



Newsletter

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**January Meeting
23 January 2001
General Meeting
10 a.m. to 12 Noon**

**Dorothy Person
presents
"Correlating Genealogy
with Needlework and
Heirlooms"**

**Computer Interest
Group
9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
CCGS Internet Computer**

**Meeting at St. Andrew
Lutheran Church,
5607 NE Gher Rd.**

NOTICE:

Please check your 2000-2001 Directory for errors. Get corrections ASAP to CCGS, P.O. Box 2728, Vancouver Wa 98668, att: membership chairman. If you have e-mail, it would be helpful if you would also send your corrections to the society at: ccs-wa@iname.com

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

It is time to schedule indoor activities for the winter months. On January 23, 2001, the General Meeting gives you the opportunity to learn from the expertise of CCGS members on topics valuable to all genealogists. Before the meeting begins Gene Kuechmann and Ed Peters will be conducting a Computer Interest Group beginning at 9 a.m. Dorothy Person, Past President and long-standing member, will be presenting the General Meeting topic "Correlating Genealogy with Needlework and Heirlooms". She remains very active in the community, including the Clark County Quilters. She is eager to share her knowledge with members.

Lela Miller, another quilter, designed the Library Window Display for December and January. She donated her time to produce the window display "Germans from Russia" for the library. It reminds us how significant the needlework and heirlooms are to our cultural heritage. This winter and spring I will continue to identify innovative and creative CCGS members who can contribute to our programs. Let me know when you identify that person who through their service in the community is correlating their genealogy knowledge to enrich the lives of other people.

The CCGS has scheduled three lecturers for our Winter Seminar, February 17, 2001. This seminar will allow you to select three lectures from nine topics. The seminar registration form has been included in this issue for your convenience.

Judy Caughlan, csquare@pacifier.com

Kudos and Thanks to ROY KATCHKE

Roy is responsible for many of the beautifully built shelf units in the CCGS Library. He is shown here with some of his handiwork.

"Déjà-vu All Over Again"

My husband and I moved to Vancouver in the fall of 1983. I don't remember when I joined the Clark County Genealogical Society, but in January 1986 I began a 3 1/2 year stint as editor of the Newsletter. And here I am again, 10 1/2 years later, again volunteering to do my best to keep the members up-to-date on the latest doings in our Society and the wider genealogical community.

I cannot do this job alone. It requires the cooperation of the entire membership. For the time being, the deadline for the next Newsletter will be the 25th of the preceding month. Appropriate articles will be considered for use, and announcements and calendar items are welcome. Materials may be left in my box at the CCGS Library or they may be e-mailed to me at genekuech@aol.com.

I will also appreciate comments and suggestions for improving the Newsletter. I ask only that you bring your comments to ME – I cannot very well act on suggestions that reach me through the 'rumor mill' or through third parties who may or may not understand the issue being addressed.

Holiday Heritage Tea

Our first Heritage Tea, cosponsored by CCGS and the Carnelian Rose Tea Company, was both a success and a disappointment. Covington House was decked out for Christmas, with a welcoming fire in the fireplace and colorful tables. The food, by C & L Catering, was delicious – hot scones with tasty spreads, pasties, and a yule-log dessert, all accompanied by hot tea and/or wassail.

The program featured Avril Massey, of the Cheshire Cat on Fort Vancouver Way, relating stories of An English Country Christmas. We started by opening traditional English "crackers" and donning our stylish (?) hats. Avril told us how the English celebration and ours differ, and where various customs came from, with entertaining stories thrown in about her own childhood Christmases (like the farthing competition and the hilarious "accidental burlesque"). There were door prizes aplenty, and excellent service by our hostesses in their festive outfits.

The disappointment was that there should have been twice as many people there. Several of us brought husbands. There is no reason why these tea luncheons should be 'ladies only' affairs. We realize this tea was held on a busy day in a busy season. We hope you will find the later teas more convenient, and will join us in this fun and tasty way of supporting the work of your Society.

Heritage Tea II: A German Odyssey

January 20, 2001 at

Historic Covington House, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Not just for Germans or those with German heritage, the second in our series of tea events features an extensive display of German figurines and collectibles. Pat Bauer, Barbara Baker, and others are displaying their Goebel, Hummel, Boyd's, Kaiser, and Steiff collectibles. It would be wonderful to see Fuchter nutcrackers, Hermann-Coburg bears, and toys. If you have German collectibles to share, please bring them with you to the tea! Nutcrackers not packed away from Christmas? Great! Bring them for show 'n' tell!

