

# 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)

### Thank you! Thank YOU! THANK YOU!

We received \$21,160.00 in donations from the annual appeal letter in December. Our budget has a figure of \$25,000.00 so we hope for a little more in the coming months. Several of our members were able to give large donations, which enables the Society to continue providing services to all our members. Our single main expense is the is the rent on the building, a very necessary facility for a library. Your Board of Directors appreciates the trust you have placed in us to use the funds wisely.

New member Sheree Belanger and Marcia Grubb have started a new focus group for Family Tree Maker software. The FTM representative will be the guest speaker at our March General Meeting.

We continue to have the Legacy Family Tree software focus group, the Travel Research Prep, Research Book Club, and Craft Clan groups. The Scandinavian focus group is currently on hiatus during COVID.

CCGS recently received \$64.55 from the Kroger Co. from purchases made at Fred Meyer last Quarter. If you haven't linked your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to CCGS, please consider doing so. You lose nothing and CCGS gains a small percentage of what you spend. The same is true for Amazon. If you use Smile at Amazon, we can get 0.5% of your purchase given to CCGS every Quarter. Check the This Week Sunday blurb for more details.

We still need a Program Director to work with and replace Elsie Deatherage. Do you know of a member who might have a few contacts or be willing to contact people to speak at our General Meetings? I will ask if you give me the name. This is an important function if we are to continue to have speakers at our general meetings.

Unfortunately we still have COVID with us. Masks, vaccines, and social distancing are still with us. If you come to the Library, call first. We plan to be open Tuesday thru Friday, but circumstances can change that plan.

Don't forget this is our Golden Anniversary year! We look forward to a party!

**The pandemic will pass! (We just don't know when)**

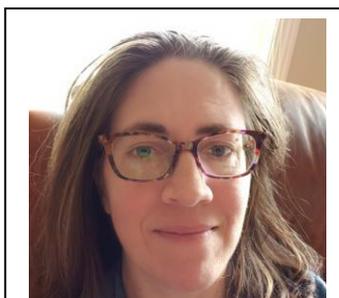
**General Meeting  
Tuesday, February 22, 10 a.m.**

**Genealogy Resources at the Washington State Library**

The Feb. 22 CCGS program will be presented by Kathryn Devine, a genealogy librarian at the Washington State Library in Tumwater. Kathryn will provide an overview of genealogy resources at the Washington State Library, including some hidden gems and some discussion of materials that may be useful for those without Washington ancestors.

Kathryn has a Master's degree in Information Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and a Bachelor's degree in History from Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. Though she has strong ties to Tennessee, she has called Washington home for the past 20 years and has worked at the Washington State Library for the last 16. In her free time, she enjoys researching her own family history as well as that of friends, relatives, and sometimes perfect strangers!

The meeting will take place virtually at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22.  
Watch for an email with the meeting link the weekend prior to the meeting.



**Clark County Genealogical Society invites Students and Adults to  
JOIN OUR SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT from March 7-12, 2022**

By Marcia Grubb

CASH for Daily and Grand Prize Winners  
5 Daily and 1 Grand Prize STUDENT winners  
5 Daily and 1 Grand Prize ADULT winners  
Registration and donations are open at [www.ccg-s-wa.org](http://www.ccg-s-wa.org)

This year's Hunt theme is Governors from the eras of our Founding Fathers through the Baby Boomers. Players may research their answers using online resources from home. You may review last year's questions and answers on our website at [www.ccg-s-wa.org](http://www.ccg-s-wa.org)

**NEW - FAMILY TREE MAKER USER FOCUS GROUP**

The Family Tree Maker User Focus group will meet the 3rd Monday of the month at noon. Bring your lunch, laptop and let's talk all things Family Tree Maker. Contact Sheree' Belanger ([shereebelanger@hotmail.com](mailto:shereebelanger@hotmail.com)) if you would like to be added to the email reminder list.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bea Ritter

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Bell  
Rose Simpson

### WELCOME BACK REINSTATED MEMBERS

Glenna Bowman  
Rory Bowman  
Pepper Kim  
Coralee Brewer  
Andrew Brewer  
Doug Hamilton

If you renew your membership dues on our website with Paypal, please also fill out and send the Membership Form. Makes it so much easier to process the renewal and make sure our information is accurate and up to date.

## CCGS Membership Dues

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

## HISTORIAN REPORT

Bea Ritter

We are planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for CCGS at the end of the summer. We will need a team of people to help with the planning and execution of the celebration. Marcia Grubb has volunteered to help me. We hope others will volunteer to also help and make this a memorable time for all of us. Contact Bea Ritter at [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org).

## Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Wednesday daytime webinars are shown at the CCGS Library, usually beginning at 11 a.m. PST. There's an upcoming webinar about the 1950 Census release in April, 2022, presented by Pat Richley-Erickson (Dear Myrt) and Russ Worthington (Cousin Russ), on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

“For over a year we've met monthly and are now ready to meet weekly in prep for the release of the 1950 US Federal Census. You can play catch up by joining Cousin Russ and Myrt and discover strategies for finding ancestors in an un-indexed image collection.”

If you unable to watch the live broadcast, you can watch for free for about a week afterwards. You can also watch the live broadcast at home if you don't want to come to the library. Register for the live broadcast at <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

## SCANDINAVIAN FOCUS GROUP

Due to safety concerns with new wave of Covid infections, we have decided to postpone any live meetings until April.

