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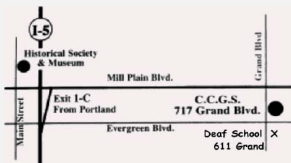
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Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday



Check the on-line library calendar

for unexpected closures.

Tues, Wed & Thurs:
10:00am 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.



No General Meeting in December
Have a Happy Holiday!

Next General Meeting

January 25, 2011

10 am – noon
CCGS Library Annex

SEARCHING HERITAGEQUEST

Presented by Amy Scott
Fort Vancouver Regional Library District



“HeritageQuest® Online is a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources—rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, and finding aids.

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Heritage Quest is available online at your local FVRL branch or from your home computer with a Fort Vancouver Regional Library District card.

Getting to know . . . Kara Lynn (Kinnick) Rankin

Picking cotton, raising a garden to survive, and sewing my own clothes was normal for me as I grew up in a loving family of seven siblings in the “dust-bowl” region. My youth saw the end of WWII, electricity and phone service arriving in our area, and indoor plumbing installed in our three-bedroom house. The rural one-room school allowed great friendships to develop, but it lacked a library to encourage broader knowledge.



Acceptance into the newly formed Peace Corps allowed me to travel and learn a new language. The skills learned in my growing-up years proved valuable while working with 4-H Clubs in Brazil from July '63 to July '65. This was the height of the Vietnam War, which brought on campus unrest. To remain in college, young men had to maintain grades or be drafted. After their highly emotional experience, the men who served returned home different people; the same can be said for the persons who served in the Peace Corps. I also spent a couple of years on the Peace Corps staff in Washington, DC, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Less than a year after I returned to the university, a former instructor, Ed Rankin, and I renewed our acquaintance. We married in a local church where he was the assistant rector; he was also the chaplain to Oklahoma State University. In 1973 we moved to Portland, where Ed had a downtown church and I worked at the Social Security Administration (SSA) office two blocks away. We moved to Vancouver in 1981, where Ed served at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and I worked at the local SSA office. Processing retirement, Medicare, disability, and survivor's claims was the main thrust of my work with SSA. During the five years before retirement, I facilitated union-management negotiations.

Our son, David, was born in 1975. Vancouver Public Schools' Challenge and Running Start programs served him well. After graduating from Reed College in Portland, David attended law school in New York City. He practices law in the Big Apple.

The career, motherhood, and clergy supporting-spouse years went by quickly. I retired in December 1999. Ed and I enjoy traveling; we've driven across the U.S. and back, visited Portugal, Paris, Rome, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Canada, as well as many areas in the U.S. I am a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Athenaeum.

A few years after retiring, I joined CCGS so I could learn how to do genealogy without having to redo everything already done. Even though I schedule the librarians, I am a novice at genealogy. It is a delight to be involved with such dedicated and knowledgeable people.

Librarians' Training Schedule for 2011

The following dates are scheduled for training: (please note, the January date is a change)

Monday, January 31	9:30 - noon
Saturday, April 2	9:30 - noon
Monday, July 25	10- noon
Monday, October 31	9:30 - noon

Our CCGS Library is fortunate to have 50 librarians who donate their time and expertise. If you are interested in becoming a librarian, please contact Kara Lynn Rankin at 360-901-5331 or email to: KL-Rankin at comcast.net

Research and Preservation

Jane Germann, Chair

NO CUT-AND-PASTE IN DECEMBER!

Next cut-and-paste will be Monday, January 17, 2011, 10 am to 2 pm.

DeAnn Wilson was in charge of the November Cut-and-Paste and was ready to put volunteers to work when they came in. Volunteers were: Dolly Merrick and Flo Martocello, who took work home to do; Yvonne Muchmore and Lillian Fullerton copied vitals for indexing; Larry Dean and Lillian Fullerton are indexing vitals at home; Gaydena Thompson, Darla Brock, and Sherry Warren worked on the periodical project. Thank you Darla for your Spiced Pumpkin Bread recipe for the bread you brought to the seminar. Thank you, DeAnn, for keeping us on task.

VOLUNTEER DAY TO BEGIN

Steven Cornick, CCGS President

Starting Monday, January 17, 2011, the third Monday of the month will be **VOLUNTEER DAY** at the Clark County Genealogical Society.

In addition to the regular cut and paste activities, the day will be open for pretty much any of the myriad of tasks that need to be done, from accessing new donations, to "shelf reading," to preparing education program material, or just general clean up. We welcome any member who wants to pitch in and make the CCGS experience better than ever.

Many hands helping will make some tasks very easy. Thank you for volunteering.



CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to CCGS member Harry Howarth and family on the death of his daughter Denise. She died Oct. 31, 2010, from brain cancer.

Our condolences also to the relatives and friends of former CCGS member Connie Rose, who died of cancer Nov 9, 2010.

