

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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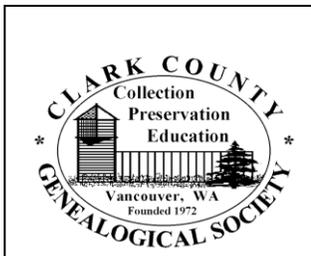
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Tues. - Fri
10 am to 3:00 pm
3rd Thursday only
6-9 pm

Saturday
2nd Saturday only
10 am to 3 pm

How to get here:

From I-5, take the Hwy. t
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.



Presidents Message

Eric Jordahl

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We have new trees! The old trees were diseased and removed. Now no more leaves blowing into the building. The trees on the West side are Evergreens, some form of Cedar, and not close to the building. This should keep our gutters cleaner. The other trees were planted on the South side, between us and the apartments.

The BIG NEWS is that we have a series of 6 beginning classes with varying topics and attendance at the first 2 has been very good.. We have gotten some new members from the classes. Thanks to Alice Allen and Bea Ritter for teaching the first two classes. Thanks also to Marcia Grubb for organizing the classes and convincing the teachers to come out of COVID retirement. The list was published in last month's Newsletter and in the This Week weekly update.

Thanks are also due to Steve Aberle who did extensive tests on the Librarian's computer and reset it to a previous set-point after we got the "blue screen of death". I appreciate his willingness to spend time checking the machine and making it work again.

Brian Runyan has agreed to continue showing the Legacy Family Tree Wednesday Webinars thru March. He has been discouraged by the lack of attendance. He will also show webinars on demand IF members check the schedule and CALL IN ADVANCE. These webinars are a great educational tool. Legacy Family Tree Webinars have over 1900 webinars in their library on a wide variety of topics, not just on how to use the Legacy program. It does require a subscription to watch back webinars. New webinars are available free for 5 days. While it does require going to the Library, watching with other people, now that COVID is waning, is more socially pleasant than hiding at home.. Thanks Brian for your dedication.

We are also showing the monthly (fourth Friday) webinar class presented by Elizabeth Shown Mills, the person who wrote "Evidence Explained". This is for CCGS Members only and is by special permission from Geoff Rasmussen, the Legacy Webinars host.

ROOTSTECH 2023 will be held in Salt Lake City Thursday March 2 thru Saturday March 4. Everyone can attend virtually, for FREE. You do need to register. There will be 345 classes available. The hard part will be choosing which classes to watch. This is a great opportunity to learn.

The pandemic is passing. Stay safe. Use the Library often.



General Meeting
10 a.m. Tuesday, March 28
Records Available at the National Archive in Seattle

The program will be presented virtually

Crystal Shurley and Brita Merkel, Archive Technicians with the National Archives at Seattle, will provide an introduction to conducting genealogical research at NARA. Ms. Merkel will speak about the basics of genealogical research. Ms. Shurley will speak about the records specific to Seattle and how to use NARA's online catalog.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT.
March Newsletter 2023
Bea Ritter

Please continue to return the entire renewal letter or a membership form with your payment of dues. It helps me keep my records accurate. If you move or have changes in contact information, please send changes to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org or mail a new membership form to the library. I am looking forward to our remaining Free Classes in March for members and people interested in genealogy. We are hoping our classes will bring in new people to join us.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Robert Joslyn
Jill and Earl Stuart
Lyla Smith

WELCOME BACK
Tanaka Axberg

Remaining Free Spring Classes

7 th Mar 2023	11am	<i>History and Your Family</i> – Bea Ritter
14 th Mar 2023	11am	<i>How to Use Ancestry Effectively</i> – Elsie Deatherage
21 st Mar 2023	11am	<i>Possible Clues from Probate Records</i> – Dale Deatherage

**Legacy Webinars
March**

Wednesday, March 15, 2023: 11:00 AM

**Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant
Presented by Warren Bittner**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023: 11:00 AM

