

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

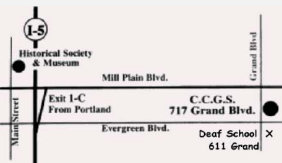
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Hours of operation



Closed Sunday & Monday
*Check the on-line library
calendar
for unexpected closures.*

Tues, Wed & Thurs:
10:00am to 4:30 pm

Friday
10 am to 3 pm

Saturday
2nd & 3rd Saturdays only
10 am to 3 pm

How to get here:
From I-5, take the Mill
Plain exit, go east about 1
½ miles to Grand Blvd and
turn right. We are in the
strip mall on the left side,
north of Evergreen.

General Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
7:00 to 9:00 pm
CCGS Library Annex

Pat Jollota will be speaking on
Clark County History



Pat was the Curator for Clark County Historical Museum for several years and still enjoys doing numerous historic talks, tours and research.

She was first elected to the Vancouver City Council in 1990.

You're invited to join us at this meeting to learn more about our county from our "resident expert!"

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR NEEDED

Our current Membership Chair will resign effective April 30, 2009. Here is your opportunity to step up and use your talents to help your Society. The job requires that you:

- Use a database program to update membership renewals, new memberships, and reinstated memberships.
- Report these updates for publication in the Newsletter.
- Filter and sort database records for printing mailing labels for the Newsletter and to fill other requests as needed.
- Print membership cards and send renewal notices each month.

For any questions, contact Diana Cruz, dcruz at pacifier.com, or leave a message on the library phone at: 360-750-5688.

BAD NEWS

Glen Jones

Many of you may have heard on the news of the collapse of the Archives Building in Cologne, Germany. This building contained thousands of historical and genealogical records. Efforts are being made to save as much as can be saved, but still there will be a big loss of records. The LDS Family History Center has microfilmed a lot of the records, but not all. This could be a big loss for those who are doing research on German ancestors.

AUDITOR NEEDED!

Barbara Baker

Over the years, CCGS has had willing members perform internal reviews of our accounting records and procedures, and we are very appreciative of the job they have done for us. At this time, the Board would like us to have a full audit by a CPA. We have hesitated to have this done in the past because of cost, estimated to range in the thousands of dollars. However, our treasurers have all been volunteers with varying degrees of experience in accounting and finance. We need to know that we are accounting for our activities properly, and we could use some assistance.

Are you a CPA, or do you know of one who would consider performing an audit for the Society on a pro-bono basis? If so, please contact Karen Frost, Treasurer, or Garry Lucas, President, by leaving a phone message at the Library at 360-750-5688 or by e-mailing gensoc at ccgs-wa.org.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!

Barbara Baker

The time has come to form a Nominating Committee to find candidates for the positions of Vice-President and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The Nominating Committee is a very important committee and we need your help.

Several people have said they are willing to work on the committee but not to serve as Chair. I am appealing to the membership for someone to come forward as Chair. We could also use additional members to serve on the committee. This is a short-term commitment, as the nominations must be post-ed in the May Newsletter (deadline April 22). The election will be held at the General Meeting on May 26th, with installation of the new officers at the June meeting.

I have served on the Nominating Committee several times and enjoyed the opportunity to talk to our members. I regret it isn't possible for me to fill this task again this year. The open positions each have a two-year term running from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011. I have job descriptions on my computer that can be e-mailed to prospective officers. (I also have results of calls from earlier years, which can be very helpful in your recruiting efforts.)

Please contact President Garry Lucas if you can serve on the Nominating Committee or have questions. You may reach him by e-mail at gensoc at ccgs-wa.org, or leave a phone message at the Library at 360-750-5688.

