

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
Thursday
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.

**Next General Meeting is
Tuesday, Jan. 26th. See pg.
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President's Message

The holiday season is now upon us. Thanksgiving is a groaning memory (only eight adults and six children, so it was pretty tame). 23 pounds of turkey is just about finished. Now begins the season where we strive to be as nice to everyone as we should have been all year. If you're in need of some nice, come down to the library. All our librarians are overflowing with helpful cheer.

I know everyone has been staying up nights conjuring ways to help me break through the brick wall of Isaac Payton Reese's parentage. I am pleased to announce that I have removed a brick! When I teach the "getting started" class I entreat everyone to "start with yourself, go back one generation at a time, don't skip, and document everything". So it has been somewhat frustrating not following that advice. As you may recall, I have the names of Isaac's parents ONLY from his death certificate, which, as we can guess, was not information given by him. Were his parents really Louise Estes and John B. Reese? Additionally, Isaac's 1917 obituary names his "aged mother" as Mrs. L.B. Daniels. So was L.B. Mr Daniels' names or hers? To make a long story short, what I thought I had discovered was that, over the course of her life, Louisa Estes became (in order) Mrs. John B. Reese, Mrs. James Weakman, Mrs. McReynolds, and Mrs. Daniels. These have been discovered mostly following the FAN (Friends Associates and Neighbors) strategy and, as such, I have never been completely sure I had the correct Louisa Estes. However, I recently found the first piece of solid evidence that I do have the correct person; the marriage license and certificate for Louisa McReynolds and Henry H. Daniel in Bourbon County, Kansas in 1895; right on the Kansas/Missouri state line and one county south of Bates County, Missouri, where this all started; exactly where you might expect someone fleeing the insanity of Bleeding Kansas and the depopulation of Bates County by military order in 1863. Now I can begin searching backward in time like I'm s'posed to. OK, ya'll can go back to your own research now, and, thanks for the help.

I challenge everyone to start thinking about your New Years genealogy resolutions.

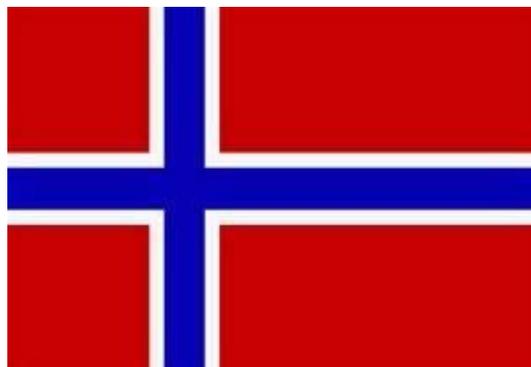
Will it be following a particular family? Volunteering at the CCGS library? Stepping up your game and becoming our much-needed Education or Program Chairperson? Or how 'bout the Big Daddy of them all: the Genealogy Do-Over? Commit to starting over on your research and doing it the way you wish you would have done from the start. Whatever you choose, know that there is someone (probably more than one someone's) who would be thrilled to offer their expertise and/or help. Have a fabulous, memory-filled holiday season.

Brian A Runyan, President

p.s. I am still trying to find out how and why John B. Reese died before 1856. Bleeding Kansas hostilities began in 1854. Was his death at age ~26 related? Inquiring minds want to know.

November General Meeting 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Tuesday January 26th:

Our January General Meeting Program will be presented by Bill Hidden. He will be speaking about the historical legacy of the Hidden family including the Brick Works. This was originally scheduled for November, but has been changed to January. Come learn a little early Vancouver history by a descendant of early settlers.



Scandinavian Corner

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus group will be Thursday, December 10th, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room. Please join us!

Native American Focus Group—Update

The Native American Focus Group will resume a monthly meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the CCGS Library. The next meeting will be Saturday, December 12th.

Florence “Flo” Martocello, 1935-2015

Our condolences to the family of long-time CCGS member, Florence “Flo” Martocello, who passed away on November 28th. She is survived by daughter Joan Martocello, son Jim Martocello, sisters Ethel Smith, Peggy Roberts, Judy Wilkerson, and Ellen Bott, along with several grandchildren and her companion dog, Ruby.

A graveside service was held on December 5th at Park Hill Cemetery.

Winter Closures-Repeat

It will soon be that time of year when we have to deal with inclement weather. If the Vancouver School District is closed due to weather, the CCGS Library will also be closed. In questionable weather where the city schools may be open, be sure to check our web page or call the library to double-check that **we** are open. Some of our librarians live in outlying areas where road conditions may be worse than what we experience in the city, and may not want to drive in to town in those conditions. We will make every effort to update our web page in these instances, but in case this isn't possible, a call to the library should confirm if we are open or closed.



SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT CCGS!

