

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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### Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

*Check the on-line  
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<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

**Tues, - Fri**  
10 am to 3:00 pm  
**Thursday**  
6-9 pm

**Saturday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Holiday Closure**  
**Dec. 23 – Jan. 8**

**Reopens**  
**Tues., Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.**

### General Meeting

No Meeting in December

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**January 23rd, 2018**  
**10 a.m. at CCGS Education Center**  
**“Paper and Spit,” presented by Don Anderson**

"Paper and Spit" is the title of Don Anderson's 2017 book about his journey to find his birth parents. Born in Oregon during the era of sealed adoption records, Don started his journey knowing very little. Follow along as he describes the process that he used to discover his first parents, utilizing a combination of traditional genealogy and DNA. Learn what to say when making first contact with newly discovered relatives.

### Notes From November's General Meeting

The November General Meeting featured guest speaker Tom O'Brien from GFO, and a great presentation about German Genealogy research. I usually come away from presentations on German genealogy somewhat disappointed, because my main area of interest seldom gets much coverage, but not this time! I thought this was the best presentation on German research I have ever attended.

Tom left a packet of related materials with Program chair Elsie Deatherage, which will be available for use at CCGS. Here are a couple more suggestions for this topic:

It is important to remember that what we know as Germany today did not exist before 1871. There were still changes after this date. Tom showed a mapping video during his presentation to help us understand this better. The mapping video by Warren Bittner can be viewed at <https://www.familysearch.org/ask/learningViewer/358>

Elsie mentioned that after the presentation she got some questions about where to purchase the books Tom showed. Her answer was "Family Roots Publishing," primarily a mail-order company owned by Leland Meitzler and located near Tacoma.

***Merry Christmas – Happy New Year to our CCGS Family.***  
***Wishing you the best in the coming year!***

## *President's Message*

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

As our president has been somewhat slowed by recent surgery, we thought we'd give him a break for this edition, and we're including a snippet from his article in last year's December/January newsletter. His words ring as true today as they did a year ago:

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As I approach my seventieth birthday my fondest wish is to be able to pass my passion for family history on to at least someone in the next generation(s). I want to find that book titled, How My Grandchildren Became Excited About Their Family History. OK, probably not written yet. I know there is no magic bullet that will allow me to hear, "ooh, Grampa! That is so cool! Tell me more! (suspect I won't hear that after waxing poetic over a pedigree chart).

Following my own advice, I consulted cyndislist.com. This is where to start looking for anything even remotely connected to genealogy. Browsing the categories, I found Kids, Teens & the Next Generation and found 134 links in five subcategories. Trying General Resources I found several likely sounding sites: rootdig.com contains To Pass It On: Bringing Genealogy to the Younger Set by Michael John Neill. That looks interesting; on the Family Search wiki there is an entry for Family History Activities for Children. I'll have to check that out; then there was the intriguingly titled, <https://zapthegrandmagap.com/>. I downloaded a sample. Author Janet Hovorka, you had me at "I honestly believe family history can save the world". Nearly two hundred pages of carefully researched strategies for successfully engaging the next generation. With section headings like "Groovy Grandma Uses the History Around Her Family's Past to Make Their Progenitors Come Alive" and "Glorious Grandma Works to Organize Her Family's Story So That she Doesn't Leave Brick Walls Behind for the Next Generation", this is a book I must read! So I'm officially putting Zap the Grandma Gap: on my wish list to Santa. Oh, and a new pair of bunny slippers. And a winning lottery ticket in my stocking.

Here's to a wonderful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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**Please join your newsletter editor in best wishes for a speedy recovery for Brian,  
and that we will see him back at the helm of CCGS in January!**

### **Save the Date:**

If you are a CCGS Librarian or are interested in becoming one, mark Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on your brand-new 2018 calendar for the first Librarian's Training meeting of the new year. It's always fun to meet our fellow librarians and get refresher and new training tips to help us help our patrons. This meeting will run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the CCGS Annex/Education Center. Hope to see you there!

Due to the first Monday in January being on New Year's day, the Legacy Users' and Do-Over groups will not be meeting. And since the library is closed the first week of January, the First Thursday Unfocused group will not be meeting, either.



### **SCANDINAVIAN CORNER**

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The December meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group has been canceled. We will reconvene in January, at which time we will have a presentation by Kay Cooke. She will describe her summer trip to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland. Should be a fun and informative presentation. Please join us on Thursday, January, 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am in the CCGS meeting room.

Richard Engstrom – Scandinavian Group Moderator

### **NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP**

Please note that the Native American Interest Group is being disbanded. Madeline Mesplay, in collaboration with the regular attendees, has decided to discontinue meeting. They had been meeting the second Saturday of the month. They will NOT meet in December. There are discussions under way as to how to make Native American research support available through the CCGS library. Stay tuned to the weekly e-letter and this newsletter for more information as it becomes available.

### **Upcoming Events at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon**

Saturday, Dec 16th, 2 - 3pm, at GFO's Library  
December GenTalk - Personal Archiving  
Presenter: LauraDenise White, GFO's Resident Archivist

Wednesday, Jan 31st, 9:30am - 6pm, at GFO's Library  
Winter Workshop - Beginner's Boot Camp  
Presenter: Laurel Smith, GFO's President

For more information on these and other classes, visit their web site:

<https://gfoorg.presencehost.net/learn/seminars.html>

### **Winter Closure Alerts**

In the event of inclement weather, the CCGS Library follows Vancouver School District's closure policy. If the VSD is closed, we will also be closed. If in doubt, call CCGS or check the web site before coming in, as some of our librarians live in outlying areas and may not be able to safely travel to CCGS.