INCREASE IN ANNUAL DUES

The Financial Committee has met several times to review our financial status. It was apparent that our income did not meet the normal operating expenses of the Society. Options were proposed in areas where we could cut expenses. One option was to not purchase anything over the normal day-to-day needs of the Society. Another was to not renew subscriptions to magazines. We also looked at giving up the Xerox (copy) machine, but we still have a contract for another two years. We will address that again when it is due for renewal by comparing purchasing a smaller unit vs. renting. We are still in the process of reviewing an increase in our annex rental rates to organizations and companies that rent from us. A decision will be made on this shortly.

Because we need to meet our obligation to the Society, the Financial Committee recommended to the CCGS Board of Directors to increase our annual dues, effective March 1, 2009. The new dues schedule will be: Single membership - \$30.00; Joint membership - \$40.00; Single Life Membership - \$650.00; and Joint Life membership - \$800.00. This increase was ratified by the Society members who attended the General Meeting on February 24, 2009.

Thank you for your continued support.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS

If you have suggestions for areas of interest for our General Meetings, be they names of speakers and/or topics for future meetings, and whether they relate to procedures, ethnic topics, background, geographic areas, computers, or just how best to use the library resources, please call the library during regular business hours and report your idea to the librarian on duty.

SHOULD WE ALWAYS HAVE TWO LIBRARIANS ON DUTY?

Should we always have two librarians on duty if a librarian is willing to work alone? Contact our Vice-President, Doc Clark, cclark6446 at comcast.net and let him know your thoughts about this issue.

Interesting Gravestone

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany ,
New York :

Born 1903--Died 1942.

Looked up the elevator shaft
to see if the car was on the way
down.

It was.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY SHELVES

Compiled by
Alice Aultman Allen

Donated by Terry M. Parsley

*Evergreen High School
Yearbook, 1983*

*Mountain View High School
Yearbook, 1991*

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

The Banta Genealogy
By Theodore M. Banta

The Mavity Family
By Norman Bloss Mavity

Along the Dolly Trail
By Carol Dolly Schmid

*Descendants of Henry & Mary
Banta Shively*
By Lottie Compton McDowell

Donated by Dorothy Wear

Kentucky Atlas & Gazetteer
DeLorme Mapping

Tennessee Atlas & Gazetteer
DeLorme Mapping

Donated by E. June Andrews

*Preserving Your American
Heritage*
By Norman Wright

Stone story

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle
in East Dalhousie Cemetery ,
Nova Scotia :

Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age
102.

Only The Good Die Young.

WELCOME BACK!

Reinstated members:

**Antonia Smith
Ruth & Willard Reid McAtee
Dale Hutchinson**

THANKS ARE DUE TO –

● **Garry Lucas** and **Doc Clark**
for donating the cost of the
appeal letter mailings;

● **Lila Miller** and **Clarissa
Farnsworth** for cash gifts;

● **Doc and Carol Clark** for
other donations.

Over the past few months the
Clarks have given cash to
purchase equipment; they have
purchased Fire Extinguishers;
Doc purchased the material &
built the shelves in our storage
area; and they both donated
two baskets for our spring
seminar prizes. Plus Carol
donated two handcrafted items
for prizes.

Our hats are off to all of
you! Thanks. (These names
were omitted in our last
newsletter.)

An Epitaph

A lawyer's epitaph in England

Sir John Strange.
Here lies an honest lawyer,
and that is Strange.

GenChat SHARING

Patricia McKee Bauer

Many of our members receive a weekly reminder from me about the chat room on our CCGS web page each Thursday evening from 7 to 9pm. GenChat has been in existence since 2000, but only a few of our members visit us. When they hear "chat room," some folks are scared away! We're actually very nice people and you're completely safe visiting with us! You can access GenChat via the CCGS home page at www.ccg-s-wa.org. Click on Activities to find us. You'll even see some photos of our past and present visitors.