Do you want to tell the world – well, maybe just Clark County – about the joys of genealogy research? Many of our friends, neighbors and community members don't even know that the Clark County Genealogical Society is a terrific local resource for helping them discover their roots. CCGS now has a new tabletop display that you can borrow for any local event that is accepting displays. It is contained in an easy-to-carry black plastic bag. The CCGS banner and address line will need to be applied once it is standing up (please use masking tape applied to the back side of the banners). There is an envelope inside the bag that contains some business-card sized notes with our address, phone and website. These can be put out with the yellow membership brochures. To reserve the display, call the CCGS library at 360-750-5688.

My Grandmother, Ella (Carroll) Stalder Contributed by Lethene Dennis Parks

She's my maternal grandmother, and my favorite, probably because when we visited her as children, she usually let us do most anything we wanted to. We were pretty much free from admonitions about how we should behave or what we ought to eat in order to be healthy. My sister and I usually spent a week with her each summer, as well as family visits at Christmas and other times. During those weeks at Grandma's we could eat pretty much whatever we wanted to (and Grandma was a very good cook), I could stay up reading a book as long as I wanted to, and we seldom had chores assigned to us except fun stuff like collecting the eggs from the chicken house in the back yard. And Grandma liked ice cream as much as I did, so on our almost daily walks uptown for whatever household chores needed attending to that day, Grandma would stop by the local creamery on the way home and buy ice cream cones for all three of us, and then throw in a quart of ice cream for our dinner dessert later in the day. After a week of this indulgent living at Grandma's, Mother would say, "Yes, and it took me a week after I got you home to whip you into shape again"

Here are just a few random memories of Grandma that come to mind:

She was born in southeastern Missouri in March of 1864, just months before the end of the Civil War. As a child, that impressed me. After the war, life was hard for rural families and children had to help out on the family farm. When the weather was warm enough for the children to walk the several miles to school and their labor was not essential to keep the farm going, they went to school—a total of about three months in a calendar year, according to Grandma. I calculate that she had about a fourth grade education at best, but she could read and write and she kept up with the news. She met and married my grandfather when she was 17. Less than a month later they were on their way west, on the first emigrant train on the southern Pacific Railroad. This was the first time Grandma had ever been outside of Missouri and the first time she had ever seen snow-capped mountains and, as she put it "Chinamans." By 1882 they had taken up a homestead in Cowlitz County, Washington Territory, on the site of the present town of Ryderwood. Seven children were born while on this farm. In 1903 the family moved to Stevens County, in northeast Washington, near the little community of Cedonia. Two more children were born there and my mother was raised there. We spent most of our childhood and teenage summers there and today I still own the property. Grandma had red, naturally curly hair and she was very proud of it. When she died at age 89, it was still red. In her teens she had heard a lecture by a famous women's temperance speaker and had signed a pledge that she would never drink liquor. Occasionally visitors would bring my bachelor uncle some beer, and we teenage granddaughters were quite amused when we caught her rinsing her hair with some of Uncle's beer because someone had told her it would help keep her hair red.

Grandma died while I was living in North Carolina during the Korean War (Husband Dick was stationed there). I was upset not to be able to attend her funeral services, but I have so many wonderful memories of her, and lots of family photographs and stories.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

We continue to set up the screen and projector to show most every scheduled Legacy Family Tree webinar. Most are on Wednesdays, but there are occasional webinars on Fridays, too. The day webinars are usually at 11 a.m., but occasionally there may be a time change. We'll note the dates and times below in the schedule. Be sure to check the CCGS web page for any last minute changes to this schedule.

For a description of each webinar, go to

<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Webinars begin at 11 a.m. PST, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, December 9th, 6 p.m. (note time change)

Thinking about Becoming an Accredited Genealogist, presented by Apryl Cox and Kelly Summers

Wednesday, December 16th

Pointing Fingers at Ancestor's Siblings – Breaking Down Brick Walls with Collateral Research
Presented by Marian Pierre-Louis

Friday, December 18th

What Happened to the State of Frankland – Using Tennessee's Pre-Statehood Records, with J. Mark Lowe

Holiday Break

Wednesday, January 6th, 2016

Tap Into Your Inner Private Eye – 9 Strategies for Finding Living Relatives, presented by Lisa Louise Cooke

Wednesday, January 13th

Technology and Techniques for Differentiating Two People with the Same Name, presented by Geoff Rasmussen

Friday, January 15th

Snagit Software for Genealogists, presented by Michael Brophy

Wednesday, January 20th

The Basics of Virginia Research, presented by Shannon Combs-Bennett

Wednesday, January 27th

The Paper-Less Genealogist, presented by Denise May Levenick

February's Webinar schedule is not available at this time.

