

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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**Vancouver, WA**  
**360-750-5688**

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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.  
500 exit 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)

As this is written, we just finished our General Meeting with our speaker Maggie Cogswell from the Washington State Archives. If you missed it, the recorded version will be available on You Tube. Other CCGS presentations are also on YouTube.com. Check it out!

The next **General Meeting (April 27, 2021 at 7:00PM)** will feature Tracy Reilly Kelly speaking on Women's Suffrage. The GoToMeeting link will be sent out a few days in advance. **Please note** that we are moving to evening meetings in April as has been the custom in previous years.

Other online resources are available. FamilyTreeWebinars.com (subscription site) has new webinars every week, and they are free for a week after presentation. Many webinars are free indefinitely. FamilySearch.org has vast resources available, free. Ancestry.com and Fold3.com (subscription sites) are available through the Fort Vancouver Regional Library. MyHeritage.com (subscription site) has some material available free. I hope you are availing yourself of some of these resources.

We are working with a sign company to get a new sign for our facility. It would be located in front of the building in the landscaping. We hope the cost will be covered by a donor. This would be a great improvement on our visibility in the community.

The Tech Team continues to work on the website. A lot of that work is "behind the scenes". We are fortunate to have Jared Schoenlein and Diane Kenedy to help with all of the hundreds of details involved in our website. They are a great addition to our members Steve Young, Lowell Kenedy, Barb Schrag, Steve Aberle, Sharon Thiesmeyer, Paula Schoenlein, Bea Ritter, Kay Cooke, Alice Allen, Elsie Deatherage, and Marcia Grubb who have all participated at various times. Steve Young chairs the weekly meetings.

As you can see, our dedicated volunteers continue to work on your behalf behind the scenes on all the various tasks involved in maintaining a research library, so that when we re-open, the Library will be a functioning entity to serve your needs. **The Library remains closed to the public. The pandemic will pass.**



**Tuesday, April 27**

**7 p.m.**

Submitted by Elsie Deatherage



### **HerStory: Clark County Historical Women**

Learn about the valiant women who made a difference in early Clark County history. Tracy Reilly Kelly was the author of 10 of the 16 HerStory panels featured at the Clark County Historical Museum. Sadly, the museum remains closed – but you can now hear all about the story of women’s progress and settlement here! Tracy will relate thrilling – and tragic stories of women who crossed the Plains, who formed our early organizations, the passion for Temperance and how they made a mark on our region. Discover early women merchants and those who joined the Clark County Equal Rights Association in 1884.

Tracy Reilly Kelly retired as Program Manager at Clark College ECD, managing Mature Learning and Community Education. Initially a History major, Tracy received her B.A. in Human Services from the Evergreen State College and an M.S. in Teaching Health Education at Portland State University. She taught Women’s Health and Women’s Studies at Clark College for 12 years and at Portland State University for 4 years. Currently Tracy teaches classes on British History at Clark’s Continuing Education program. She is an enthusiastic genealogist!

In addition to the program, we will hold an auction for a standard registration to the Southern California Genealogical Society's 2021 Genealogy Jamboree, to be held virtually June 11 and 12. Click on the link below for Jamboree program details. The auction will be held during the April meeting in the CHAT.

<https://genealogyjamboree.com>

### **Reminder!**

CCGS General Meetings are held in the evenings (7 p.m.) from April through September.

We have new membership dues, which started January 1, 2021

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

**Membership Report**  
**Bea Ritter**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tracie Clawson  
Russ Clawson

WELCOME BACK!

Lillian Fullerton  
Christine Fullerton

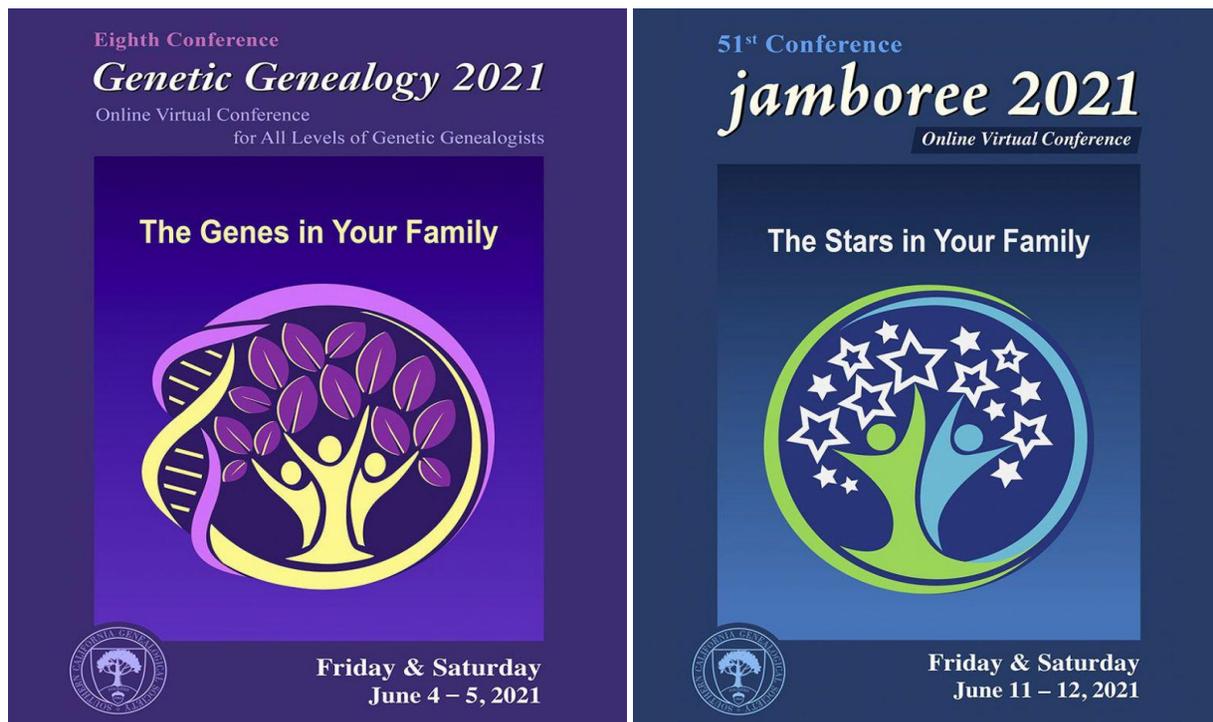
Please help us keep our records up to date and accurate by returning the renewal letter or a membership form. If you lose the letter, you can download a form from our website or send a query to [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org).

