

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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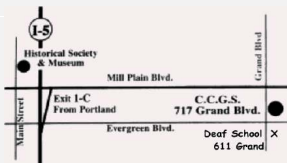
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### Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday



*Check the on-line library  
calendar  
for unexpected closures.*

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

**Friday**  
10 am to 3 pm

**Saturday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**7pm to 9pm**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 2011**  
**Library Annex**  
**715 Grand Blvd - Vancouver**

The public is invited to attend this meeting.



## PRESERVING OUR PAST: PIONEER CEMETERIES OF CLARK COUNTY

We will enjoy an informative and entertaining presentation on pioneer cemeteries in Clark County. The four presenters taking part are:

**Richard Engstrom**, CCGS Volunteer Coordinator, Vancouver Old City Cemetery Project

**Mike Parker**, Vancouver Heritage Ambassadors

**William Zalpys**, Commissioner, Fern Prairie Cemetery District

**Eileen Abernathy**, Secretary, Fern Prairie Cemetery District

How many of Clark County's pioneer cemeteries have you visited? A grand circle cemetery tour makes a great scenic day trip around the county. Some fine spring day gather family or a few friends, pack a lunch, gas up the car, and treat yourself to a "pioneering" adventure. Be sure to take your camera.

See maps and lists of the cemeteries in Clark County on the web page for the Clark County Cemeteries (a CCGS project) at:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waclocem/p43.htm>

## **UPCOMING CCGS CLASSES**



### **ORAL HISTORY**

Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the CCGS Library Annex

instructor: Lethene Dennis Parks

Have you ever thought about audio or video recording the stories that your mother or grandmother can tell, but will be lost if you don't do something soon? In this class Lethene will tell you the do's and don't's of making such a recording.

Lethene Parks has been doing genealogical research on and off for 60 years. She is a past-president of the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. She has been a member of the Clark County Genealogical Society since she moved to Vancouver in 2004. She has taught CCGS classes on several topics and is one of our most popular class instructors.

### **MESSAGE BOARDS AND MAILING LISTS**

Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the CCGS Library Annex

instructor: Larry Dean

Message boards and mailing lists have pretty much replaced newsletters and periodicals as the best place to post queries like "Seeking information on John Doe and his wife, Jane." Message boards and mail lists are a couple of the smaller tools in the genealogist's tool box, but they are free and easy to use. All you need is Internet access. Maybe you can use them to pry open a door or knock a corner off one of your brick walls.

This is a repeat of a class Larry has given before, but those on the Education Committee think it is time to give it again.

Larry Dean has been a CCGS member since 1999 and has been obsessed since then with tracing his paternal ancestors back to colonial America. He has collected a considerable amount of expertise in genealogical research that he would like to share with you.

These classes are \$12 for CCGS members or \$15 for non-members.

Registration and payment in advance appreciated, but you may walk in and pay at the door.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Richard Berhow,  
Heidi Brandenburg  
Diana Richards**



## CCGS Library Additions

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following books are new to CCGS this month.  
Look for them on the "New" Shelf during the month of April.

### From the Estate of Jean Langowski:

*Greene County, Tennessee Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1797-1807*