Nancy Elder Petersen and I, along with several of our regular GenChat members, were the center of attention on February 4, 2009, for a general meeting of the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society in Lynnwood, Washington. I was in my computer room at home in Ridgefield; Nancy was on her MAC computer at home in Vancouver; Jim Cochran was in Santa Rosa, California; Joy Kersteter, Steve Aberle, and Gene Kuechmann were in Vancouver; and Jerry Thompson was in Colorado. Even Susan Thorpe stopped by to say hello from her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Betty Ramage visited with us from Florida! The rest of the folks that evening were at the meeting in Lynnwood. (Sno-Isle is named for Snohomish and Island Counties in our state.)

It was an experiment that was interesting, informative, entertaining, and fun for all of us. We were able to help solve some genealogical problems for our new-found friends up north, and they were able to learn about our weekly GenChat experience. All the transcripts from our beginning in 2000 until now are online. You can see them on our web page at: www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/p3424.htm

To see what the folks in Sno-Isle thought of the experience, check out the current issue of "The Sounder" at: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/SOUNDER0903CHAT.htm

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Bill Whalley

What with nearly 50 volunteer librarians and a complex operation, it's hard to all stay on the same page. We decided to hold a Librarian's Seminar to get together, get to know one another, and discuss issues. It was a very successful meeting. Nearly half of the librarians were able to attend. We spent two hours and ran out of time before we ran out of things to discuss. We decided to meet again on a quarterly basis.

Here are some of the topics we covered and changes you might see.

Mike Finley volunteered to schedule library cleanup duties such as dusting, cleaning tables and restrooms, etc. He has created a schedule so the librarians know what needs to be done and when. I think the library looks spiffier already.

Kara Lynn Rankin created a phone log so that messages don't get lost in the shuffle. We do quite a bit of library work by phone and this will help us to keep a record and to follow up when needed.

We created a Class and Seminar Log for librarians to record who has signed up and who has paid. Instructors can gauge the class size. Accounting can monitor payments. Education can check class popularity. Librarians can give out up-to-date information to patrons. Yes, we used to do this, but stopped for some reason.

We heard about Annex renters complaining about low temperatures, and have asked the board to look into a solution (maybe a programmable thermostat?).

We are tooling up to have librarians call members to remind them of their membership expiration.

We covered a number of library issues: how to direct research requests; working alone, yes/no; updated forms and librarian's manual; authorizing and ordering supplies; selling surplus books; librarian scheduling; spring inventory and more.

Come in and chat with the librarians. I've found that each one has his or her own unique experience in genealogy and that I can pick up tips for my own research by just talking.

BRITISH ISLES FOCUS GROUP

Bill Whalley

Once a month, on the second Saturday from 10:30-12, we get together in the library to discuss British Isles research. It's not a class, but a free-form discussion with no set agenda. Attendance varies, with from one to four or five people showing up. We also have an on-line Google group for discussion and file and message sharing, but it doesn't get much action.

Some recent topics: An attendee was tracing her grandfather, who she knew was from England, maybe Blackburn. We found his name by tracing his son in the US census. We haven't gone back across the pond yet, but now we have a name and approximate birth date to work with.

Another attendee, involved in Scottish research, brought in a newsletter from a Scottish genealogy society he belongs to. It's amazing what you can publish if you have 4000 members. We also talked about my recent trip to Scotland and (afterwards) connecting with a Scottish 4th cousin.

Last meeting we talked about a couple's 17th century British ancestors and their US immigration. The US side is published, but British ancestors are not. Some of our CCGS library books on English emigrants were no help, so we talked about how to go about British Isles research in the LDS Salt Lake City library.

EDITOR WINS T-SHIRT

In January, Family Tree Magazine called for odd and intriguing ancestral occupations for their "All in the Family" feature. On page 63 of the May issue, they printed the winning entries, one of which came from CCGS Newsletter editor **Gene Kuechmann**. She (yes, our Gene is a lady!) writes:

My great-great-grandfather was an enterprising man, a successful merchant and landowner who left his nine sons well off when he died in 1868. Maybe too well off. The 1870 census shows that three of the sons, ages 22, 25, and 36, were living with their widowed mother. It also lists the same occupation for all three: "At Home Loafing."