Our guest speaker is CCGS member Gene Kuechmann, who has conducted extensive studies in German heritage. Be ready for a feisty presentation which captures the "odd" in odyssey as she tells us of odd things she has encountered (and probably a few odd people as well).

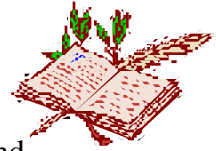
A hearty Bavarian menu awaits us! When was the last time you ate Lebkuchen and Black Forest Cheesecake?

A joint collaborative fundraiser by the Clark County Genealogical Society and the Carnelian Rose Tea Co., registration is by check for \$25, made payable to CCGS, P O Box 2728, Vancouver, WA 98668. Please indicate German Tea in the notes area. You may also call 573-0917 to reserve by credit card. (Pre-registration only, please, as we pay the caterer in advance.)

Invite your family, friends and acquaintances for our series of teas! We've been talking about Cindy Hammond's pasties from the English tea for the last month and enjoying Pat Bauer's Pasty Recipe. For more information and to view information on the tea series, please visit the CCGS website.

[Additional teas are planned for 20 January, 17 March, and 21 April. Mark your calendar now!](#) (Hint: Guest speaker at the "Love Affair with Ireland" Tea is Anne Leptich.)

New Library Director



Your Executive committee and Board of Directors would like to introduce to you our new Library Director, Mary Anne Best.

Mary Anne is not only a member in good standing, but comes to us with an extensive Library and Business Management background. Volunteerism is in her blood, from Girl Scout County President to administrative church positions and, most recently, President of the Women's Relief Society (7-years).

Mary Anne has performed the duties of Assistant to the Head Librarian, College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (7-years); Church Librarian (5-years); FHC Librarian, Vancouver West Stake, (2-years); FHC Librarian, setting up the North Stake (5-years). She has been employed as an Office Manager, Executive Secretary, and Administrative Assistant in the business world.

Your Board is excited to have the opportunity to appoint someone of Mrs. Best's qualifications to one of the most important volunteer positions in our growing and ever changing society.

Mary Anne and your Head Librarian, Mary Geoghegan, are already at work providing a positive atmosphere for members and patrons who wish to research and grow with the proper tools necessary for their family history. Their goal is to bring our library up to the standards of a first class genealogical research facility.

REVIEWS

by Pat Bauer

Pat is webmaster for:
<http://www.ccs-wa.org> (CCGS)
<http://www.c4ca.org> (Cultural Arts)
<http://blackwells2.homestead.com> (Blackwell Family)
<http://patbauer.homestead.com> (Family Tree)
<http://www.pacifier.com/~patbauer> (Reunions)

PERSONAL HISTORY WORKBOOK -
WHERE MEMORIES BEGIN by Margaret L.
Ingram. (Paper, 53pp, no index, ©2000)

The author is a life history speaker and instructor living in Albany, Oregon, just 11 miles from her birthplace in Corvallis, Oregon. If you need an incentive to begin writing the story of your life and you haven't had a chance to hear Margaret speak, then her booklet might be the tool you need. Although there are a number of typographical errors in the booklet, she does present many good ideas for adding interest to our personal stories. Ideas in the chapters are presented line by line for you to follow with ease. Her booklet will be in the CCGS library as a reference item, but you can order your own copy by sending a check for \$12 (this includes mailing costs) to Margaret L. Ingram, PO Box 1339, Albany OR 97321. If you have further questions, you can contact her via e-mail at: Margaret@proaxis.com.

U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS INDEXES - 1810
UNITED STATES by Heritage Quest. (CD
ROM, ©2000)

It's such a pleasure to use this CD after spending too many hours searching through dim, difficult to read rolls of film for the information I needed and couldn't find! The easy to use Generations Archives Viewer Software is included on the disk and any data field can be searched easily with it. Only the heads of households are listed as that was the only available information on the original documents. I tried searching just for a surname and found many entries which included the given name,

state, county and locality - along with film number and page reference. Then I narrowed down the search to the state - again all those with the surname and VA for Virginia were shown. Then I searched for a surname and given name - again the results were shown. You cannot save or print the actual information from the program but a convenient notepad will open and you can type your information on it and then either save or print it. This CD is a convenient, easy to use genealogical research tool.

