

# 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  
**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. t  
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.



### Presidents Message

Eric Jordahl

[President@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:President@ccgs-wa.org)

The library is still open with regular hours of 10:00 to 3:00 Tuesday thru Friday. During the Thanksgiving week, we will only be open on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please check the website or call 360-750-5688 to be sure that librarians are there. Our librarians are all volunteers and we may not always have two available to staff the library. As usual if the schools are closed due to bad weather, we will be closed. The Governor is still requiring masks. **If you are unvaccinated, I ask that you stay home.**

The General Meeting on November 23 will feature Brian Rhinehart speaking on "Finding Your 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ancestors on Fold3 - Is there a Better Way?" The meeting will be hybrid; both in person at the Library and digital on GoToMeeting. Remember our General Meetings in the Fall and Winter are held at 10:00AM

The Scavenger Hunt team has set a date for the next hunt - March 7 - 11, 2022. Bone up on your skills ahead of time to play. This is intended to be fun! This is a good prelude to what you will probably be doing when the 1950 census is released on April 1, 2022. You may also want to volunteer to be an indexer at FamilySearch.

Did you know that some of the Legacy Webinars are presented on Wednesdays on the big screen in the classroom portion of the library? The November ones are on Nov. 3 & 17. These Webinars are on a large variety of topics, usually **not** pertaining to Legacy software. Check the Event Calendar on the website for details. Brian Runyan has been setting up the equipment and hosting. Discussion may happen afterwards and so could library research.

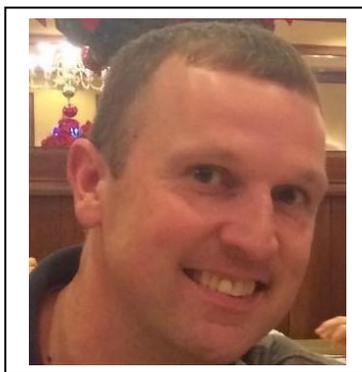
The Tech Team continues to improve the website. There can be a lot of behind-the-scenes work just to make something simple. The answers to this year's Scavenger Hunt are on the website. The Librarians are busy trying to sort and catalog 2 large donations of genealogical material. Marcia Grubb and Lyman Ritter keep the landscape in shape.

Remember: **The pandemic will pass!**

As Geoff Rasmussen from Legacy says "Life is short, do genealogy first".

**Finding Your 19th Century Ancestors on Fold3-- Is There a Better Way?  
10 a.m. Nov. 23 CCGS General Meeting (virtual)**

Ever get confused on Fold3? Learn what records are available on Fold3 for your 19th-century military ancestors and pick up some search strategies to narrow down what you're looking for. Yes, there is a better way to search! This program will be presented virtually by Brian Rhinehart, a professional genealogist from Northeast Ohio who regularly speaks at genealogical conferences. Watch for an email containing the meeting link the weekend prior to the meeting.



**1950 US Federal Census**  
Brian Runyan, Education

The United States Census Bureau is set to release the 1950 census in April 2022. It will be available through the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to view. The NARA records will not be indexed, so you won't be able to do a name search for your ancestors. Indexing has historically been done by outside organizations like Family Search or Ancestry. Ancestry has historically hired outside individuals to do indexing. In contrast, Family Search has relied on volunteer indexers. In 2012, Family Search sponsored a competition for genealogy societies like ours to index the 1940 census. It was projected to take six months for the indexing to be completed. The response from the genealogical community was so great that the indexing (minus Puerto Rico) was completed in four months. CCGS is going to participate if Family Search sponsors this type of competition again. As of yet, nothing has been formally announced. In the time leading up, I strongly encourage all CCGS members to either brush-up or develop your indexing skills by visiting <https://www.familysearch.org/> and either sign in or sign up. There are many batches of records to choose from Irish church records to Missouri obituaries. Watch this space for future announcements.

At the last (October, 2021) CCGS Board meeting I made the statement that an individual may fill out a form and get access to any post-1940 censuses that they or their immediate family may have been enumerated. While this is technically true, the reality is much less exciting. You may go to [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) and request form BC-600. After jumping through an incredible number of hoops on the form, you may receive a very expensive limited look at part of the entry for yourself on one census. They will transcribe what's on your one-line entry for that census onto a facsimile of a census page for the appropriate year. The transcription will NOT include the information we most want: age, place of birth, citizenship status nor occupation. And it will still cost you at least \$65.00 per census you want searched. And, of course it is non-refundable. Helpfully, they will not charge you postage to send you this, mostly irrelevant material. I am going to just wait until I can access the censuses after the required 72 years in cold storage.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**Bea Ritter**

I am excited to WELCOME seven new members!

Robert & Denise Hebert  
Alfred & Katherine Bennett  
Jarid Schoenlein  
Arnita & Franklin Mayer

Please continue to send in your membership dues on time. If you lose your Renewal letter, send a query to [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org) or call the library and leave me a message. Thanks for your support during this strange Covid crisis. Our library is open Tuesday through Friday and we welcome members and the public. Come visit us.

**CCGS Membership Dues**

Individual Membership	\$40 per year
Joint Membership	\$50 per year
Individual Lifetime	\$750
Joint Lifetime Membership	\$900

**HISTORIAN**  
**Bea Ritter**

Clark County Genealogical Society's 50th Anniversary Celebration book is almost finished! It includes information and many color pictures of events in our 50 year history, stories of our 15 Founders, and recognition of our Life Members and many dedicated officers.

Because of the considerable cost of professionally printing and binding a book, Marcia Grubb, Paula Schoenlein and I have decided to self-publish and bind our books to minimize the cost. These books will be sold to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We plan to begin printing 100 books later in the spring. We will need help checking the printed pages and binding the books. If you are interested in being part of our team, please send an email to Bea at [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org).

