Ancestors Emigration History

( ) Tuesday, **April 7**, from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Marcia Grubb.

Using Digital Books as Research Sources

( ) Tuesday, **April 14**, from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Brian Runyan.

Researching Your Family in Maryland

( ) Tuesday, **April 21**, from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Elsie Deatherage.

Internet Security Tips

( ) Tuesday, **April 28**, from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Stephen Young.

Secrets of Wiki in FamilySearch.org

( ) Tuesday, **May 5**, from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Alice Allen

Researching Germans from Russia

( ) Tuesday, **May 12**, 10 am to noon. Instructor: Lela Miller

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Past President: Lethene Parks

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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

February 1	Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
February 3	Legacy Users Group, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., CCGS Library
	Research Book group, 12 noon, CCGS Library
February 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., CCGS Library
February 8	Tech Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., CCGS Library
February 10	Board meeting, 10 a.m., CCGS Library
February 17	Research Trip group, 10 a.m., CCGS Library
	Scandinavian group, 2 p.m., CCGS Library
February 19	Deadline for March newsletter
February 22	CCGS “Craft Clan” Focus group, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CCGS Library
February 24	Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Library
February 25	General Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS library

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.**