**PERSI 2.0: The New PERSI for Everyone
Presented by Sunny Morton**

Wednesday, March 29, 2023: 11:00 AM

**3-2-1 Data Backup is Great, but First You Need to Find All Your Data
Presented by Andy Klein**

**Especially for Legacy Family Tree Members
Special Presentation by Elizabeth Shown Mills
Friday, March 24th, 11 a.m.**

For Legacy Family Tree Members, or available at CCGS for CCGS Members

**TRIBUTE TO MARIAN BALDY KENEDY
By Bea Ritter, CCGS Historian**

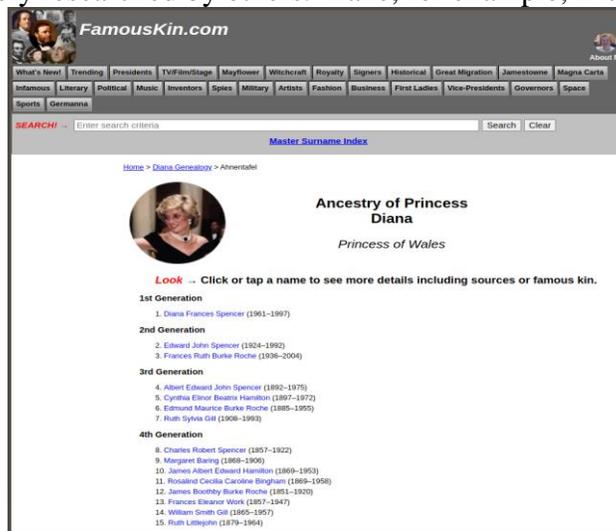
Marian Baldy was born in Portland, Oregon, as the only child of James Bennett Baldy and Lois Crozier. She grew up in Everett, graduated from Everett High School, and Washington State College in Business Administration in retailing. She worked for Frederick & Nelson Department Store in Seattle. She married army soldier and WSC graduate Lowell Kenedy in Bellevue, Washington. While he was in the Army, they lived in Oklahoma, where she worked for Fort Sill National Bank. After his discharge, their first home was in Quincy, Washington. They then lived in Chehalis, Everett, and the Beaverton/Portland area. Daughter Diane was born in Quincy, and daughter Roseanne was born in Everett. Both daughters also graduated from WSU. In 1977, they moved to Salt Lake City, where she "dabbled" in family history and spent time each week at the Family History Library researching both her family and Lowell's family. She attended many conferences and training sessions. In 1983, she became a professional genealogist. She researched for clients for 27 years until she retired in 2010. She was active in AAUW, and with a friend founded a chapter in Salt Lake City.

In May 2010, Marian and Lowell moved to Vancouver to be near daughter Diane who lived in Portland and Roseanne who lived on the Kenedy farm in Colfax, Washington. They joined Clark County Genealogical Society in 2011, and Marian and Lowell both began volunteering to help in the Society. Marian continued to help others with their research. She was elected Secretary of CCGS in 2012, and performed an excellent job in that office until 2020. Marian and Lowell celebrated their 60th Anniversary in 2016 at a CCGS meeting. In September 2021, Marian joined Lowell at CCGS to watch their daughter Diana receive her Legacy Life Membership for her contributions to our website and tech team. Marian Baldy Kenedy died on January 21, 2023. She touched many lives during her lifetime and she is greatly missed at CCGS.

Leveraging Famous People for your Genealogical Research by Steve Aberle (<http://aberlegenealogy.com>)

As most of us know, if you want your genealogical research done for you and for free, all you have to do is become famous. The rest of us who are not royalty, an astronaut, a movie/television star, a governor, a military General, etc. have to either do it ourselves or hire a professional. But, could a famous person help us with our research? In many cases the answer is “yes” (and if they are still alive they won’t even know they are helping).

Recently I was in the CCGS Library talking with a CCGS Past President (no, not famous like a U.S. President) and introduced him to the <https://famouskin.com> website. Rich Hall, the founder of that website, has done a great job placing the ancestors of famous people into the database which drives the displayed content. Click on the “Great Migration” tab and you will see 946 immigrant ancestors. Clicking on the “Signers” tab will bring up a list of 40 signers of either the Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution. Click on the “Mayflower” tab to show 23 Mayflower passengers from 1620. When you get back to colonial times in your research, the ancestors found on the FamousKin website may be the same as your ancestors. That is where the ancestry of famous people can help us, as many of them have been extensively researched by others. Take, for example, Diana Frances Spencer:



The screenshot shows the FamousKin.com website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with various categories like 'What's New!', 'Trending', 'Presidents', 'TV/Film/Stage', 'Mayflower', 'Witchcraft', 'Royalty', 'Signers', 'Historical', 'Great Migration', 'Jamestowne', 'Magna Carta', 'Infamous', 'Literary', 'Political', 'Music', 'Inventors', 'Spies', 'Military', 'Artists', 'Fashion', 'Business', 'First Ladies', 'Vice-Presidents', 'Governors', 'Space', 'Sports', and 'Germania'. Below the navigation is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH!' and 'Enter search criteria'. The main content area is titled 'Ancestry of Princess Diana, Princess of Wales'. It features a portrait of Princess Diana and a list of her ancestors across four generations. The list includes names and birth-death years for each generation.

1st Generation

1. Diana Frances Spencer (1961–1997)

2nd Generation

2. Edward John Spencer (1924–1992)
3. Frances Ruth Burke Roche (1936–2004)

3rd Generation

4. Albert Edward John Spencer (1892–1975)
5. Cynthia Elmer Beane Hambleton (1897–1972)
6. Edmund Maurice Burke Roche (1885–1955)
7. Ruth Sylvia Gil (1908–1993)

4th Generation

8. Charles Robert Spencer (1857–1922)
9. Margaret Baring (1869–1900)
10. James Albert Edward Hamilton (1869–1953)
11. Rosalind Cecilia Caroline Brigham (1859–1958)
12. James Boothby Burke Roche (1851–1920)
13. Frances Eleanor Work (1857–1947)
14. William Smith Gil (1805–1957)
15. Ruth Littlejohn (1879–1964)

Princess Diana’s maternal grandfather’s mother, Frances Eleanor Work (<https://famouskin.com/ahnentafel.php?name=6318>), was born in New York, and her ancestral line extends back into the American colonial period, so “Di” could be your distant cousin.