RESEARCH & PRESERVATION

Jane Germann

Our next cut and paste party is Monday, April 13, from 10 to 4 at the annex

Special thanks to **Beth Cross** – she has completed the 2008 Columbian vitals, and she sent the index via e-mail to Diana Cruz during our cut and paste. Showing up at the annex were **Lorlei Metke**, **Flo Montocello**, and **Lillian Fullerton**, who came with work completed at home. **Judy Rowland** started a cut and paste project. **Steve Cornick**, **Diana Cruz**, and **Jane Germann** continued working on their projects. The 1928 township index should be completed in the next month. These projects take a lot of time, but they are valuable research tools. Thank you, volunteers!

CEMETERY LOCATION

Can someone give us the instructions on how to get to the Buncomb Hollow cemetery (Highland Valley)? The roads named on our web site are numbers that have changed, possibly to names or other numbers. Directions will help the person contacting us. Can someone pinpoint the exact location for the cemetery around the Yale Reservoir?



Our condolences go to the family and friends of long-time CCGS member **Beth C. (Anderson) Reich**, who died on February 22, 2009. Beth was a lifelong resident of LaCenter, Washington, and last resided in the house in which she was born. Her obituary is on the CCGS Clark County Cemeteries web page: www.rootsweb.com/~waclacem/

Our condolences also go to the family and friends of a former long-time member of CCGS, **Judy Worthington**. Jay Worthington sent this message to share: "Judy Worthington lost her fight with Small Cell Cancer Friday afternoon, March

19, 2009. She went peacefully in her sleep."

NEWS FROM THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OREGON

As part of Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon's "Back to Basics" series, Debbi Korman will answer the question, "What do I want to know?" In answering the question, you will learn her tips on how to frame the research issues, develop a research plan, keep track of your sources and organize the genealogical information you amass in the course of trying to answer your questions. Debbi has been researching her family tree for 20 years and is prepared to reveal all of her mistakes in order to help you to be a more successful researcher.

Where: Ahavath Achim Synagogue, 3225 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland

When: April 21, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

For more information please see the JGSO website www.rootsweb.com/~orjgs

April 4 Seminar

There are still some seats left for the Saturday, April 4 Seminar. This is one of our major fund raisers each year and we are hoping to fill all 49 seats. There will be a lot of fun prizes for which you can compete by buying tickets. You only put tickets in the container for the prize(s) you want to win so you won't be disappointed by winning something you can't possibly use. Wait until you see the "goodie baskets!" Two are filled with sumptuous chocolates and the third one includes a bottle of wine (donated by **Jeanine Bailiff**), along with the usual party type goodies. All the prizes are donated and there is a wide assortment of useful, fun items. A computer carrying case; several books including the Handybook for Genealogists; the RedBook; decorative collectibles; too many things to mention here.

If you can still join us after receiving your Newsletter, phone the library at 360-750-5688 or send an e-mail to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org

THE APRIL LIBRARIANS' CALENDAR IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE. ALWAYS CHECK THE ONLINE CALENDAR AS IT'S UPDATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. THIS CALENDAR WAS LACKING A FEW PEOPLE WHEN THE NEWSLETTER WAS PRINTED.

April 2009

Librarians' Calendar and other information

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Apr. 2 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr. 4 Annual Spring Seminar - see web page for information
- Apr. 6 Legacy Users Group - 10am-noon, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr. 11 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
- Apr. 13 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr. 20 Cut & Paste work party - 10am - 4pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr. 22 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please**
- Apr. 28 GENERAL MEETING - 7 - 9 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Oct. 4-11 Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at CCGS Library Annex.

Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m..

No General Meeting is usually held the month of the Spring Seminar, July, August, or December..

Notify Joy Porter, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. JoyFamily06 at msn.com or call Joy at 360-576-9290.