Available from Heritage Quest by phoning 1-800-760-2455 or visit their website at <http://www.HeritageQuest.com> for ordering information. This CD retails for \$39.95.

GROW A FAMILY TREE - SEVEN SIMPLE
STEPS by William Dollarhide. (Paper, 134pp (8
1/2" x 11"), indexed, illustrated, ©2000)

The author presents these seven steps to genealogy: How to Grow a Family Tree; Do Your Homework; Start Family Sheets; Locate More Relatives; Get the Vital Records; Search the Census Records; Search the Local and State Resources and Search the National Resources. He presents 72 possible sources for a person's birth! Mr Dollarhide wrote this book especially for beginning genealogists but it holds a wealth of information for anyone doing genealogy. The research examples are explained with many samples of how to use the resources and where to find them. There are numerous check-off lists for your use; relationship charts; blank forms with a filled-in sample for each and many other

items for your use. If you're new to genealogy, this book is a must; if you're an old-timer, there is information in this book on sources, locations and ideas which will probably benefit you, too. Also included is a free CD of the entire book text from which any page can be printed. This will be especially convenient to make copies the various forms and check-off lists. (The CD will be kept at the CCGS library.)

Available through Heritage Quest for \$24.95 by phoning 1-800-760-2455 or visit their web page at: <http://www.HeritageQuest.com>

ONLY A FEW BONES - A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE ROLLING FORK TRAGEDY AND ITS AFTERMATH by John Philip Colletta. (Paper, 436 pp, indexed, illustrated, ©2000)

The author's interest in genealogy began with the story his grandmother told him of the horrible

death in 1873 of his great great grandfather. Family lore about the death of Joe Ring, passed from one generation to another, was often changed and em-bellished upon. Dr. Colletta searched through old documents and pictures to find the truth and bring this interesting "murder mystery" to you. After 30 years research and 127 years after the death, he has written the true and interesting story of the charred remains of Joe Ring of Vicksburg, Mississippi, which were only a few bones. Dr. Colletta has written the story as a novel, with discreet references to his sources in note form. There are 80 pages of source notes listed in numerical order under each chapter.

Available from the author for \$18 plus \$3 shipping at 1245 Walter Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003. E-mail: jcolletta@erols.com

Do you occasionally read a review on a book, CD, or software that you wish we could have for the CCGS library? Send me a copy of the review, which should contain the title; author and/or publisher; address where the item can be ordered; price; name of publication where you saw this review and any other pertinent information.

This can be left at the library or sent to: CCGS, Attn: Pat Bauer, Review Editor, PO Box 2728, Vancouver WA 98668-2728

Or, if you prefer, e-mail the information to me at: patbauer@pacifier.com

As Library Publishing House Review editor, I will contact the publisher or author to ask if they would like to donate a book to CCGS in exchange for reviews in our Newsletter, Trail Breakers, and on our web page for a 30-day period. The books I've reviewed in this Newsletter are examples of items donated recently.

A new section on our web page is called "Some special new additions on our CCGS library shelves." Any items listed here will be available on our New Book shelf at the library.

The Newsletter comes out periodically. On the other hand, the CCGS web page is continually updated (thanks to Pat Bauer). If you have access to the internet (at home, at work, or now at the CCGS Library) it is wise to check there for the latest news and information on Society programs and activities. And if you see important changes noted there, please call your friends who are not on the net with the information!

Library News

The Library will be closed Feb 13, 2001 for inventory. Donated materials will not be accepted from Jan 15, 2001 through Feb 26, 2001.

We now have two cassette players for use in the library (both with ear phones), but they can not be checked out.

Our Internet computer is now up and running with Internet access provided by Pacifier Online of Vancouver. Policies for its use will be decided by the Library Committee in January.

Our library is generally open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9. However, our library is staffed by volunteers, and winter weather or other circumstances can make it necessary to close the library. If in doubt, call the library at 360-750-5688 to determine whether we are open.

Mary Geoghegan

The History of the CCGS Fort

I found in conversation with Sharon and other members of the Society that many do not know the origin of the fort in the CCGS logo. I shall recite its history briefly here.

