

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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**Tues. - Fri**

10 am to 3:00 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday only**  
6-9 pm

**Saturday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday only**  
10 am to 3 pm

### How to get here:

From I-5, take the Hwy.  
500 exit east to St. Johns  
Rd. exit. Turn left onto St.  
Johns Rd. and proceed  
over the highway.  
Continue to NE 52<sup>nd</sup> St.,  
turn left and we will be on  
the left, across from  
Hi-School Pharmacy.



### March General Meeting

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.**

**CCGS Library**

### Vancouver Old City Cemetery

Kathy Geyer and Richard Engstrom will present the program for the March 24 meeting of the Clark County Genealogical Society. Kathy and Richard are long time members of CCGS and have been working the past few years on updating and refining the burial records for Vancouver Old City Cemetery. Their presentation will include the following:

- The history of the Vancouver Old City Cemetery
- The past and present involvement of CCGS in the preservation of Clark County Cemetery records and markers
- A series of short vignettes highlighting some of the famous and infamous individual buried at the Old City Cemetery
- A brief discussion of the future role of CCGS in the preservation of Clark County Pioneer Cemetery records.

The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. March 24 at the CCGS Library located at 3205 NE 52<sup>nd</sup> St.



### Reminder:

Time to "Spring Forward"  
Set clocks ahead one hour March 8

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

This March 2020 edition of our Newsletter arrives with Spring more than a promise. Signs of spring peek from swelling tree blossoms, crocus and daffodils. It seems as if it was a temperate, mild winter. Now snow or ice to speak of (predictions of Snowmageddon notwithstanding).

In the spirit of December, I invite you to look back over this winter and take stock of your genealogical journey. Were you able to dedicate as much time to your research as you wished? Did your family tree sprout some new branches? Did existing limbs bring forth some new and tasty fruit? Some new stories, perhaps? I maintain these stories are compelling reasons for why we put so much time and treasure into investigating our ancestry.

I'm confident every one of us has a few (many?) of our living family that just doesn't "get" this seeming obsession with searching for our roots. Why does it matter so much that Aunt Margaret was an award winning tulip grower? Or that Cousin Andrew spent time in an Ohio jail? Some would say that it really doesn't matter: I'm alive. They're dead. So what? To those of that persuasion I would remind of the old saw, "those that ignore history are doomed to repeat it". I would also flip that over and suggest that our ancestors have modeled behaviors for us to examine. By knowing our roots we give ourselves permission to act or not act accordingly.

I believe the work we do helps connect us to our better selves.

Thanks for all you do!

**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, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and will be taught by Alice Allen. One of the features of this presentation will be an introduction to the Family Search website.

Steve Aberle will take the reins on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, with Brian Runyan following on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Membership Report**

Bea Ritter

Welcome to our Society

**NEW MEMBERS**

Mary Lou and Michael Oothoudt

**REINSTATED MEMBERS**

Richard Young  
Tom Nishamura

We hope to see you soon at the CCGS Library as you research or join us for meetings and classes!



### **Scandinavian Corner** (Bea Ritter)

Our Scandinavian Focus Group met on February 17, with 14 attending. We watched a video on YouTube: *Allt För Servige, Season 2019, Part 2 of 8*. It showcased 10 people who were chosen from the United States who had roots in Sweden. Two people were chosen each week and given information, documents and stories on his or her ancestors. At the end of the week there was a competition and someone was sent home. At the end of 8 weeks, the winner was given a reunion with all of his or her relatives in Sweden. You can watch other episodes on YouTube.

On Monday, March 16, we will meet again at 2:00 p.m. Kay Cooke will be showing a program, *Finding your Nordic Parish of Birth* (2017), from Family Tree webinars. It will be presented by Jill Morelli, a certified Genealogist.

We are still looking for people to help us plan our programs. We welcome any suggestions of topics or programs that would be beneficial for our group. If you have suggestions, please email Ralph Erickson [ralphe1308@gmail.com](mailto:ralphe1308@gmail.com) or Bea Ritter [bearitter@centurylink.net](mailto:bearitter@centurylink.net).

### **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

**Trail Breakers**  
Jane Germann

**Marcia Grubb will take on new editorship of *Trail Breakers* in 2021**

Marcia Grubb and Jane Germann will be co-editors of the *Trail Breakers* for the next volume (#46, 2020). Marcia will 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).

**A Remarkable Day in Clark County**

A new column for the *Trail Breakers*! Paula Schoenlein suggested that we write about events of the last century (1900 forward). Suggestions were to write about the Tornado in the 70s that hit the bowling alley and Peter Skene Ogden School. Were you in town or remember about it. How about when Mt. Saint Helen's blew? Or is there another day you remember as remarkable? Just write up a story and send it to Marcia Grubb [mlouise421@aol.com](mailto:mlouise421@aol.com). You may remember just a few sentences or a whole page, but we want to see that memory! Be sure to include your contact information.