New Additions to Our Library Collection

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen



The following books were added to our collection during November. They will reside on the "New Shelf" at the CCGS Library through January.

Donated by Jane Germann:

Google Your Family Tree
Author: Daniel M. Lynch

Donated by the family of Judith Worthington:

Oklahoma Treasures and Treasure Tales
Author: Steve Wilson

Highland Clans & Tartans
Author: R.W. Munro

Donated by Joy Porter

Finding Answers in US Census Records
Authors: Loretto Dennis Szucs, Matthew Wright

Donated by Beverly Przybylski:

Report Concerning Canadian Archives, 1905, Vol. II pt. A
Author: Placide Gaudet

Marriage Records in the Virginia State Library: A Researcher's Guide
Authors: John Vogt, T. William Kethley, Jr.

Orange County Virginia Marriages 1747-1850
Authors: John Vogt, T. William Kethley Jr.

Culpeper County Virginia Marriages 1780-1853
Author: John Vogt, T. William Kethley Jr.

Will & Estate Records in the Virginia State Library: A Researcher's Guide
Authors: John Vogt, T. William Kethley Jr.

Searching on Location: Planning a Research Trip
Author: Anne Ross Balhuizen

The following books were donated by persons unknown, as they became separated from their donation slip. If you donated any of these books or know who did, please let us know so a proper donation label can be applied.

The National Archives of the United States
Author: Herman J. Viola

Cemetery Records, Pittsburg Co. OK NW Section, V. 1
Authors: Carol Haynes Scott, Bennie Lou Coffey Loftin

Cooke County, Texas: Where the South and the West Meet
Author: Michael Collins

First Steps in Genealogy: A Beginner's Guide to Researching Your Family History
Author: Desmond Walls Allen

The Greater Seminole Oil Field
Authors: Louise Welsh, Willa Mae Townes, John W. Morris

This book is an update to one already on the shelf:

Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America, 1600-1930, March 2007 Update
Authors: Steven G. Fancy, Sue Reneau Damewood

Any questions - anyone?

If you're wondering about anything pertaining to CCGS, we welcome your questions and we will find someone to give you the answers. Also, if you have any suggestions about projects, programs or anything else to do with CCGS, please contact us. You can call the library at 360-750-5688 and leave a message if we're closed. You can send an email to gensoc at cgs-wa.org and it will be forwarded to the person in charge. Or you can always send a note by "snail mail" to CCGS, PO Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249. Always include a contact name and phone number in your messages.

Getting to know. . . . **BILL WHALLEY**

When my stepfather died in 1995, I thought, "I don't know much about his family." Then I thought, "I don't know much about my father's family either." He had died in 1948 when I was 4. My grandparents and uncle were dead and I had lost track of my cousins. My mother did not know much about his family; theirs was a wartime marriage and my father spent most of it overseas building oil refineries and pipelines.



When I did find one cousin, she gave me a copy of a Whalley family tree, a large sheet prepared by a family member in 1955. He had typed it on a wide carriage typewriter. It outlined the Whalleys back to early 18th century England and showed that I had family in Australia and England as well as a bunch of cousins in the US. Wow!

But, of course, there were no sources for the information, and it was 40 years out of date. I got a copy of the US telephone white pages on CD-ROM and started matching up names and writing letters. I was able to contact many of the people on the chart who were still living, and bring the chart up-to-date. Along the way I found out some fascinating things about my family and about the Yukon gold rush, Russian Alaska, fellmongering in Australia, the Boer war connection to the International Boy Scouts, modern British TV personalities, and more. Ask me for details.

And my stepfather? Well, I made some progress on his family, but there are still lots of questions. It's a work in progress.

I knew about CCGS back in 1995, but I didn't see much point in joining. I was working at the paper mill in Camas, and the meetings, seminars, and classes that I thought would be the reasons to join were often held at times I could not come. And I didn't have roots in Clark County anyway. I finally joined CCGS after I retired, and I found out I was wrong. The main benefit is contact with lots of people who are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about genealogy. I learn so much from them.

I volunteered as a librarian and that led to knowing more about CCGS and finding out where I might be able to help. My present jobs at CCGS are Directory Editor, Volunteer Librarian, Legacy Users Group, and the Technology Team. It's fun and getting involved is easy. Just ask where you can help!

We need YOUR story!

Jane Germann

Have you have a chance to read the articles in the last *Trail Breakers*? We are looking for new stories for the issue that will come out in June 2011. Do you have some interesting family stories you can include? Richard Engstrom's story about the exorcism of a ghost in his family was well written and well documented.

If you need help, take Lethene's writing class in January or contact Jane Germann at germann@wa-net.com.