If you want to know if your ancestral surnames are in the FamousKin database, go to the Master Surname Index (<https://famouskin.com/master-surname-index.php>). Then, drill down on any individual under a surname and you will find information on that person, including an ahnentafel and a list of resource citations. In my opinion, the resources are the best part of the website since they can speed up one’s research.

In addition to lists of sources, the FamousKin website is a good place to find family lineages going back five generations before Charlemagne (<https://famouskin.com/ahnentafel.php?name=4143>). Another feature of the website is that if some aspect of a genealogical connection seems a bit sketchy, the website will let you know up front that a firm connection between individuals has not been established. This can be invaluable in helping you avoid spending time recording information which is only speculative.

Please consider sharing any “finds” from the FamousKin website in the form of an article in a future CCGS Newsletter.

Photo Archiving Contributed by Kathy Solheim

Have you struggled with photo archiving? I have come up with a solution that has worked for me. I am a big proponent of the following criteria:

1. The photo must contain identifying data.
2. Unless there is writing already on the photo, I must not add writing of any kind to the photo as it could cause damage.
3. The photo should be placed in archival storage that protects it from further environmental damage.

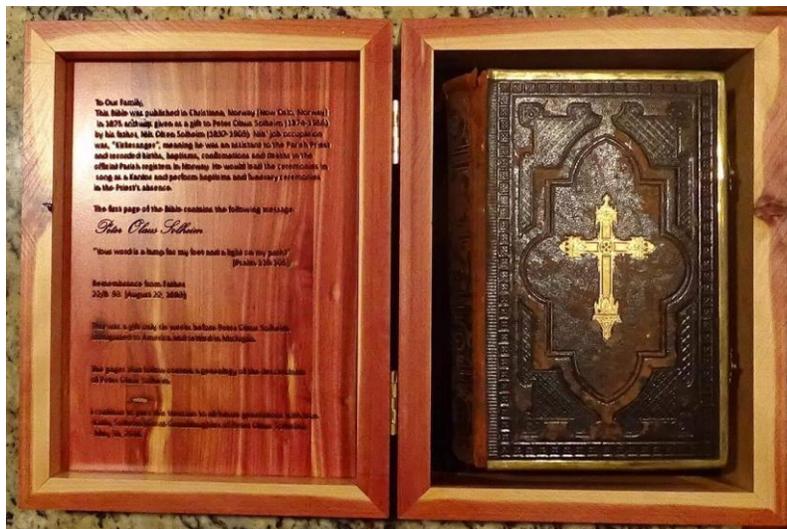
I have found a company that provides the perfect solution that hits all of these important marks.

They are clear archival envelopes that are re-sealable. I am able to view the front and back of each photo, the bags are designed to protect photos from environmental damage, and a printed label can be affixed to the envelope with the identifying data in the photo, and I have not put pen/pencil to any photos which could cause further damage. They come in a large range of sizes.

To find the archival photo envelopes on the website, you'll want to go to "Enclosures" and then select "Clear Bags". Here's the link: <https://www.printfile.com>

Another great protective product I found was for my family Bible. This bible was published in 1875 and was given to my great grandfather by his father one week before immigrating (at age 19) to America from Norway. There is a message from his father written in it. I wanted to protect and preserve this Bible. I found a wood manufacturer in Kentucky that specializes in custom urn and Bible boxes. I scanned an image from the back of my Bible, and gave them specific instructions on how I wanted the lid of the box to look. They used laser technology to create a perfect image in the wood. I also gave them a note I wrote to future generations describing information about my great and 2x great grandfather and a translation of what was written. The manufacturer lasered the message on the inside of the box lid. This way, in 100 years, the message would still be intact.

The price was really reasonable: Under \$200 in 2017.



Here's the Facebook link for the wood box manufacturer. (They don't have a website):

<https://www.facebook.com/OwensWoodProducts/>

Their contact information is the following:

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

March 2 First Thursday Unfocused group 1 p.m. (meeting virtually)
March 6 Legacy Users group 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Book Club Group, 12 noon (meeting virtually)
March 7 Beginning class, (free) 11 a.m. in person at CCGS (History and your Family)
March 12 "Spring Forward," Daylight Savings Time begins, set clocks forward before 2 a.m.
March 13 Board meeting 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
March 14 Beginning class, (free), 11 a.m. in person at CCGS (How to Use Ancestry Effectively)
Scandinavian Focus Group 1:00-3:00 p.m.
March 20 Preparing for a Research Trip Focus Group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Family Tree Makers' Focus Group, 12 noon at the CCGS Library
March 21 Beginning class, (free), 11 a.m. in person at CCGS (Possible Clues from Probate Records)
March 28 General Meeting, 10 a.m. (Virtual 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.