

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
3rd Thursday only
6-9 pm

Saturday
2nd 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 52nd St.,
turn left and we will be on
the left, across from Hi-
School Pharmacy.



President's Message

Eric Jordahl, CCGS President

On Thursday, September 24, I participated in the Clark County Historical Museum's History-A-Thon with Brad Richardson. He interviewed 17 Clark County non-profits over 17 hours. We were one of the non-profits he recognized and I was the interviewee. The interviews were streamed Live on Facebook. For those interested in watching, here is the link.

<https://www.facebook.com/cchmuseum/posts/10158261215161328>

The library remains closed to the public. Sharon Thiesmeyer and Barbara Schrag continue to work on various items in the library so that everything will be "shipshape" when we are able to open. Alice Allen continues to edit the Newsletter each month. The finance guys, Lowell and Tom, continue to process your dues and donations. Steve Young keeps our computers running and backed up.

We have a website "Tech Team" which consists of Steve Young, Marcia Grubb, Lowell Kenedy, Jared Schoenlein, Jodi Siewert, and myself. We are attempting to improve the website so that it is easier to use, more intuitive, and has current content. Be sure to look at the website for the listing of our October-November classes, all of which will be digital. You can get a class in the comfort of your home. I know that you miss the social interaction of an in-person class, but digital is the best we can do at the present time.

Please continue to renew your memberships. The Library does have ongoing expenses for rent, HVAC, utilities, etc. This is a valuable community service which needs community support. We are working on limited re-opening. **The pandemic will pass!**

Editor's note: Click on "Watch Now" to see Eric's interview. He starts at about minute 2:25

October General Meeting

The October General Meeting will be held on “Go to Meeting” Tuesday, October 27th, at 7 p.m. Remember, meetings held from October-March will be held in the evening, even in our virtual setting.

Volunteer Appreciation Night will be in November This Year

If you have someone you would like to see honored this fall for their volunteer work, send their name to President Eric Jordahl at ericj@pacifier.com or Jane Germann at germann1964@comcast.net. We will be choosing at least three people who have not yet been honored to add to the quilt this year. With the move, there may be more we wish to add to the volunteer appreciation list. Covid and the fires caught us off guard, but we have not forgotten we need to thank our volunteers for their hard work.

Thank you.

Trailbreakers

Submitted by Jane Germann

Trail Breakers Almost Finally Out!

This issue of the *Trail Breakers* has been a trial. First there was the covid 19 virus. Then it was the fires and all the smoke they produced (which for me was a bad deal as I have shortness of breath). Marcia Grubb, who will become editor next year, was inundated by circumstances too. We had intended to meet at the library and work on this together, but we haven't succeeded. So progress has been slow. It's about 95% completed, but it's the last bit that we are working on. Hopefully, by the time you get this newsletter, we will have met and it is OUT (three months late)!

It is an interesting issue. Featured are the Gay Hayden's of Hayden's Island. There are several articles involved with this family.

And the Old Apple Tree died this spring, and even though it wasn't a person, it was a part of our Northwest history and deserved an article.

PhotoScan happened because my sister died and when visiting my sister-in-law, she showed me PhotoScan on her phone by taking a photo I wanted that she had. It's a free, neat app. Read the article!

The October 1879 *Vancouver Independent* is transcribed as a regular article. And if you haven't looked at Declaration of Intentions recently, it may help you get on track of a relative. If you are interested in Indians (whoops! Native Americans), there is an article about that and all the tribes there used to be in this area.

Proceedings of the Pioneer Meeting has some familiar names to those familiar with the Trail Breakers or old names in Vancouver.

And if you are looking for new names, we have some of the Movers and Shakers who arranged and moved the library to the new building. There is a photo section to thank them and show you our new library and facility. Thank you for your efforts and hard work.

Wish we could have foreseen this fire. Do you have relatives that told stories about the 1902 Yacolt burn? It was a collective name for dozens of fires in Washington and Oregon between September 8 and 12th causing 38 deaths in the Lewis River area and another 18 in the Gorge. If you do, contact Marcia at mlouise421@aol.com or Jane at germann1964@comcast.com. We'd like to do a story on it sometime soon. We'd appreciate it!