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 are unable to come to the library to watch these, they are available to you in your own home if you pre-register. They are also available for free for about a week following the original showing. And for Legacy Family Tree members, the webinars are available at any time with your paid subscription. Also for Legacy Family Tree members, there are bonus webinars added frequently, which are only available to members. Recently added bonus webinars include "Crafting History – Bring Your Ancestors to Life," by Mary Kircher Roddy; "Introduction to Swedish Estate Inventory Records," by Kathy Meade; and "Introduction to the Swedish Church Books," also by Kathy Meade.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

New to Our Library
Compiled by Alice Allen & Lonna Parker

The following books were recently added to our collection, and will be found on the New Shelf at the CCGS Library thru the remainder of December and the full month of January.

Donated by Glen Jones

Title: History of the Oregon Trail, Santa Fe Trail and Other Trails
Author: J. R. Gregg

Title: Covered Wagon Women from the Oregon Trail, vol. 5
Author: Kenneth L. Holmes and David C. Duniway

Title: Visionaries, Mountain Men and Empire Builders
Author: Fred Lockley

Title: Lincoln County Lore
Author: Lincoln County Historical Society

Title: Indian War in the Pacific Northwest, the Journal of Lieutenant Lawrence Kip
Author: Lawrence Kip

Title: Fort Laramie and the Pageant of the West, 1834-1890
Author: LeRoy R. Hafen and Francis Marion Young

Donated by Friends of Ft. Vancouver Library

Title: 1983 Portland (Multnomah County OR) City Directory
Author: R. L. Polk

Title: 2000 Vancouver, Washington Polk City Directory
Author: R. L. Polk

Title: 1987 The Dalles Oregon City Directory
Author: R. L. Polk

Title: 1986 Astoria and Seaside Oregon City Directory
Author: R. L. Polk

Title: Portland Blue Book & Social Registry for the following years:
1931, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1953,

Donated by Elinor Perlich

Title: German Grammar
Author: Edward S. Jones

Glen Jones also donated this book:

Title: Women's Voices from the Oregon Trail
Author: Susan G. Butruille

We already have a copy in our library so this one will not be found on the new shelf. It will be available for checkout to current CCGS members. Look for the green dot on the book spine, denoting its availability for checkout.

A Little of This and a Little of That

2015 Membership Directory is Here!

CCGS members can download the latest membership directory from this location:
http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/d/2015_directory.pdf

There is also a .pdf copy on the Librarians computer for those who want to save it to a flash drive, and for there are copies available at the CCGS Library. If the printed copies are gone, a master copy is in the librarian's desk. Ask a librarian for assistance in printing one out.

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CCGS Holiday Holiday Hours

The CCGS library will be closed from December 22nd thru January 4th, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 5th. The Legacy Users Group will not be affected by this closure and will meet at its regularly scheduled day on Monday, January 4th at 10 a.m. There are no Legacy Family Tree webinars scheduled for this time period.

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Late-Breaking News!

Ancestry announced today (Dec. 8th) that it will discontinue selling its popular genealogy software, Family Tree Maker after December 31st, however it will continue to be supported through January, 2017.

Read more about it here:

<http://www.geneapress.com/2015/12/ancestry-to-retire-family-tree-maker.html>

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Looking ahead to February's newsletter, the question of the month will be "**Who is your most interesting relative?**" Send me a brief write-up by newsletter deadline of January 20th so we can "meet" your most interesting and colorful relative. I've already figured out who I will write about. Let's see who has the most colorful relative!

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CCGS Volunteers

As I'm sure you all know, 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.

CCGS Focus Groups

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

- Legacy Users Group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 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.
- 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. And we often have cookies, too!
- Scandinavian Group: Meets the second Thursday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.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.
- The Native American Group is back. This group has resumed its previous schedule of meeting at the CCGS Library on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Madeline Mesplay is the group's moderator. If you have Native American ancestry, this is the place to be.

REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

CALLING ALL REPORTERS of volunteer hours worked for CCGS. PLEASE remember to include travel time when you sign the volunteer sheet in the library. And, if you work at home, or on a special project, you may submit a note on the total hours (without listing each day's time). Send a note to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org (or to my email) with Volunteer Hours in the heading. Let's be sure to report all hours worked in this new year. Thanks, from Dolly Merrick

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

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).

Dear God,
My prayer for 2016 is for a
fat bank account & a thin body.
Please don't mix these up
like you did last year.
AMEN!!!

That's it, we're all out of news!

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Dec 7 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Dec 10 Scandinavian Focus Group – 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Dec 12 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m - noon CCGS Library
Dec 14 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Dec 22-Jan 4 CCGS Library closed for Christmas and New Years, will reopen on Tuesday, January 5
Jan 4 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Jan 7 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
Jan 9 Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Library
Jan 11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center
Jan 14 Scandinavian Focus Group, 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
Jan 20 Deadline for February newsletter
Jan 25 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. – noon CCGS Library
Jan 26 General Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center

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 at CCGS Library Annex.
Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr - Sept, 7 - 9 pm.
No General Meeting is 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. jgmb@pacifier.com or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.