By: Sandra Kelton Houston

*Grandmother Brown's Hundred Years 1827-1927*

By: Harriet Connor Brown

*1889 Biographical and Historical Souvenir; Clark County, Indiana*

By: Lee, William

*Greenbrier Co., WV Court Orders, 1780-1850*

By: Helen S. Stinson

*Executive Journal of Indiana Territory, 1800-1816*

By: William Wesley Woollen, Daniel Wait Howe, Jacob Piatt Dunn

*1889 History Jefferson County, Indiana*

By: W.P. Hendricks

*History of Wabash Valley Indiana-Illinois*

By: H.W. Beckwith

### Donated by Cecelia Prevost Combs:

*Niles Genealogy, Volumes 1, 2, & 3*

By: Dwight C. Niles

### Donated by Patricia McKee Bauer

*Family Chronicle Collection, Sept. 1996-August 1997*

By: Family Chronicle Magazine

*Family Chronicle Year Three – Sept. 1998-August 1999*

By: Family Chronicle Magazine

*Family Chronicle Year Four – Sept. 1999-Aug. 2000*

By: Family Chronicle Magazine

*Family Chronicle Year Five – Sept. 2000-Aug. 2001*

By: Family Chronicle Magazine

*Family Chronicle Year Six – Sept. 2001-Aug. 2002*

By: Family Chronicle Magazine

### Donated by Rose Marie Harshman

*The History of Grand-Pre*

By: John Frederic Herbin

### Donated by Carolyn Zenk

*Photographing Your Heritage*

By: Wilma Sadler Shull

### Donated by the Estate of June Andrews:

*Searching in New York*

By: Kate Burke

### ***The following were compiled from Periodicals into books:***

*Early Bailey Marriages – 1500 to 1851 – All Spellings, All Areas*

By: Donna Beers

*Humphrey Gilbert and Related Families*

By: Gilbert Compilation

*The Ellis Cousins Newsletter, Misc. Volumes 1994-1996*

By: Bill & Carol Ellis

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*The Ballard N.E.W.S.*

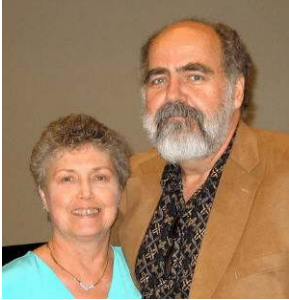
By: Martha A. Cieglo

### ***Unknown donor:***

*The German Element of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia*

By: John W. Wayland

## Getting to know . . . . Carol and Doc Clark



**CAROL ARNOLD CLARK:** I was born and raised in Cleveland Ohio, the middle of three girls. I went to work in telecommunications after high school, and married my high school sweetheart. We packed everything into a 5 x 7 trailer and drove across country to Vancouver, Washington, where his aunt lived. We liked it so much that we stayed. When our marriage ended, he left town and I stayed here. After going to work at the Holland Restaurant and raising my boys for ten years, I met DOC... when he started coming in to breakfast with some of the other electricians from Alcoa. After we married, I went back into telecommunications.

My interest in genealogy did not start until my mother got terminal cancer. She had always been the keeper of the family history. When I made trips back to Ohio to look through the house and determine (per her request) what I wanted to inherit, my mother would tell my younger sister and me the stories behind various family items. My sister and I started taking notes as Mom talked.

After Mom died, I bought a computer and started renting software from Computer Mart, across the street from Kmart. One day I brought home a genealogy program and thought that I might be able to put the notes about the family items into it. In the process, I was bitten by the genealogy bug. That was in 1988, and I have worked on genealogy off and on since then.

**DENNIS R. (DOC...) CLARK.** I was born in Vancouver, as were my parents. I also married my high school sweetheart; was a single father for three years; then found my life's sweetheart in Carol. Married 30+ years, we have four children. I spent 20 years with Alcoa as an industrial electrician. When Alcoa closed, I went to work at the Owens-Illinois Glass Plant in north Portland. Carol's skillful saving, investing, and budgeting enabled me to retire at age 59 ½.

We are life members of C.C.G.S. and try to be active. We are currently finishing the second two-year term as Co-Vice Presidents. I'm also the maintenance person and serve on the budget committee. I'm not really into the research part of genealogy, but I enjoy the stories and history that go with it. I also try to be supportive of Carol's efforts. Twice a week I am a reading tutor at Truman Elementary School and volunteer one day a week as a driver for the Salvation Army. My family name interests are Allen, McNamer, and Clark.

### **A RECENT HINT FROM CAROL:**

For those of you who have not used <http://www.familysearch.org> lately, the pilot site has merged with the original site. I found lots of new information on the families of two of my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-uncles.

If you want to go back to the old site, go to the lower right hand corner and click on the "Use the Previous Version of FamilySearch.org." This will go away eventually.

Clark County Genealogical  
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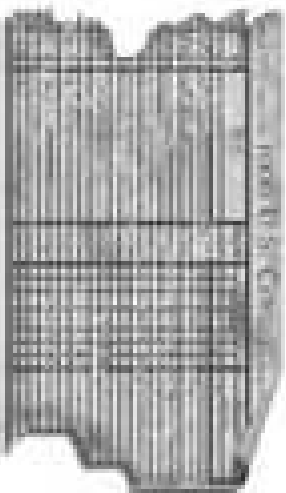
## Abstracting Records, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Records, and Proving a Maternal Line by Connie Lenzen



Connie Lenzen, CG  
Connie is a board  
certified genealogist.  
She is actively

involved in client research and lecturing. Connie has lectured at the national, state, and local level. She is a National Genealogical Society (NGS) director, past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, and on the education committee of her local genealogical society, the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

The Clark County  
Genealogical Society is  
honored to have Connie  
speak at our seminar.