Richard Engstrom

## **How Good are Your Genealogical Sources?** by Steve Aberle (<http://aberlegenealogy.com>)

There are many on-line articles about protocols for citing genealogical sources, so no attempt is made here to replicate that advice. Rather, let's examine when, where, and how each of your "sources" were created. Several systems are in use today for evaluation of sources. In much of the genealogical realm, the terms "Original," "Derivative," and "Authored Work" are used. In an academic environment, and previously in the genealogical realm, the terms "Primary Source," "Secondary Source," and "Tertiary Source" are common. And if one wants a legal perspective, take a look at Federal Rules of Evidence, especially when it comes to "Hearsay." However, is all that terminology actually useful to you in your personal research? Probably yes, but perhaps not if you just want to churn out great family history documents to pass along to your heirs.

Whenever one evaluates the quality of a genealogical source, and regardless of the nomenclature system used, what they are really doing is making a judgment on both how far removed the recording of the event is from the event itself, and whether the initial recording was accurate. Distance from an event can be gauged in several ways, and looking at the number of hands the information passes through on its journey to you is of central importance. That measurement is what the various source evaluation systems are all about. The bottom line is that the shorter distance is usually better, assuming the original information was factual. Hence, a parish register of a marriage, a birth or death certificate (the portions completed by the attending physician), most court records, most deeds, and photographs are great sources. A Bishop's transcript made by summarizing a parish register, the parentage entries on a death certificate made decades after the birth event by an "informant" who may have married into the family, unsubstantiated testimony or hearsay in a court record, a transcription of a land record, and even a poor quality copy of a photograph are not nearly as helpful, and may even be factually wrong.

As a general rule of thumb, one should be especially leery about relying upon assembled family trees posted to websites. Just because anyone can do it, and tools make trees easy to generate, does not mean that the information itself is even close to being correct. Unsourced material is commonplace on the web, as are alleged sources which, after following the links, turn out to merely be assembled trees found on other websites. At best, you might be able to identify a meticulous researcher who is more likely to have found correct information. Generally, you might be able to uncover clues as to where to look next in your own investigations. At worst, the website information may contain misleading prestige relationship enhancements, like those created by notorious genealogical forger Gustave Anjou. It is frustrating to find (as I have) your great grandmother listed on a website with an extra given name that seems to have been pulled out of thin air from who knows where. There is no source listed for that entry, no analysis, no conclusion, and no "fact checkers" are on duty to challenge or clean things up. If you copy enumerations of ancestors from the "History of the [insert surname here] Family" book, especially ones which do not have footnotes with sources that you can confirm in order to reach the same conclusions, then you have a LOT more work to do before your personal family history for that line is complete.

Even well-researched professional articles and books can get facts and conclusions wrong, especially if new information is subsequently uncovered by other researchers. That is what keeps the genealogical publishers in business. As you do your own research, think about the Genealogical Proof Standard (<https://bcgcertification.org/ethics-standards>), and how you can reach a sound conclusion for who your ancestors really were and the facts surrounding their lives.

In summary, you need to be your own (very meticulous) fact checker on all the genealogical information you collect, so use the best sources you can find which are closest to the recorded event, and always be prepared to say "This is my analysis and conclusion as to why this is true."

## 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, Eric Jordahl [president@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:president@ccgs-wa.org) or Vice-President, Stephen Young [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org).

## Roots Tech is Coming March 3-5, 2022

It's virtual, and it's FREE

Click <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/>  
For more information, and to sign up to register and receive updates

Hello,

I would like to make you all aware of and ask you to publicize, via journal, newsletter, email blast, or posting on your website, the upcoming Family History Library Latin seminar.

The dates, times, and sign-up information are all listed below. Please note that the seminar is one hour per day for five days. It is free to attend.

Topic

### Latin Handwriting Series

Instructor: Fritz Juengling Ph.D., AG ® <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/User:Bdyh>

Description: Come learn resources, strategies and basic Latin grammar to read Latin documents. Get practice transcribing and translating documents and discuss problems that you encounter.

Time

Mar 21, 2022 01:00 PM

Mar 22, 2022 01:00 PM

Mar 23, 2022 01:00 PM

Mar 24, 2022 01:00 PM

Mar 25, 2022 01:00 PM

All times are Mountain time.

Of course, it's free.

Use this link to

register: [https://churchofjesuschrist.zoom.us/webinar/register/5016400279170/WN\\_vL\\_qaP\\_U0QyOCJndAldszgQ](https://churchofjesuschrist.zoom.us/webinar/register/5016400279170/WN_vL_qaP_U0QyOCJndAldszgQ)

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

Fritz Juengling Ph.D., AG ®

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**CCGS Meetings and Programs**

February 3 First Thursday Unfocused group, virtually at 1 p.m.  
February 7 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)  
Book Club Group, 12 noon (meeting virtually)  
February 14 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)  
**Valentine's Day**  
February 21 Travel Research group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)  
Family Tree Maker Users Group 12 noon (meeting virtually)  
**February 16 Deadline for March Newsletter**  
February 22 General Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)  
February 26 Craft Clan meeting

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.