CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

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Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

Tues, Wed & Thurs:

Noon 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 south. We are in the strip mall on the east side, north of Evergreen.

CCGS General Meeting January 22, 2008, 10-12 noon CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

CCGS member Gary F. Mack of Mack & Co. Video Productions will present

Producing Your Family's Video Biography



A Video Biography is a movie of your loved one's life, capturing the essence of who they are and how they lived. You'll learn directly from your loved ones about your family history, heritage, your ancestors and the events that shaped their lives. Captured for posterity are their movements, expressions, manner-isms, and voice inflections. What a great way to remember a loved one and introduce them to future family members.

Please come and learn how Mack & Company Video Productions can help you preserve your cherished family memories.



Our condolences are offered to the family and many friends of longtime CCGS member Joyce Wolske. Joyce passed away December 20, 2007 at the age of 62 after being in ill health for a long time.



RED FACE DEPARTMENT

We did it again! Your editors offer their sincere apologies for moving the November General Meeting up a year, to 2008, in the November Newsletter. We hope that no one was inconvenienced or confused by our error.

WEB SITES OF NOTE

On his recent trip to the Pennsylvania Archives in Harrisburg, PA, Larry Dean learned that the published *Pennsylvania Archives*, all 135 volumes consisting of over 100,000 pages, is available on line FREE at www.footnote.com. For a demo of how to best use and search this site and print readable pages, visit the CCGS library any time during Larry's shift on Thursday, January 10, 12:00-4:30.

FuneralHomes.com is the Internet's only full service directory and referral network of its kind. The company was formed to link consumers with reputable funeral home operators in their area. Our company is dedicated to providing our users with the most valuable information available regarding the Funeral Home industry with valuable resource tools, articles and profiles of our members to better educate consumers during their grieving or planning experience. We have a licensed funeral director on staff and have put together one of the most comprehensive information websites on the internet dedicated to the Funeral Home industry.



About Lethene's Classes on Writing the Stories of Our Lives and Our Families

Because you may attend individual sessions of these classes, people ask what will be covered in each class – a logical question, but difficult to answer. The exact subjects covered in each class session will depend to some extent on the interests and needs of those who attend the class, and partly on whether most people in the class have

attended the previous sessions. For the first class on January 3, I will use several writing exercises, including a timeline, that will help people begin an outline of their own life stories and those of their families. We will begin to learn how to set these stories into historical context. Class members will end each session with several short written pieces and several ideas for further writing. Classes will cover writing about such subject matter as places important in your own and your family's history, people significant to you (relatives and others), and events important in your own life or the lives of family members, as well as writing based on photographs and documents and objects (heirlooms, etc.). In the later sessions I will help people refine their outlines and place the pieces they have written into those outlines, and also help them decide what else they want to write about to fill in their life and family stories. (See web page for more information.)

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

Diana Cruz (until Jane returns from her world travels)

December 17th we had a successful and enjoyable day cutting, pasting and proofing the obituaries. We were small in numbers but those attending enjoyed some Christmas music, friendly conversation, and occasionally humming or singing along to the holiday music. Thank you to Lillian Fullerton, Barbara Baker, Beth Cross, Lorelie Metke and Diana Cruz for taking some time out of the busy holiday to help with this ongoing project.

The next Cut & Paste event will be the third Monday in January. Diana will have the door open at 10 AM on January 21st for those who want to join us or want to pick up a project to work on at home. See you then.

New in the Library

Donated by Thomas Ippoliti

George Slawson, An American Pioneer By Harold D. Slosson

A Guide to Irish Roots By William and Mary Durning

Queens County Sentinel, Queens Co. New York Index of Birth, Marriage etc By Anthony Hood

Obituaries, Death Notices and Genealogical Gleanings From The Saugerties Telegraph; vol. 1: 1848-1852 and ,vol. 2: 1853-1860 By Audrey M. Klinkenberg

Westchester Patriarchs: A Genealogical Dictionary, etc. By Norman Davis

The Early Settlement of Stamford, Connecticut 1641-1700 By Jeanne Majdalany

Donated by?

How to Trace Your Ancestors to Europe By Hugh T. Law

Donated by Pat Bauer

1998 Alumni Directory, Boston University School of Medicine By Boston University School of Medicine

Donated by Cecelia Svinth Carpenter to replace a missing book

How to Research American Indian Blood Lines By Cecelia Svinth Carpenter

Donated by Irene Page

Going to America
By Terry Coleman

Donated by Glen Jones

Hank Vaughn (1849-1893) By Jon M & Donna McDaniel Skovlin

Donated by Vernon Lov

A Hoosier Register; the Descendants of Daniel Clark and Mary (Clark) Noftsger Perry By Wm. Amel Sausaman

Clark County Cemeteries project

Our cemetery web pages project is progressing nicely. It is quite an "undertaking" but well worth all the hours we are spending to put it all on the web. We thank Jim Cochran, CCGS member in Santa Rosa, CA, for taking over the chore of composing and converting the many obituaries for posting. This is an example of something a member can do from home. Beth Hancock Cross and Richard Engstrom are also busy taking photos in local cemeteries. Without their help, this enormous job could not be done. We still have a few cemeteries that need to be photographed. If you have a digital camera and would like to help, please contact Pat Bauer at apmb at pacifier.com and she will give you some instructions.