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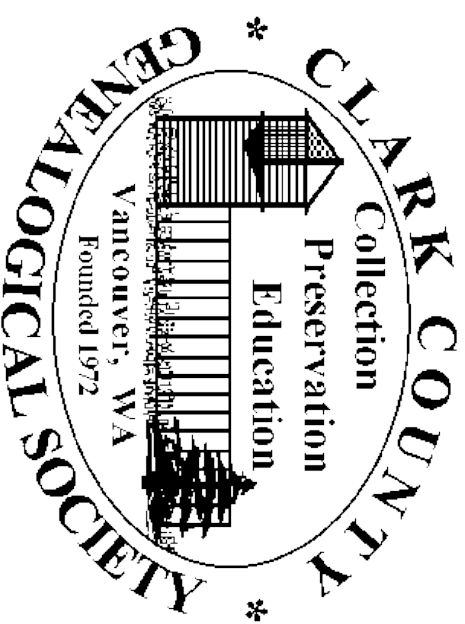
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**June 4, 2011**

**CCGS Spring Seminar  
With Connie Lenzen**

**Spaghetti Lunch available for \$5**



Make checks payable to **CCGS**

Mail to:

**CCGS Spring Seminar 2011**

**PO Box 5249**

**Vancouver WA 98668-5249**

Or you may register in person at

The CCGS Library

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**Spring Seminar**

**June 4, 2011**

**8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**at CCGS Annex**

**715 Grand BV, Vancouver WA**

**SEMINAR TOPICS:**

**Abstracting Workshop** – learn how to abstract records to produce concise notes

**I Know They Existed, but I Can't Find Them** – 20<sup>th</sup> century research

**Proving A Maternal Line When Grandma Didn't Tell Us Who Were Her Parents** – the challenge of tracing women



Photo: Peter and Lisa Miller, Seattle

**Register Early – deadline 05/28/11**

**\$35 Members**

**\$40 Non-members**

**Spaghetti Lunch \$5**

**Seminar Schedule**

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:30 – 11:30 Session I

11:45 – 1:00 Lunch / Exhibits

1:00 – 3:30 Sessions II & III

Coffee and tea provided

Soda and bottled water \$.50

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\$5 Spaghetti

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## **Getting to know . . . Darla Jean Moshberger Brock**



I was born in Portland, Oregon, then brought home to our farm near Molalla, Oregon. This farm was settled by my great-great-grandfather. He had come from Switzerland to the gold rush in California. I don't think he ever got rich, but he must have done O.K. as he purchased this acreage in 1857 before Oregon became a state in 1859. The Oregon centennial was in 1959 and our farm was a Century Farm with a sign stating such. My siblings and I still own our father's portion of the original land, which we have planted in Christmas trees.

My elementary schooling, through grade 6, was in a one-room school complete with a woodstove, woodshed, outhouses, play shed, and a large oak tree with a great swing. By the time I attended, there were electric lights in the classroom.

The outhouses were always tipped over on Halloween. That school was the center for all neighborhood activities. In 1949 my school was consolidated with Molalla Grade School. I completed high school with several hundred other students at Molalla Union High School.

I have had some interesting experiences. One morning the cow put her foot in the bucket just as I was finished milking. This made me too late to catch the bus for school, so I drove the tractor into town. I was so embarrassed that I parked several blocks away and behind a tree so no one would see me. Another experience was helping my Dad deodorize baby skunks, which we would tame to sell in Portland. The secret here was leather gloves and lots of patience. Another event during my high school years involved our goat, Homer. He was misnamed – his name should have been Houdini. One Fall day while my dad was deer hunting in the Steens Mountains, I got a phone call on the old party line from my aunt, who lived about half a mile west of us. Homer was in their yard. I fired up that trusty old Ford 8N tractor and went to lead him home. Dad came home with a deer, which we ground and mixed with Homer the goat! That was the tastiest salami I had ever eaten!

I met my husband, Jerry, in high school, and we married after graduating from Oregon State. We have lived in Corvallis, Bellingham, Salem, Poulsbo, and Battle Ground. Our three daughters were born in Bellingham. We have two grandsons in Milwaukie, Oregon.

I have visited the Family History Library in Salt Lake City on three occasions, with three sisters-in-law. On one visit we combined the visit with the NGS Conference. I appreciate all the help my fellow CCGS members have given me over these past years.

### ***NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT***

Richard Engstrom, chairman, has announced the nomination of two members to fill the vacant positions on the CCGS Board for the coming two years. They are:

**Vice President: Dolly Merrick and Asst. Secretary-Treasurer: Eric Jordahl**

Nominations will be open from the floor at the April 25 General Meeting and the election will be held at the May 24 General Meeting. Installation of the two new officers will be at the Annual Potluck Meeting June 28. [NOTE: This year there will be general meetings in April, May, and June.]

## **Volunteer Day Report for March 21, 2011**

Next Volunteer Day: April 18, 10 to 2 at the annex

A new researcher showed up at volunteer day: **Martha Hennagin Cieglo** has volunteered to start abstracting *The Reflector*. Thanks, Martha, for helping to fill a hole in the society's arsenal of research tools.