**Travel Research Group**  
**Paula Schoenlein**

The Research Travel focus group is planning a Genealogy Research Road Trip to Olympia and Tumwater in April, 2022. We are planning an overnight trip which will include a visit to the Washington State Library and the Washington State Archives, with a possible tour of the Washington State Capitol. This group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 A.M. in the Clark County Genealogical Society classroom. Come join us in the planning and preparation of this exciting adventure.

If you are interested in the road trip but are unable to attend the monthly meetings or if you have any questions, contact Paula Schoenlein (facilitator) at [paulas@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:paulas@ccgs-wa.org)

## **Hunting for Answers? Clues from the QMs' Hunt Corner**

Your Scavenger Hunt Quiz Masters “QMs” want to share some useful strategies for player success in the next Genealogy Scavenger Hunt “Hunt” scheduled for March 7-11, 2022. As you can see from last summer’s Hunt results posted at [www.ccgswa.org](http://www.ccgswa.org) 2021 Scavenger Hunt Results page, the players moved easily from general to specific sources:

- What is the question? Our Hunt concerns people, so learn the who, what, where, when from general information sources such as:
  - Google search, [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
  - Family Search, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
  - Genealogy library, Clark County Genealogical Library, [www.ccgswa.org](http://www.ccgswa.org)
  - Public library, Fort Vancouver Regional Library, [www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org)
- Move from general information to more specific, *i.e.* the Where for an East Coast person might be an east coast society such as one of these:
  - Historical Society of Pennsylvania, <https://www.portal.hsp.org>
  - New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org>
  - The Genealogical Society of New Jersey, <https://www.gsnj.org>
- Additional specific information can be found in information repositories such as the:
  - National Archives and Records Administration, <https://www.archives.gov>
  - Washington State Archives, <https://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov>
  - Washington State Library, <https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/>
  - Find A Grave, <https://www.findagrave.com>

As you progress from general to specific, sources will offer additional search opportunities such as newspapers, cemeteries, census records and beyond. There’s learning at every Hunt step, so the QMs also remind you that many of the most productive sources cite their sources, so remember to check those citations. QM [marcia@ccgswa.org](mailto:marcia@ccgswa.org) welcomes your hot research comments or clues for the next QM Hunt Corner installment.

## **Help Index Oregon Marriage Records**

**You are cordially invited to an online “wedding” reception – and indexing party!**

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, the Genealogical Forum of Oregon is sponsoring an online event to index Multnomah County marriage records from 1917-1924. Way back in 1981, the GFO acquired the county’s original marriage register books for 1885-1924. Over four decades, dedicated volunteers have indexed the registers to 1916. But we get many requests in the “missing” years, so it’s time to finish the job! These records have proven to be an invaluable source for Oregon and Southern Washington researchers.

For the first time, GFO is trying out our annual volunteer work party as a one-day, interactive event entirely online. You can join the fun for the whole day or even just an hour. You do not need to be a member, just willing to dedicate a little time to support genealogy. For more information and to RSVP, please visit <http://gfo.org/givingtuesday>.

## **The 1950 Census is Coming, Will You Be Ready?**

**US Family History/Genealogy researchers have long been waiting for the release of the 1950 US Federal Census. For many of us, this will be the first census we will appear in. I know that's the case for me.**

**If you know who you will be looking for, even if it's just yourself, tell me your story and I will include it in the next newsletter. Here are a couple of offerings for your reading enjoyment. Maybe you'll get some ideas for your own "Census Story."**

**Former CCGS President Brian Runyan shares a few thoughts:**

"Who are the people I am most excited to see on the pages of the 1950 census when it is released in April of 2022? By doing a search in my Legacy database for any direct line ancestor AND a birth date after 1850 AND a death date after 1951 I created a list of only six ancestors: both of my parents, both paternal grandparents, a maternal grandmother and a paternal great grandmother. Pretty cool, eh? Taking the "direct line" parameter off I get a list of 322 individuals. Hmmm. Maybe those six are enough for a start."

### **My Thoughts?**

Besides myself and my parents, I would be looking for aunts and uncles, and grandparents. During WWII, while my father was off to fight the enemy, my mother moved to Portland from La Grande, as her siblings had all left for Portland by then. I have pictures of her time in Portland with family, and am curious about them as well. My grandparents lived next door to an aunt and uncle who lived on a road on the outskirts of Boring, Oregon. I can remember the mailing address (rt. 2 box 210, Boring, Oregon), but not the road they lived on. I remember Japanese neighbors and one name, so that's a curiosity for me as well. The census will hopefully give me the name of the road so we can go for a car ride one day and see what it looks like now.

### **Some Links to Check Out**

#### **Family Search Blog**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/>

See what's new on Family Search, including the latest records added to the site

#### **Dear Myrtle's Blog**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DearMYRTLE>

One of the busiest ladies in genealogy, Dear Myrtle has several Zoom webinars each week. For Facebook users, you can join her group and get lots of good information. She offers a monthly webinar on getting ready for the 1950 census, you can go back and look at her previous ones.

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***CCGS Meetings and Programs***

November 1 Legacy Users Group, virtually at 10 a.m.  
Book Club Group, meeting virtually at 12 noon  
November 4 First Thursday Unfocused group, virtually at 1 p.m.  
November 7 Daylight Savings time ends, set your clocks back 1 hour  
November 8 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)  
November 11 Veterans Day  
November 15 Travel Research group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)  
November 22 General Meeting, 10 a.m., held virtually  
**November 25 Thanksgiving**  
**December 1 December-January newsletter deadline**

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.**