We'd love to see your story. You can check out the last issue of the *Trail Breakers* at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/p7591.htm>

Interesting Epitaths

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont:

*Here lies the body of our Anna,
Done to death by a banana.
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low,
But the skin of the thing that made her go.*

On a grave from the 1880s in Nantucket, Massachusetts:

*Under the sod and under the trees,
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.
He is not here, there's only the pod.
Pease shelled out and went to God.*

QUERIES

Goldie Harp of Longview, WA, is looking for pre-1860 information about Sarah (_____) Harp, b 1832 in Tennessee, living in Arkansas in 1860. She needs Sarah's maiden name and the name of her first husband (_____ Harp]. Sarah married David M. Pepers/Pepper in 1867 and died in 1903 in Montgomery Co., Arkansas. Goldie has all the information about Sarah and her descendants after 1860 but has struggled to find the information about Sarah during her earlier years. Goldie began doing genealogy many years ago and has been searching for Sarah's information since then. Contact: Goldie Harp by email at: harp_6046 at msn.com

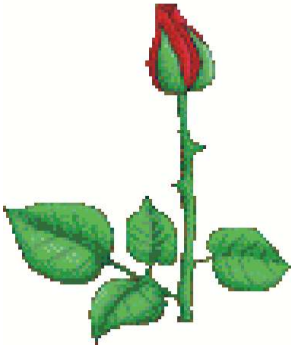
Dolores Dougherty is looking for information about Gaillard A. Tilmont of Los Angeles and Seattle, linking him to a Tilmont family in Los Angeles in the 1850's and/or showing that he is the same person as Joe Tilmont of Seattle and LA. Joe was a nickname for the man Dolores knew many years ago and he appears as Gaillard in some records. Contact Dolores Dougherty by email at: azteca at pacifier.com

A QUERY FROM GERMANY

CCGS member Rosaly Divens has relayed a query from a Mr. F. Koester of Berlin, Germany, who advertised last January in the "Woodland Community Forum" for help locating information about his granduncle Frank M. Koester. After this uncle came to the U.S. in 1903, he lost contact with his family but, using the Internet, they have located his descendants and obtained information about him up until 1939. Two people responded to the ad before Rosaly e-mailed an offer to help. With his reply, Mr. Koester sent her a copy of his uncle's death certificate and some photographs.

According to the death certificate: Frank Martin Koester, a resident of Woodland, died of broncho-pneumonia in Clark County Hospital in Vancouver on 17 February 1967 at the age of 84 and was buried in Frank Abel Cemetery on 20 February 1967; he was a retired foundry worker who lived on a farm with postal address Rt. 1 Box 419, Woodland; he was born 11/10/1883 in Germany and remained a German citizen. The death certificate also says that Frank M. Koester never married, but one of the photos is supposedly of him with his wife and child, and his family has located descendants.

If you can help with information about the missing years from 1939 to 1967, please contact Rosaly Divens by email at: wsurose at gmail.com



Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Darla Brock, chairman

Accolades to Marian and Chuck Thompson, Marilyn Kareki, Pat Bauer, Alice Allen, Jane and Larry Germann, Jim Crossman, DeAnn Wilson, Wayne Tuholski, Sherry Warren, Lethene Parks, and Steve Cornick for helping with the Fall Seminar.

Welcome, New Members:

Mike Parker and Bobbi Fox, Jim and Susan Malcom, Linda Saunders, Madeline Jewett, Robert E. Comer

Welcome Back, Reinstated Members:

Madeline Mesplay and Susan Walton

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Patricia Baker, Jim & Susan Malcom



CCGS Classes planned for Winter-Spring 2011

Free class

Beginning Basic Genealogy, March 1st, 2011 10am to 12 noon

Advanced Classes (Intermediate)

Fee for classes \$12.00 members, \$15.00 Non-Members

January 4, 2011, Writing Family History, part one of two parts 10 am to 12 noon

January 11, 2011, Photo I/D 10am to 12 noon

February 1, 2011, Writing Family History, part two, 10am to 12 noon

February 8, 2011, Military Records 10 am to 12 noon

March 8, 2011, Naturalization and Immigration 10 am to 12 noon

April 5, 2011, Oral History 10 am to 12 noon

April 12, 2011, Message Boards and Mailing Lists 10 am to 12 noon

May 10, 2011, Names and Naming Patterns, 10 am to 12 noon

Please note: Classes may be canceled or changed depending on availability of instructors or in case of bad weather



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Jan. 3 Legacy Users Group - 10am-noon, CCGS Library Annex
- Jan. 3 Computer Clinic - 1pm - CCGS Library/Annex
- Jan. 5 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30pm - 3:30pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Jan. 8 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
- Jan. 10 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
- Jan. 17 VOLUNTEER DAY & Cut & Paste work party - 10am - 2pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Jan. 19 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please**
- Jan. 25 General Meeting - 10am - noon, CCGS Library Annex
- Jan. 31 Librarians' Training - 9am - noon, CCGS Library
- June 4 Annual Spring Seminar - watch the web page for information

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 Meeting is usually held the month of the Spring or Fall Seminar, 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.