

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

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 a new scanner for pictures. It's an *Epson FastFoto* scanner and is located in the Research Room in the Library. This is for use by MEMBERS ONLY. If you want to scan some photos, please check with the Librarian. They can setup the machine and guide you in the use of this new machine. Both front and back of the photos can be scanned simultaneously. Scanned files will be sent to the attached computer, and then may be downloaded to your USB drive. If you need a USB drive, the society has drives available for \$5.00 each. Even though the *FastFoto* scanner can handle 30 4' x 6' photos at one pass (about 30-40 seconds), we suggest that you limit the total quantity scanned in one day to less than 120. Photos as large as 8' x 11" may be scanned.

Our classes have been well attended and well received. Kudos to our instructors Jane Germann on Land Records, Elsie Deatherage on *Ancestry.com*, Paula Schoenlein on *FamilySearch.com*, and Brian Runyan on Beginning Your Research. Marcia Grubb will teach the "Genealogy Waterloo" class on October 31, Richard Engstrom and Kathy Geyer will teach the "Hidden Among the Graves" class on November 7, and Kathy Solheim will present "Solving Complex Stories in Norway and Abroad" on November 15. All of these instructor have worked hard to present current information to help our Students begin and enlarge their family stories.

Since this is the last Newsletter until January, I want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, happy Black Friday, happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. Be sure to check the website Event Calendar for times and cancellation notices due to weather, illness, school closures, etc.

Stay safe. Stay Warm. Use your Library often.



Reminder: If the Vancouver School District is closed due to inclement weather, the CCGS Library will also be closed.

**November General Meeting
Using the News to Discover Family Events**

By Kim Thurman
10 a.m. Nov. 28



Kim Thurman will demonstrate newspaper research techniques to locate key events and activities in your family history. Learn to go beyond births, marriages, and deaths to bring your ancestors to life. The program will be presented virtually and may be viewed at home or with others at the CCGS Library.

**Education- Fall Classes
Marcia Grubb**

Three classes remain for our Fall schedule. Reserve your seat; you may pre-register in the library or via email at gensoc@ccgs-wa.org

Tuesday, October 31st, 10 a.m. “Genealogy Waterloo: Locating English, French and Prussian Records”
Tuesday, November 7th, 10 a.m. “Hidden Among the Graves: Cemetery Records in Genealogy”
Tuesday, November 14, 10 a.m. “Solving Complex Stories in Norway and Abroad”

Remaining classes are \$20 for non CCGS members and \$15 for CCGS members.

<https://www.ccg-s-wa.org/activities/classes/>

Class schedule and details will be posted on the Events Calendar, on Sunday Email, and in the Library.

**2023 Fall Seminar - A Day of Tools & Tech
November 11, 2023**

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is pleased to open registration for the Fall Seminar. This event offers a full day of techniques and tips to get the most out researching on the computer. From using common apps in creative ways to squeezing the most out of Google, you are sure to learn something new! The main speaker is the charismatic and always entertaining Thomas MacEntee.

For more information and registration, visit us at <http://gfo.org/seminar>

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT
NOVEMBER 2023
BEA RITTER**

We are delighted to welcome three new members and one reinstated member. We encourage members to join a Focus Group of their interest and attend the monthly programs. We are a volunteer organization and always need new people in the library, helping with landscaping projects, as instructors, as researchers and with special events.

NEW...WELCOME

Patricia McLeod
Karen Dodds
Debbie Witcher

REINSTATED...WELCOME BACK

Jaynie Connor

CCGS Membership Dues

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

Become a Legacy Family Tree Member

CCGS has entered into an agreement with Legacy Family Tree to get a 50% discount for a Legacy membership for CCGS Members. This allows you to watch ALL Legacy and My Heritage webinars, including the Elizabeth Shown Mills webinars as well as older webinars for free.

Call CCGS during open hours and after verifying your current membership, the librarian will give you the special code to use get your 50% discount. Or you can request by email and the code will be sent to you.

New Book Donations

CCGS has received some new book donations. A complete list is available in the weekly e-letter. If you aren't getting the weekly news, go to the CCGS page and complete the form available on the "About" page.

The new books can be found on the New Book shelf located to the east of the front entrance.

GALLERY OF GRANDMOTHERS

ANNIE HANKINS BELT

Grandmother of Bea Ritter



Annie Elizabeth Hankins was born on May 12, 1876, in Osborne County, Kansas, to Samuel Hankins and Amy A. Landen. She was the third child with siblings Orey, William, Cora Frances, Jenny, Clarence, Ethel and Samuel Hankins. They lived for a time in Paradise Township in Rooks County, before traveling in 1890 by wagon to Yamhill, Oregon, where Samuel was born. The family rented a farm in the Pike area west of Yamhill, and the children attended Pike School. As the oldest daughter, Annie helped her mother with household chores and younger siblings. Her mother Amy died in 1894. When she was 20, she married neighbor, George William Belt, age 22, on July 20, 1896, in McMinnville. They lived on his family farm with his widowed mother Sarah Belt.