**Calling all Pioneer Family Descendants!**

If you are descended from a Clark County or other North West family, we'd love to hear your story or the update of your story. It may appear in the *Trail Breakers*, so you need to tell us if you want living people included in copies that may be printed in the *Trail Breakers*. The *Trail Breakers* goes not only to our members but to several other libraries as well as being placed on our public web-site. It will also be put in our vertical file to help others in their research. If you cite other documents (other than your memory), we'd appreciate that information.

The Hayden family will be featured in the next *Trail Breakers*. Are you a descendant? We'd love to hear from you!

**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.



The following webinars will be shown at the CCGS Library during the month of March:

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.**

3 Genealogy DNA Case Studies and How I solved them – presented by Barbara Estes

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.**

5 Resources to Expand Your Spanish Genealogical Research – presented by Daniel Smith-Ramos

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.**

Using Fold3.com to your Advantage – presented by Craig R. Scott

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**Announcing: The 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Presented by Legacy Family Tree and My Heritage, you'll have an opportunity to get as much genealogy instruction over 24 hours as you can stay awake for. And if you miss any, these will be available for free for a week. Visit this link for more information on presentation and times, and to register:

[https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar\\_details.php?webinar\\_id=1436](https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=1436)

These won't be shown at the CCGS Library, but you can view them at home. There are other webinars not shown at CCGS which you can view at home as well.

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**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**

Compiled by Barbara Schrag

Now that we are mostly settled into our new home, adding new books to our shelves has begun. Look for the sign with information on where the “New Books” will be located.

- Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic, by Angie DeBo, donated by Madeline Mesplay
- 1806 The Exploration and Settlement of the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory, by D. Bruce Howell, donated by Madeline Mesplay
- A Look at Wagoner County Oklahoma, by Oklahoma Homemakers Council, donated by Madeline Mesplay
- History of Tipton County Indiana 1883, by Charles Blanchard, donated by Madeline Mesplay
- Multnomah County, Oregon Marriage Index to Volumes 11-13 (July 1895-May 1901), by Eileen J. Chamberlin, donated by Beverly Przybylski
- Multnomah County, Oregon, Marriage Index to Volumes 14-16 (April 1901- Oct 1904), by Eileen J. Chamberlin, donated by Beverly Przybylski
- Multnomah County, Oregon, Marriage Index to Volumes 8-10 (July 1890-July 1895), by Eileen J. Chamberlin, donated by Beverly Przybylski
- Newspaper Extracts 1814-1899 Brown, Clermont, Highland County, Ohio, by Carol Spitz, donated by Beverly Przybylski
- Polish Surnames: Origins and Meanings, by William Hoffman, donated by Beverly Przybylski
- Cemetery Records of NW Washington Co. Vol 3, by GFO donated by Beverly Przybylski
- Indian Nations of North America, by NGS donated by Madeline Mesplay
- Some Descendants of Michael Peters, by Michael Peters, donated by Marcia Grubb
- Continuing the Dream: 125 years of Washington State DAR 1894-2019 , by DAR Washington State donated by Barbara Hilkey
- Bushman Family History, by Judith Bushman Card, donated by Judy Card
- Johann Friedrich Phillip and Frederika Dorothea Johanne Family, by Judith Bushman Card, donated by Judy Card
- The Oregon Trail Revisited, by Franzwa, Gregory M., unknown donor
- Clermont County Marriages 1850-1874, by Clermont County Genealogical Society, unknown donor
- Robert Burrows and Descendants 1630-1974 Vo.1 2, by R. Earl Burrows,  
Diaries of Donald Macdonald 1824-1826, by Indianapolis Indiana Historical Society, unknown donor
- Great Platte River Road, by Merrill Mattes, unknown donor

## **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

**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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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

March 2 Legacy Users Group, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., CCGS Library  
Research Book group, 12 noon, CCGS Library  
March 5 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., CCGS Library  
March 7 Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library  
March 9 Daylight Savings Time begins, set clocks ahead one hour  
March 9 Board meeting, 10 a.m., CCGS Library  
March 14 Tech Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., CCGS Library  
March 16 Research Trip group, 10 a.m., CCGS Library  
Scandinavian group, 2 p.m., CCGS Library  
**March 18 Deadline for March newsletter**  
March 22 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS Library  
March 24 General Meeting, 10 a.m. CCGS library  
March 28 CCGS “Craft Clan” Focus group, 10 a.m. – 3 p.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.