Library Calendar

The next page of this newsletter contains a copy of the January 2008 Librarians' Calendar which is posted monthly on the CCGS web page. You will see the days & hours we are open; the librarians serving that day and the days we might have to be closed because of a lack of volunteers. This calendar is always available on the web page at: www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/p1433.htm

Dorothy Wear is the Librarian Scheduler and she's going a great job. The problem is - we need more volunteers. We must have two librarians on duty during the hours we are open to the public. This is for safety reasons.

It helps Dorothy immensely if you can volunteer for a certain day each month. For example, Rosalie Kepler and Pat Bauer volunteer for the third Friday of each month from 10am to 3pm. They can mark their calendars ahead of time and keep that date free of other appointments. Perhaps you have a busy schedule and can let her know each month which day(s) you will have free. If you're worried about the price of gas to make this trip monthly, it's easy to schedule another stop or two when coming to or returning home from the library.

Please contact Dorothy by e-mail at: dorothybwear at peoplepc.com or by phone at 360-837-3656 if you can volunteer. You will always be scheduled with a trained librarian and you can use the time when there are no customers to work on your own genealogy.

Betty's sign!



This photo doesn't do it justice but it will give you an idea of the "jazzy" sign we now have in the front window at the CCGS Library. It was purchased with some of the donated money for a memorial to Betty Mackmer Hart, a dedicated CCGS and Library volunteer for many years. Betty, also known as "Betty Boop," because of her huge collection of Betty Boop memorabilia, suffered from Scleroderma, a painful, dreadful disease, for several years. Betty served as a librarian up until about one month before her death. She always had a smile on her face and did whatever she could to help our library visitors. We hope there will eventually be a small plaque on the back of the sign which will tell of it being a memorial to our dear friend.

More about the sign: It's an LCD, rather than neon, so it should last for quite a while. The black & white photo doesn't show the sign very well but it has a black background with red letters. The "blinking blue dots" will be used around the red open sign to attract attention. The "closed" sign is also in red, with no dots. It is easily operated with a little remote, much like those used for cars these days. It's securely fastened to the wooden area around the window so there is no danger of anything falling and setting off the burglar alarm as the previous signs had done. (This online version has the colored photo.)

Thanks to Dennis "Doc" Clark for installing the sign. His "technical advisors" for the project were Carol Clark and Anita Roberts. It's a nice addition to the library. And a special "thank you" to everyone donating toward this deserved memorial to our little Betty Boop. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

January 2008

Librarians' Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 3 4 5 9 10 11 1 16 17 18 1	V T F S 1 5 6 7 8 2 13 14 15	HAPPY NEW YEAR Closed today.	Noon - 4:30pm Sandy Thompson, Pat Wildman	Noon - 4:30pm Larry Dean, Alice Allen First Thursday Unfocused Group 1:30-3:30pm	4 10am - 3pm Karen Frost, Lillian Fullerton FREEBIE FRIDAY	5 CLOSED TODAY
6 CLOSED TODAY	CLOSED TODAY Legacy Users Group 10-noon Everyone welcome	8 Noon - 4:30pm NO VOLUNTEERS Can you help?	9 Noon - 4:30pm George & Alberta Dawson	Noon - 4:30pm Larry Dean, Alice Allen Scandinavian Focus Group 1:00-2:30pm	10am - 3pm Dorothy Wear, Toni Hansen	10am - 3pm Bill & Lynda Brake British Isles Focus Group 10:30-noon
13 CLOSED TODAY	CCGS Board 9-11am Executive Board 8:30-9 CLOSED TODAY	Noon - 4:30pm Glen Jones, xxxxx xxxxx We need one more volunteer!	Noon - 4:30pm NO VOLUNTEERS! Can you help?	Noon - 4:30pm Lillian Fullerton, Barbara Baker	18 10am - 3pm Rosalie Kepler, Pat Bauer	19 10am - 3pm Chuck & Marian Thompson
20 CLOSED TODAY	CLOSED TODAY Cut & Paste 10am-4pm Everyone welcome!	General Meeting is 10am to noon. All are welcome. Noon - 4:30pm Glen Jones, Bea Frahm	23 Noon - 4:30pm Lillian Fullerton, Elinor Perlich	24 Noon - 4:30pm NO VOLUNTEERS! Can you help?	25 10am - 3pm Karen Frost, Dorothy Wear	26 CLOSED TODAY
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CCGS Meetings and Programs					
Jan 3 - Feb 28	Winter classes (Jan 3, 10, 19, 24; Feb 9, 21, 28 - all 10am - noon)				
Jan 3	First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30-3:30 CCGS Library Annex				
Jan 7	Legacy Users Group - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex				
Jan 10	Scandinavian Focus Group - 1pm - 2:30pm				
Jan 12	British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon - CCGS Library				
Jan 14	January Board Meeting - 9am - 11am - CCGS Library Annex (Executive Committee - 8:30-9am)				
Jan 21	Cut & Paste work party - 10am-4pm - CCGS Library Annex				
Jan 22	January General Meeting - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex				
Jan 23	February Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please				
Apr 19	Spring Seminar - CCGS Library Annex - Gary Zimmerman of the Fiske Library				
Oct 5-12 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 held in April 2008 (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. JoyFamily6 at msn.com or call Joy at 360-576-9290.