Annie was the mother of Oca, George and Harley, who were born on their farm west of Yamhill. The children all attended Pike School at the bottom of their lane, and sons George and Harley also graduated from Yamhill High. Her daughter Oca lived with them for many years. In the evenings, Annie and Oca stitched quilts, braided rag rugs, and completed many stitchery projects. They shared household duties and were both members of Rebekah Lodge in Yamhill. Holidays were special at their home, as Annie, Oca, Sarah, and other women in the family prepared a table laden with delicious dishes. It was a festive time with family. In July 1946, Annie and William celebrated their 50th Anniversary at their home with a huge crowd of family and friends. After cooking on an iron wood stove for over 50 years, her children bought her an electric stove. She kept the wood stove, and the electric stove was put next to it. Annie never cooked on the electric stove but others did. William and Annie raised walnuts, hops, chickens, pigs, beef cattle, and many grains.

For 54 years Annie shared the house with her mother-in-law Sarah Belt. Sarah died in 1950, at age 96. Her husband William had several strokes and died in October 1952. For several years Annie stayed in her home and a widowed neighbor, Mrs. Winters, was her companion. They had so much fun visiting and doing projects together. Annie began having health issues and spent the last year of her life in a nursing home in McMinnville, where she died on September 17, 1958, at age 82. Bea remembers her Grandma Annie for her positive attitude, generosity, kindness, delicious dishes, beautiful quilts, and colorful flowers. Annie was buried with her husband William in Pike Cemetery. She left two sons, a daughter and 10 grandchildren.

GALLERY OF GRANDMOTHERS

JULIA HAYMAKER RITTER Grandmother of Lyman Ritter



Julia Ann Haymaker was born on August 29, 1883, in Coffee County, Tennessee, to George Washington Haymaker and Nancy Jane Strawn. She grew up near Manchester where she attended school. She was the third child in the family and had siblings Sarah Frances, John H., Dora Belle and Jocie M. Haymaker. Her family was living in Coffee County in 1900, where her father was a farmer. He was born in Coffee County in 1848, and died on May 3, 1918, in Hillsboro in Coffee County, at about 70 years.

Julia A. Haymaker, age 18, married Lyman Webster Ritter, age 50, on June 29, 1902, in Coffee County. He had recently been divorced from his first wife Nettie Sargent, and had children Orrin and Iva. They lived on a farm near Manchester and Lyman worked in the flour mill, in addition

to farming.

Julia was the mother of eight children, seven of whom lived to adulthood. Her children were George, Eva Jane, Dora Vaughn, Josephine Nancy, Lyman K., Vernon and Anah Catherine. She lost daughter Leona when she was only four months old. In 1920 Julia was living with her husband Lyman W., her seven children, and her widowed mother Nancy Haymaker. Her husband Lyman W. Ritter died on October 23, 1930, in Manchester, while living with his daughter Dora Vaughn and her husband Arthur Lee Brown. He was 78 years old and was buried in Bethlehem Baptist Cemetery near Hillsboro.

In 1930, Julia was living in Louisville, Kentucky, with daughter Anah, where she worked as a barber. Daughters Eva, Dora, and Nancy were all married by 1930, and sons George and Lyman were living in Colorado. Vernon was living with a cousin in Hillsboro. Later she moved to Henryville, Indiana, where she had a barber shop in her home. When her son Lyman and his wife Ina Ritter were expecting their first child, they traveled to Henryville to be near Julia. Their son Lewis was born in November 1938, and they lived with her until the spring of 1940. She was continued living in Indiana in 1940, but in 1950 was living in Louisville with her daughter Catherine & husband Robert Stengel. In December 1952, she moved back to Manchester, where she lived with her mother Nancy and sister Dora Belle. Julia Ann Haymaker Ritter died on April 12, 1953, of heart disease, at age 69, in Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Hillsboro in Franklin County, and was buried in Bethlehem Baptist Cemetery near her husband Lyman. Her mother Nancy Strawn Haymaker died in December 1953, at age 98.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

President: Eric Jordahl	Treasurer: Lowell Kenedy	http://www.ccg-wa.org
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Secretary: Richard Engstrom	Past President: Brian Runyan	360-750-5688

CCGS Meetings and Programs

November 2 First Thursday Unfocused group, meeting virtually, 1 p.m.
November 5 Daylight Savings Time ends, set clocks back one hour and enjoy the extra hour of sleep
November 6 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m., meeting virtually
Research Book Users Group, 12 noon, meeting virtually
November 7 10 a.m. CCGS class, see page 2 for details
November 11 Family Foto Stories Interest Group, 11 a.m. in person at CCGS
November 13 Board Meeting 10 a.m. meeting virtually
November 14 CCGS Class, 10 a.m., see page 2 for details
November 20 Preparing for a Research Trip Focus Group, 10 a.m.
Family Tree Makers' Focus Group, 12 noon at the CCGS Library
November 23 November 23 Thanksgiving Holiday, CCGS Library closed
November 28 General Meeting, 10 a.m., meeting virtually
December 6 Deadline for December-January newsletter

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.