**HISTORIAN REPORT**  
**Bea Ritter**

I am continuing to research our Founders and especially need pictures and information on Lois Henderson Davis Plotts, Nellie Violet West Miller, and Helen Tooley Sykes. If you know of any family members who might help me, please let me know the contact information. I am also still gathering information on our Society's 50-year history. I would love to hear about your memories of special events or your experiences in CCGS. You can email them to [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org). A special thanks to Alice Allen who found news articles and an obituary for me this month on the Founders.

**Good News from our Library Director, Sharon Thiesmeyer**

As we prepare for reopening, we will be scheduling Librarian Training via GoToMeeting in April. As we've lost some of our volunteer Librarians in the last few years, we're also looking for new volunteers who can commit to perhaps 4 hours of virtual or in-person training, and two 5-hour shifts per month. If you're interested in returning, or in starting to volunteer in the Library, please email Library Director Sharon Thiesmeyer at [sharront1@hotmail.com](mailto:sharront1@hotmail.com). All activities will be in accordance with CDC and State guidelines.



For 50 years the Southern California Genealogical Society has held a 3-day Genealogy Jamboree, and for the last 8 years a one-day Genetic Genealogy Conference in June. Besides learning a lot from the many, many presentations, programs and exhibits, we all had fun.

This year, thanks to events beyond anyone's control, Jamboree has gone virtual, with nationally known speakers covering the latest developments in genealogy. From across our nation, from neighbors Canada and Mexico and from the Old World, Jamboree speakers help us discover our ancestors' lives and stories.

Complete descriptions of the conferences are at the Jamboree website:  
<https://genealogyjamboree.com>.

Margaret Rutledge  
SCGS Jamboree Marketing Volunteer

## **This-n-That**

Did you know that **Family Search** is offering virtual genealogy classes? This link will show a few of the previous classes which can be watched for free, including three classes on Latin Handwriting presented by Fritz Juengling, who was scheduled to present at our Spring Seminar last year until Covid got in the way. <https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/learning-center>

I received an email from Family Search recently with the April and May classes, but the link for all classes came up “404” not found when I clicked on it. If you are interested in any of the classes, email me at [allen.alice@gmail.com](mailto:allen.alice@gmail.com) and I will forward the email to you.

If you register for a class using my email, you will need to change the name and email address from mine to yours. There’s also a place to check so that you can receive your own emails detailing future class lists.

Classes for April include several on the Family Search Family Tree (merging, correcting relationship errors, etc.), lots of England research classes, and many DNA classes. And there’s a class on mobile apps for using Family Search.

## **Legacy Family Tree 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon**

**April 8-9, 2021**

“Join us in making history as we embark on the **second-annual 24-hour genealogy webinar marathon**, where you will learn how to trace your ancestors from the world's top genealogists and educators. From creating your own YouTube channel to DNA, from Cherokee ancestry to Canada and England, there's something for everyone... in every time zone. And thanks to FamilyTreeWebinars.com and MyHeritage, the entire event is free! Pop in for a session or two, or stick around for the full 24 hours — it's completely up to you. There will even be time for Q&A and door prizes. If you can't join us in real time, we've got you covered: all recordings will be available absolutely free for a week. Beyond that, you can watch them anytime with a [webinar membership](#) to FamilyTreeWebinars.com. If you missed last year's classes, they are each available below with a webinar membership.”

Register at <https://familytreewebinars.com>

## **Looking Ahead . . .**

**April 1, 2022 – 1950 US Federal Census Release**

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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

April 1 First Thursday Unfocused Group, meeting virtually at 1 p.m.  
**April 4 Easter**  
April 5 Legacy Users Group, meeting virtually at 10 a.m.  
Book Club Group, meeting virtually at 12 noon  
April 12 Board meeting, 10 a.m., meeting virtually  
April 19 Library Committee Meeting, 10-11:30 a.m. meeting virtually  
**April 21 April newsletter deadline**  
April 24 CCGS Craft Clan, 11 a.m. held virtually  
April 26 General Meeting, 7 p.m. held virtually

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. [jjmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jjmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.