MY GENEALOGICAL ACTIVITIES DURING COVID-19

Richard Engstrom

SOLVING A SWEDISH PUZZLE: My Grandfather John (Johan) August Engstrom emigrated to the US in 1889 at the age of 17. He went to Morganville, Clay County, Kansas and stayed there for about 7 years doing farm work before moving to Portland, Oregon. It was never clear as to why he came to that community. He attended school there for a short while and I have his report card from the Morganville School. On the report card, a M Tenglin signed it as his guardian. During a genealogical trip to Clay County a few years ago, I found an obituary for Margareta Tenglin which stated she had been born in Uppsala, Sweden. I was never able to find any family connection during my research into our Swedish roots.

A few weeks ago, I was re-reading my notes from conversations with my aunt, my father's sister, where she stated that my grandfather came to Kansas under the sponsorship of his aunt. This caused me to again look at the family origins of Margareta Tenglin. I began my search on the Swedish genealogical site, ArkivDigital. Over the past couple of years, they have expanded their indexes so that one can search by name, birthdate, etc. Since Tenglin is not a common name in Sweden, I found that a Greta (Margareta) Lisa Tenglin had been born in 1834 in Tibble, Uppsala, Sweden to Anna Lisa Nygren who is my 2nd Great Grandmother. Greta was born out of wedlock, but the birth record lists the father as J Tenglin. I then went to the household (census) record for Tibble and found that there was a family with name of Tenglin living on the same farm.

I followed Greta through the household records and noted that she was certified to be a mid-wife. She remained single and moved to Rattavik parish and then emigrated to the USA in 1883 settling in Morganville, Clay County, Kansas. Her obituary stated that she continued to work as a mid-wife as well as operating a farm in Morganville. She died in 1918 and is buried in the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Clay County. She remained single.

Her mother, my 2nd Great Grandmother, Anna Nygren did not marry until 1842. She married a Jan Andersson, and had three daughters. Sometime in 1856, her husband Jan, my second great grandfather abandoned the family and to date, I have not been able to find out what happened to him.



Morganville, Clay County, Kansas Abt. 1900

Some Links You Might Find Interesting

Steve Aberle sent this link to me:

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/about/activism>

This first page contains a bit of history of the organization, but be sure to click on some of other links in the heading—especially “Records Request.” Steve says they were very helpful to him for his New Jersey relatives.

This one is from Chris Maitland:

<http://www.svcgg.org/documents/ClassRecordings/WorldCulturesModel-Aug2020.mp4>

The topic:

Genealogy Beyond BMD As you research **B**irth, **M**arriage, and **D**eath information for your ancestors, look beyond the bounds of the family group sheet to learn about other facets of your ancestors’ lives. Build a well-rounded picture of their lives and add depth to your family story using the World Cultures Model, created at Stanford in 1986 and used in history classrooms to help students understand the world beyond just famous people and battles. Join Martha Wallace to see how this strategy can expand your family history – beyond just **BMD**.

It’s a video presentation, almost an hour long.

Bea Ritter received this through the Society’s email.

Greetings!

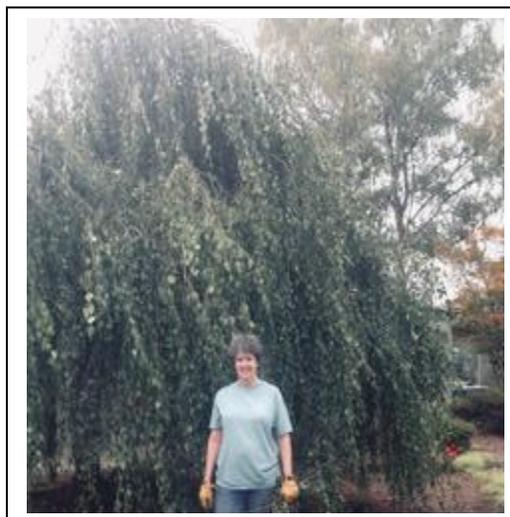
Please see the attached news release from the Oklahoma Genealogical Society. A special program entitled, “Native American Genealogy & Research” will be presented by Native Oklahoman, Rick Fogarty. The program will be held via webinar on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. CST.

If interested in participating, go to www.okgensoc.org. The information for the presentation is posted on the home page. Please feel free to share this to your society Facebook page or email to genealogical society members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at this email address.

Thank you,

Crystal Dowdell
Board Member
Oklahoma Genealogical Society

This year our Library Willow tree has benefited greatly from regular watering and pleasant summer temperatures and it shows! On a visit from Colfax, gardener Roseanne Kenedy commented to her dad Lowell that our lovely Willow could certainly offer overnight shelter with its verdant foliage hanging down to the bark. So Monday, with clippers in hand Rosanne neatly trimmed our stately Willow into a less welcoming overnight habitat. So lovely to meet you Rosanne and thank you for your master pruning!



Membership

Bea Ritter

Welcome to new member Bill Barnes, who joins his wife Sharon Barnes as a Joint Member

Welcome back to Jeanine Liston who has reinstated her membership.

Please continue to renew your membership and support our society.

Condolences

Longtime Life Member Helen Zimmerly Erickson died on June 22, 2020. She was near 89. Helen and her husband Vinton Erickson, who died in 2013, owned and operated the Ericksons Farms in Felida/Lakeshore area.

Dixie Arata, an active member and CCGS librarian in the early 2000's, died August. 29th. She was 95.

QUILT BOOK PRICES

Quilt Books Prices were increased at the September CCGS Board meeting. But it is still a bargain. You can purchase a book for \$150 for yourself, your family, to honor an ancestor or a friend. The name will be put on a book on the quilt.

When the Quilt was started, it was for a fund raiser when we moved into the "new" facilities. Again we have moved into "new" facilities and need additional money to pay the rent. So, consider who you would like to honor and buy a book. It will do you good as well as the society.

When you give at the annual appeal, \$100 or more will get your name (or a gem) on the scroll.

If you give a month's rent (\$3,000) or more, your name will be added to the wagon. If you give more than \$10,000, a special block will be created for you. And CCGS will greatly appreciate you. These giving amount honors have not been changed.

Colonial Dames 17th 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 17th 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 17th Century, Washington, D.C.* Be sure to include the designation: 17th Century, as there are other organizations with like names,

**ARE YOU A CLOSET DETECTIVE WITH A PASSION
FOR GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY?**

JOIN OUR FAMILY TREE!

VOLUNTEER TODAY FOR THE CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

▶ *Are you a people person? Library volunteers help newbies get started or work on their research goals in genealogy and family history.*

▶ *Do you love keyboarding and computer work? Opportunities abound for accurate digitizing and indexing of national and local records.*

▶ *Are you a marketing, writing, publications design, or electronics and technology whiz?*



▶ *Do you have presentation or teaching abilities? You could teach a class or lead an interest group.*

▶ *Is event planning your forte? There's a spot for you on our yearly seminar team or membership meetings.*

▶ *Were you a business manager, fund developer or financial expert? We could use your expertise!*

For Information call Marcia Grubb, Clark County Genealogical Society, 360-750-5688.

**REGISTRATION FORM
CCGS Classes – Fall 2020**

All classes are Online from the CCGS Library, 3205 NE 52nd St., Vancouver, WA.
Email questions to: ccgslibrarian@outlook.com

Register by marking (x) the class/classes you wish to attend.

Class Fee: \$12 for CCGS members, \$15 for non-members.

Researching Your Family in Maryland

() Tuesday, **October 13**, from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Elsie Deatherage.

Secrets of Wiki in FamilySearch.org

() Tuesday, **October 20**, from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Alice Allen

Scottish Ancestors Emigration History

() Tuesday, **November 3**, from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Marcia Grubb.

Internet Security Tips

() Tuesday, **November 10** from 10 am to noon. Instructor: Stephen Young.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

October 1 First Thursday Unfocused Group meeting, 1- 3 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting.
October 5 Legacy Users Group, cancelled
Research Book Group, 12 noon – 2 p.m.
October 10 Tech Saturday, (check for current information on web page or weekly email)
October 12 Board meeting, meeting virtually, watch for log-in details in your email
October 19 Scandinavian group, cancelled
October 21 **November newsletter deadline**
October 24 Craft Clan, probable virtual meeting at 10 o'clock. Check web page for details
October 27 General Meeting, 7 p.m. via "Zoom." Watch for details

Note: Should any of these cancellations become "un-cancelled," check the CCGS Web page and your weekly email.

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.