## Legacy Family Tree Webinars

We continue to set up the screen and projector to show most every scheduled Legacy Family Tree webinar.

For a description of each webinar, go to

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

**Webinars begin at 11 a.m. PDT, unless otherwise noted.**

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. (note time change)

I Thought He was My Ancestor: Avoiding the Six Biggest Genealogy Mistakes

Presented by James M. Baker, PhD, CG

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Finding Your Nordic Parish of Birth

Presented by Jill Morelli, CG

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m.

The Law and the Reasonably Exhaustive (Re)Search

Presented by Judy G. Russell, JD,CG, CGL

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Palmetto Pride – South Carolina for Genealogists

Presented by Rorey Cathcart

Wednesday, December 27

Problems and Pitfalls of a Reasonably Shallow Search

Presented by Elissa Scelise Powell, CG, CGL

At the time this newsletter was being prepared, webinars for 2018 had not been published on the Legacy Webinar page. As they become available, we'll get that information to our weekly e-letter editor. You can also check their web page at <https://familytreewebinars.com/> for the latest information on upcoming webinars.

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; watch at your convenience for free for about a week following original broadcast; or subscribe to the Legacy webinars and watch any time.

### **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.

**More "I Did Not Know That"** (Thanks to Bea Ritter, we WILL know that)

#### **BUYING THE FARM**

During WWI soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if You died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

#### **COBWEB**

The Old English word for "spider" was "cob."

### **New Books**

Compiled by Sharon Thiesmeyer  
and Lonna Parker

Got Quakers in your ancestry? Elsie Deatherage donated three volumes of Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy:

- Volume I, North Carolina
- Volume IV, Ohio
- Volume V, Ohio

Thank you for your donations:

Also, donated by Andy Huck, "St. Lawrence County and Jefferson County, New York State Federal Census, 1810-1820."

These books will remain on the "New Shelf" through January.

### **Some Thoughts for You:**

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

~Mark Twain

Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.

~Dalai Lama

Where there is love, there is joy.

~Mother Teresa

Kind words do not cost much, yet they accomplish much.

~Blaise Pascal

A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

~St. Basil

***Merry Christmas!***

### **Periodical News**

Paula Schoenlein

Looking for options to store your family tree? Take a look at the Oct/Nov 2017 issue of Family Tree.

"Tree Keeping"  
by Rick Crume

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Your Genealogy Today, Nov/Dec 2017

"Secular Parish Records"  
by David A Norris

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American Ancestors, Fall 2017  
NEHGS Study Projects

"Early New England Families"  
by Alicia Crane Williams

"Early Vermont Settlers to 1784"  
by Scott Andrew Bartley

"Western Massachusetts Families in 1790"  
by Helen Schatvet Ullmann

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Please take some time to look at the older issues of shelved magazines. American Spirit, Family Tree, Internet Genealogy and Your Genealogy Today. If any articles are of interest to you make a copy, take a picture, or scan it. These will not be kept indefinitely.

### **Membership Report**

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following new CCGS Members:

Judy Duncan  
Martin O'Donnell

### 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 [president@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:president@ccgs-wa.org) or Vice-President, Bea Ritter [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto: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. **Looking for a new moderator for this week in order for it to continue.**
- **Genealogy Do-Over Group:** Meets the first Monday of each month at 12 noon, following the Legacy Users Group. Bring a sack lunch and share your do-over or go-over experiences from the past month, and get your assignment suggestions for the next month.
- **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 sometimes 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.

### **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)

### **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](http://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).

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

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Your Story Your Book Workshop**

**4 Sessions - Beginning January 25, 2018**

This workshop is held in the CCGS Education Hall, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA.

**Fee Workshop: \$48 for CCGS members, \$60 for non-members.**

**Your Story Your Book -- Instructor: Bob Ferguson**

During 4 weekly 2-hour sessions, you will polish your writing skills and guided by Bob's professional workshop skills you will progress to the publishing program combining your text, photos with front and back book covers in full-color.

These interactive workshops will move Your Story along to becoming a 40-page book ready for submission to the publisher. It is a professionally bound book, with copyrights, ISBN number and color covers. At about \$2.50 per printed book copy, you decide how many books to print with no minimum order.

\*During this course you will be able to access the online publishing program that produces your book. Your laptop is welcome and **Wifi is available.**



**Bob's classes are great adult learning fun!**

**THURSDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

- January 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am to noon**
- February 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am to noon**
- February 8<sup>th</sup> noon to 2 pm**
- February 15<sup>th</sup> 10 am to noon**

For information about workshop closure due to weather, listen to Vancouver School District closures on radio or TV. Workshop will be rescheduled at a future date.

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**Your Story Your Book Workshop**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CCGS Member (Yes/No) Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ or email \_\_\_\_\_

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**P.O. Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249**  
**360-750-5688**

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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

Dec. 11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
Dec. 23-Jan. 8 CCGS Library closed for Christmas-New Year Holidays  
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!  
Jan. 1 Happy New Year!  
Jan. 8 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Education Center  
Jan. 11 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center  
Jan. 22 Library Committee meeting, 10-a.m. CCGS Library  
Jan. 23 General Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Education Center  
**Jan. 24 Deadline for February Newsletter**  
Jan. 25 Workshop: Your Story Your Book, 1<sup>st</sup> session, 10 a.m. – 12 noon (continuing sessions in February)  
Jan. 29 Librarian's Training 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. [jgmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.