# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

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#### **Hours of operation**



Closed Sunday & Monday Check on-line calendar for other closures.

# **Tues, Wed & Thurs:** 10:00am 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.

# **CCGS General Meeting**

June 24, 2008, 6 p.m. CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

#### **Annual Pot-Luck Dinner**

Following dinner:
Installation of Officers for 2008 – 2009
and
CCGS members' Show-and-Tell





To dinner: Bring a potluck dish of your choice, your own table service, and a good appetite.

For Show-and-Tell: Bring your year's Big Find, Important Discovery, or Completed Project. This "show-and-tell" time is always enjoyed by all.

## Officers to be installed for 2008 – 2009:

President – Garry Lucas Co-vice President – Doc and Carol Clark Secretary – Steve Cornick Treasurer – Karen Frost Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Pat Dye

# WELCOME, NEW MEMBER Rebecca "Becky" Siple

#### RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

Jane Germann

Our next Cut and Paste will be Monday, June 16th, at the annex, from 10 to 4.

Beth Cross, Lorlei Metke, Barbara Baker, DeAnn Wilson, Lillian Fullerton, Marylyn Karecki, Frances Boyd, Diana Cruz and Jane Germann worked the May 19 Cut and Paste. Several people took projects home for the summer. We will have one more Cut and Paste in June and then take the summer off, starting up again in September.

The 1928 township map needs indexing and will be available for taking home to work on this summer. Come to the general meeting or June Cut and Paste and pick up a section if you are interested. Also available will be sections of old newspaper vitals that have been digitized, but they need to be put in a database.

#### RESEARCH HELP, One-on-One

Need some help or new ideas of where to look? Schedule an hour with another researcher. A daytime or evening help session at the library can be scheduled by sending your request to: gensoc at ccgs-wa.org. Also let us know if you could be available to help another researcher. Some new ideas, new eyes, and a new analysis can help you get past that block in your progress.



Our condolences to the family and many friends of Erdine "Deenie" Nugent, a long-time member of CCGS, on her death May 15 at the age of 84. Her family requested memorials be made to CCGS in Erdine's name.

Our condolences to Flo Martocello and her family on the May 12 death of her husband John. Both John and Flo have been long-time CCGS members. He retired several years ago from the USPS, where he served as a Postal Clerk. He will be missed by all who knew him.

## Librarian Training Sessions

Dorothy Wear, Librarian scheduler.

Thank you for the following members attending the Librarian training sessions. Those in attendance were: George & Alberta Dawson, Karen Frost, William Whalley, Eleanor Perlich, Diana Cruz, Bill & