

# 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.  
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)

I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have finally achieved Family Search Affiliate status that works. Steve Young contacted people in Salt Lake City who were finally able to complete the technical part of having Family Search recognize our IP address. Barb Schrag and Steve were both able to see documents that were formerly hidden.

The bad news is that we are still closed to the public. Approximately 48% of Clark County residents have been vaccinated against COVID-19. I urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as they can. That will make our re-opening safer for everyone.

Other good news is the sponsorship of our sign. Allen Bauman has agreed to pay the cost of a new sign in memory of his parents. Lois Bauman was one of our founders. Bea Ritter, our Vice President and Historian, is preparing stories about each of our founders for the Trail Breakers. Marcia Grubb is working hard to get the Trail Breakers ready for a June-July publishing date.

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.

Have you looked at the website recently ([ccgs-wa.org](http://ccgs-wa.org))? We have a new home page as well as other improvements. We continue to be grateful for the talents of volunteers Jarid Schoenlein and Diane Kenedy.

Next year will be our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans are being made to celebrate that occasion in a variety of ways. If you have suggestions or are willing to volunteer to help please let me know.

**The Library remains closed to the public. The pandemic will pass.**

**You've heard of "Cinco de Mayo?" See page 5 for information on CCGS's "Cinco de Barko" and how you can help.**

**Tuesday, May 25**  
**7 p.m.**  
Submitted by Elsie Deatherage



Presenter Frances Hart will take you through a 17th century estate, track down the Earls of Oxford tombs, describe court battles presided by QE1, and introduce her cousin at his 15th century home. This Essex & Suffolk journey pertains to the genealogy of Colonial Governors Thomas Dudley, John Haynes & his wife Mabel Harlakenden.

Frances Hart is a volunteer with Genealogical Forum of Oregon. She has been tinkering with family genealogy for 20 years and conducted two long research trips to the British Isles.

### **Nominations for Vice President and Asst. Treasurer**

During the business portion of the April General Meeting, Jane Germann introduced the nominees for the above-listed offices. Steve Young is the nominee for Vice President. There are two nominees for Asst. Treasurer: Ann Rowland and Maria Adler.

Voting will take place at the May General meeting, and installation will occur at the June General meeting. Bios will appear in the May newsletter.

**We have a winner!** Congratulations to Barbara Baker, who won the raffle for a free registration for Southern California Genealogical Society's Jamboree, being held in June.

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 BACK REINSTATED JOINT MEMBERS!**

Clark County Historical Preservation Commission and Jason Nortz.

We did not gain any new members this last month. Our membership numbers are gradually decreasing. Please support our society and renew your membership on time. 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).

This has been a sad month for CCGS as we have lost three of our members, and we extend our condolences to their families. Life Member **Lisa Ann Malcom** died on April 14, 2021, at her home in Washougal at age 62. She was born on January 17, 1959, to Larry and Erika Malcom. She was a resident of Washougal and had graduated from Washougal High School in 1977, and University of Portland in 1981. She was a talented singer and competitive athlete. She worked many office jobs, but found new zest for life when she worked with elementary school kids in Washougal School District. She joined CCGS on June 17, 1983, and became a Life Member on July 19, 1996. We are grateful to her for her many years of support and membership in our Society. (*Columbian obit, April 25, 2021*)

Long-time member **James Emmett Hurley**, 94, died on April 4, 2021, at his home in Vancouver. He was born on November 12, 1926, in Los Angeles to George R. Hurley and Nora (Mahan) Hurley, and grew up in Los Angeles and San Francisco. He served in the U. S. Army in the South Pacific, and after worked for SP & S Railroad for 37 years. He married Beverly Jeaudoin on February 14, 1953, in Clark County. He joined CCGS in 1988 and did extensive work in tracing his family genealogy. He outlived his wife Beverly, daughter Denise DelMar, and stepson David Jeaudoin. We thank him for his many years of support and membership to CCGS. (*Columbian obit, April 23, 2021*)

Long-time member **Dolores May Whitaker Dougherty**, 87, died on April 18, 2021. She had lived in Ridgefield for many years. She was born on July 5, 1933, in Los Angeles to Albert Whitaker and Ruby Reeder. She grew up in California. She married James H. Dougherty on June 6, 1966, Santa Clara, California. She joined CCGS about 17 years ago. We thank her for her many years of support and service to CCGS. (*Columbian, Death notice April 21, 2021*)

**Historian Report**  
**Bea Ritter**

I am continuing to research our Founders and especially need information and obituaries for Lois Henderson Davis Plotts, and Nellie Violet West Miller. 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 those who have given me information and pictures.

**Inside the Trail Breakers**  
**Marcia Lawson Grubb, Editor**

Anyone wanting to assist cataloging a treasure of intriguing family documents, do email Marcia at [mlouise421@aol.com](mailto:mlouise421@aol.com).

Recently, we were gifted the abundant archive of family documents and stories gathered from the research records of skilled amateur genealogist, Glen Jones. Among his ancestors were mountain men, Native Americans and an ancestor who traveled west with Washington's first territorial governor, Isaac Stevens.

From its inception in September 1974, the *Trail Breakers* was published to "cover materials of genealogical and historical nature of Clark County, Washington and early Clark County, Oregon Territory." Today, for our research library, records like Glen's are pure gold.

**Library Landscape Day (or "Cinco de Barko day")**  
**Marcia Lawson Grubb**

We are bark top dressing the landscape around the CCGS library on *Cinco de Mayo* day Wednesday, 5 May 2021 beginning at 10 am.

Rain or shine, Lyman Ritter will trailer-deliver fresh bark for our *Cinco de Barko* day; we will also have holiday themed refreshments of chips, salsa and cool beverages.

Thank you, Elsie Deatherage, for sharing this opportunity.

**A Fair Alternative  
Judy G. Russell  
The Legal Genealogist**

(A snippet from Judy's blog)

***NARA offers webinar series***

The U.S. National Archives has delighted genealogists for years by offering a free event in the fall called the Virtual Genealogy Fair.

Since 2013, NARA has held the event — generally in October — with educational presentations on a wide variety of federal record types. And then the videos have gone online, in the National Archives' YouTube channel.<sup>1</sup>

And with all of us housebound through 2020 due to the pandemic, *The Legal Genealogist* wasn't surprised — but sure was disappointed — that the 2020 Virtual Fair got called off. It was just too hard to put it together and get it going with the closures of so many facilities.

But... *happy sigh*... NARA is giving us a set of webinars this spring to make up for it. Not a bunch of topics all on one or two days like the Virtual Fair is, but six different webinars on six different days in May and June.

See Judy's complete blog here:

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> : posted 20 Apr 2021

**GENEALOGY SERIES**

**MAY & JUNE 2021**

**Tue, May 4**  
Preserving and Digitizing Personal Photo Albums and Scrapbooks.

**Wed, May 12**  
Finding Genealogy Resources and Tools on Archives.gov

**Wed, May 19**  
Tips and Tools for Engaging Family with Your Research Finds

**Tue, June 1**  
From Here to There: Researching Office of Indian Affairs Employees

**Tue, June 8**  
Civil War Union Noncombatant Personnel: Teamsters, Laundresses, Nurses, Sutlers, and More

**Tue, June 15**  
Merchant Marine Records at the National Archives at St. Louis

**SCHEDULE AND HANDOUTS**  
[www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair](http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair)

**KNOW YOUR RECORDS**

**YouTube WATCH LIVE**  
**#GenieSeries2021**

**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME  
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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

May 3 Legacy Users Group, meeting virtually at 10 a.m.  
Book Club Group, meeting virtually at 12 noon  
May 5 Landscaping project (Cinco de Barko) 10 a.m. at CCGS  
May 6 First Thursday Unfocused Group at 1 p.m., virtual meeting  
May 9 Mother's Day  
May 11 Board meeting, 10 a.m., meeting virtually  
**May 19 June newsletter deadline**  
May 22 CCGS Craft Clan, 11 a.m. held virtually  
May 25 General Meeting, 7 p.m. held virtually  
May 31 Memorial Day

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.