When I first became editor of the CCGS Newsletter in 1986, I wanted a fresh new masthead design. I was producing the Newsletter master on my wonderful new (128k) Macintosh, the first personal computer with real graphics capability. I decided that a fort was appropriate for a Clark County publication, so I created one using the innovative graphics program called MacPaint. The design was entirely original and,

while I hoped it would suggest Fort Vancouver, it was not intended to represent the actual fort.

"My" fort gradually spread from the Newsletter masthead to a variety of other uses by the Society. In 1990 I signed a contract giving Clark County Genealogical Society the exclusive right to reproduce "The Fort," and to adapt it as necessary to exercise that right, reserving the copyright to myself. Under the contract, neither the Society nor I may give reproduction rights to anyone else without the other's consent.

And that is the history of the CCGS Fort in a nutshell.

Gene Kuechmann

Filby on CD

If you've ever searched through the many volume set *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, compiled by P. William Filby, you'll be glad to know it is now available on CD-ROM for \$44.99 from Genealogy.com, with all the advantages of electronic indexing and searching.

Electronic Source Citations

George Eastman's Newsletter mentioned a site for information on citing electronic sources (general, not necessarily genealogical) at:

www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html

Investigating their home page, I found all kinds of information on doing on-line research.

Important News From GPC/CC

A few weeks ago we announced the launch of our new web site at a new URL. Because of unavoidable delays, our new site did not launch on 15 December, as we had anticipated. We will welcome the New Year and millennium when we launch the site on 15 January 2001. We regret the inconvenience this causes you, but hope that you will visit us on 15 January at:

www.genealogical.com

You will be able to read Greenwood's Researcher's Guide online for free, as well as enjoy free shipping when the site opens. Until 15 January, please continue to visit our present site at www.genealogybookshop.com.

MyFamily.com

The accounting offices of MyFamily.com have moved to 585 Howard St., First Floor, San Francisco CA 94105.

Legacy 3.0 is now FREE!

Legacy 3.0 (for Windows) from Millenia Corp. can be downloaded free from:

www.legacyfamilytree.com

This program formerly sold for \$49.95. If you like it, they hope you will opt to buy the Deluxe Edition for an additional \$19.95.

Remember the early days of genealogical data base managers, and the hundreds of dollars we had to pay for a reasonably capable program? Compare that to the current situation with the far more-capable programs available now, free or at a low price, with the publishers making their profits from supplementary materials and services!



JOURNEY TO THE PAST ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY, OR CRUISE TO ALASKA WITH JOHN COLLETTA AND HELEN LEARY

The British Isles Family History Society-U.S.A. is conducting a 3-day seminar on British (England, Scotland, Wales) and Irish research 23-25 August 2001. The seminar will be aboard the Queen Mary at Long Beach, California. Speakers will cover research using records available in the United States, research using computers, and research using records that have not been filmed and are available only overseas. There will also be beginners' workshops on English, Scotch-Irish, and Irish research, and beginning computer research.

For details and further information contact: Dorothy Losee at dotom2@aol.com or 310-838-6085.

Cruise aboard the Regal Princess from Vancouver BC along the Inside Passage and in Glacier Bay, with stops at Juneau, Skagway, and Sitka, on an Alaskan Seminar Cruise 27 May - 3 June 2001. If 5 staterooms are booked by people identifying themselves as CCGS members, the Society gets a cash bonus! Speakers are John Colletta and Helen Leary, and lectures will be timed so as not to interfere with viewing the scenery. Prices look reasonable, and discount is available until 15 January. For details and application forms, go to www.genruise.com or call Pam Ruiz at 877-290-6500 (toll free).



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Meetings and Programs

2 January	Executive Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - 12
15 January	Library donation cut-off until 26 February
16 January	Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - 12
20 January	Heritage Tea II, Covington House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
23 January	Computer Interest Group, 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.; General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. - 12
26 January - 16 March	Intermediate Genealogy, 10 a.m. - 12 Town Plaza, Rm. 102
27 January - 24 March	Introduction to Genealogy, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Town Plaza, Rm. 102 (no class 17 Feb.)
6 February	Executive Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - 12
13 February	Library closed for inventory
17 February	Winter Seminar, Discovery Middle School, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
20 February	Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - 12
17 March	Heritage Tea III, Covington House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
21 April	Heritage Tea IV, Covington House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
16-19 May	NGS "Conference in the States," Oregon Convention Center