

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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As we enter 2024, I hope every one had a good holiday and, if you traveled, a safe journey. The Library has had sporadic but steady patronage with most patrons satisfied with the assistance of our volunteer librarians. It's a great opportunity for our volunteer librarians to get more proficient in their own skills while helping others. We always need more volunteers to serve as librarians. Lois Bosland and Paula Schoenlein are doing a great job of keeping the Library staffed.

Our classes have ended with good attendance and several of the attendees have joined the Society. We are looking toward another class series in conjunction with the Historical Museum in the late Winter/early Spring.. More details will come later.

Ten persons went to Salt Lake City to the Family Search Library on a research trip the first week in December. A full week was spent researching ancestors. From the reports that I heard, most if not all found good information to flesh out their family trees. Under the guidance of Paula Schoenlein, the research group has been preparing for this trip for months. All that preparation evidently paid off.

Our annual Appeal Letter has been sent and you all should have received it. Unfortunately we can't subsist on memberships alone and still pay our rent. Rent is our largest expense. We do ask for additional donations each year. Fortunately, several of our members and the Colf Family Foundation have contributed significant sums to help maintain the viability of the Society. Although these gifts are routinely acknowledged thru the good efforts of Barbara Baker, I wish to personally add my thanks to all who contribute "extra" in support of the Society.

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.

January General Meeting
Mining the Nuggets in the Washington State Archives
by Dr. Jewell Lorenz Dunn
10 a.m. January 23, 2024

This lecture will help identify different record groups found within the Washington State Archives and some records that are not found with them. It will clarify the difference between State records and Federal records found at the National Archives, and different repositories. It also explains how to be successful in requesting different records and which one of the State Archives branches will house the records. This program will be presented virtually only.

Membership Report
Bea Ritter

We are so pleased to welcome two new members, one of whom is a new Life Member, and two reinstated members. Please return the entire Renewal letter with your payment when you renew and indicate any changes in your information. It will help me keep your information up to date. Thanks to those who return your dues on time. We look forward to another great year.

Our 2023 Membership Directory is available in print form at the library, or in digital copy by request to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Shirley Mae DeBower.... Life Member
Jackie Haglund

WELCOME BACK TO REINSTATED MEMBERS
Karen Martel
Peri Lane Muhich

CCGS Membership Dues

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

HISTORIAN REPORT
Bea Ritter

We are publishing Grandmother stories in our newsletter. These were submitted to our Gallery of Grandmothers for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. We are still accepting Grandma stories. Send in a Word document to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org. Please include a jpg picture. I am having such fun reading the stories, and hope you are too.

GALLERY OF GRANDMOTHERS

Hortense (Hortensia) Eva Pidancet

Grandmother of Jan DeGrandchamp



Hortense was born in Hollister, California, in 1889 and died in 1979. She was the daughter of Abel Pidancet from Selles, France, and Pabla Lopez of Hollister, California. She was one of nine children and married Leo Antoine Desgrandchamp from Wayne, Michigan. They had three children. This is her wedding photograph.

Pabla Lopez Pidancet

Great-Grandmother of Jan DeGradchamp and Mother of Hortense



Pabla was born in San Jose, California, in 1853 and died in 1909. She lived in Hollister and San Jose areas. She also used the names Paulina and Paula during her lifetime. Her parents were Maria Celedonia Pinto and Ramon Jesus Lopez. She was named after Pablo Pinto, a member of the De Anza Expedition of 1776, original settlers of California.

Marie Pesseley

Eighth Great-Grandmother of Jan D.



The two Acadian drawings are an artist's rendering of Marie Pesseley born in 1641 in Port Royal, Acadia, Nova Scotia, and her father, Col. Isaac Pesseley born in 1618 in Champagne, France. (the spelling may be Pesselet and some think the name came from Paisley). Marie married Jean Pitre from France. Marie's mother was Marie-Barbe Bajolet born in 1618 in Champagne, France, who is considered one of the Founding

OLIVE ROBERTS SEYLER

Great-Grandmother of Elsie Deatherage

Olive Louise Roberts was born in 1866 in Colville, Stevens County, Washington, to Joseph Roberts and Mary Arcasa. She lived all of her life in the Colville area and in Meteor in Ferry County. Her father was a fur trader from French Canada. Her mother was Iroquois and Chinook, and the daughter and wife of fur traders who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company at Ft. Vancouver and Ft. Colville. According to the 1860 Washington Territorial Census, Joseph Roberts arrived in the U. S. in 1855, and operated a trading post south of Colville. He received his U. S. Citizenship in 1866. His naturalization was included in one of his land purchase files from the federal government.

Olive and Michael Seyler were issued a marriage license on February 17, 1882, in Stevens County. Olive was 16 and Michael was 27. Michael was born in December 1854 in Moselle, Lorraine, France. He had immigrated in 1873 to the U. S., and enlisted in 1876 in the U. S. Cavalry at Cincinnati, Ohio, during the Indian Wars and was first stationed at Ft. Vancouver. He served in Company H of the U. S. Cavalry at Ft. Colville until 1881. Olive and Michael lived in Stevens and Ferry Counties where Michael worked as a miner and as a farmer. They raised at least 12 children. The two oldest daughters, Addie and May (Elsie's grandmother), attended school at Chemawa Indian School near Salem. Her daughter May stayed with Olive before her oldest son was born. Olive's youngest son Daniel and May's oldest son were born three weeks apart. Her husband Michael died in January 1928, and Olive died in May 1944 in Stevens County. They were buried in Meteor Cemetery in Ferry County. They had eleven surviving children in 1944: Mrs. Addie Foster, Mrs. Harriett Cowan, Mrs. Hannah Stensgar, Mrs. Alma Toulou, Mrs. May Willis, Blanche Blackshere, Frank Seyler, Davis Seyler, Alfred Seyler, Charles Seyler, and Roy Seyler. Their youngest son, Daniel, died in 1919.



Olive with daughter Alma and son

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

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Welcome to the world's most popular webinar website for genealogy and DNA testing, where you can enjoy a robust offering of live and recorded webinars presented by top speakers.

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MEMBERS CAN NOW SUBSCRIBE TO LEGACY WEBINARS FOR HALF-PRICE!!

The introductory price is normally \$49.95 for a year subscription. Geoff Rasmussen has provided CCGS with our own discount code that allows a CCGS member to purchase a yearly subscription for ½ price. CCGS Members can email gensoc@ccgs-wa.org for the discount code.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

January 1 Happy New Year!
January 4 First Thursday Unfocused Group (meets virtually)
January 8 Board Meeting, 10 a.m., (meets virtually)
Legacy Users Group 12 noon, (meets virtually)
January 9 Scandinavian Interest Group, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
January 13-20 CCGS Library closed due to weather, all class and in-person interest groups cancelled
January 23 General Meeting, 10 a.m., meeting virtually
January 24 Deadline for February Newsletter
January 27 Craft Clan meeting (in person) 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
January 29 Library Committee meeting 10 a.m. followed by Library Volunteer meeting, 10 a.m.

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.