There was no cutting and pasting at the annex today! Those showing up were put to work separating old papers into months, days, etc. The only cutting and pasting done was a page or two for one month. Thanks volunteers! We did it! We got caught up on *The Columbian*! **Beth Cross's** doing the last three years helped immeasurably because then we could concentrate on the backlog. We can see our progress!

**Yvonne Muchmore, Flo Martocello, Gaydena Thompson,** and **Ralph Erickson** organized the *Oregonian* papers for cutting and pasting and indexing in the future. **Ralph Erickson** also took home a month's worth to try indexing. There is still a lot of indexing to be done. **Jane Germann** worked on organizing materials. **DeAnn Wilson** spent the day copying the completed cut-and-paste pages, getting the vitals ready for indexing.

**Nina Williams** had taken home *The Reflectors* and gotten them ready for copying the vitals. **Lillian Fullerton** and **Larry Dean** are still indexing at home.

Thanks Volunteers for another successful month!

**Lethene Parks** was away on a meeting out of the area and **Sherry Warren** was called away on a family emergency.

### ***NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN NEEDED***

Pat LaRock

Here's your chance to be a CCGS Board member and help the society. We need someone to work on retaining current members and recruiting new members for CCGS. The database management duties have been assumed by Bill Whalley. The new Membership Chair will concentrate on the Membership care aspects. This is a Board position, and you will undoubtedly enjoy working with this group of very hard-working, positive people. I've really enjoyed my two years in this role, but my husband and I will be doing more traveling in the coming year. I also believe that it's good to have different people involved over time. Much assistance is available for the person who takes over this position. If you have questions, please contact a board member or Steve Cornick, president.

## **WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The WSGS Annual Conference will be held September 16-17 at Richland Baptist Church, 1632 George Washington Way in Richland, WA. The conference will start on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 p.m. and will continue on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL. Her topics will be *Death Has Many Faces*, *Elements of a Useful Research Road Map*, and *Discovering Our Ancestor's Neighborhood*.

For details, go to: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2011seminarflyer.pdf>



## **WHAT NEXT?**

There is a growing trend in the genealogical community to scan all notes and papers, store them in the computer, throw away the paper, and get rid of the file cabinets. In fact, some are even scanning all or most of the books in their libraries.

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**October 09, 2010**

### ***After Digitizing this Book, Throw the Paper Copy Away***

[There is] a quandary that many libraries face: after digitizing their existing collections, do they throw the paper book away?

For private collections of 20th-century books, digitization may mean destruction, since the books have almost no market value. That is especially true of paperbacks. The question becomes more important, however, when discussing older books that do have some resale value.

A report in the *US Chronicle of Higher Education* last week described how a professor, Alexander Halavais, frees up space in his cramped Manhattan apartment: he slices the binding off each book and puts the loose stack of paper in a page-fed, automatic scanner.

The images are saved on his computer and undergo an optical character recognition process to make the files searchable. Halavais then destroys the printed pages.

He plans to keep only 500 of his 3,000 paper books, and consult the rest in their digital format. He has so far processed 800 volumes.

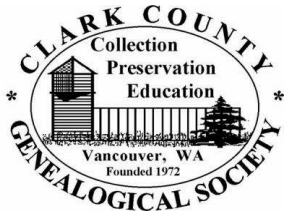
A Hamburg, Germany illustrator-author with a large private library said he has tried selling surplus books on eBay, but it is hardly worth the trouble of answering bidders' questions and packing and posting the books sold.

You can read more at <http://goo.gl/6y51>

I will admit that I am doing the same. Although I haven't yet digitized very many books on my slow scanner, I am in the process of digitizing all my less-valuable books and magazines and am destroying the originals. (If still under copyright, I believe it is a violation of copyright laws to keep the digitized image and then give away or sell the original. Copyright laws clearly state that you may make backup copies only for your own use but cannot make and distribute duplicate copies for any other purpose.) I do keep the hard copies of a very few books that have sentimental value.

I hope to purchase a faster scanner before long that scans both sides of the page and has a sheet feeder.

What do YOU do? Will you throw away old books after scanning them? If not, why do you keep them?



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### *CCGS Meetings and Programs*

- Apr. 4 Legacy Users Group - 10am - noon, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr. 4 Computer Clinic - 1pm - CCGS Library/Annex
- Apr. 5 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30pm, CCGS Library
- Apr. 7 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr. 9 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
- Apr. 11 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr. 14 Beginners Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30pm, CCGS Library
- Apr. 18 Volunteer Day - 10am - 2pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr. 20 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please**
- Apr. 26 General Meeting - 7 to 9pm, CCGS Library Annex
- June 4 Annual Spring Seminar - see web page for information
- Oct. 2-9 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 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. [jgmb at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.**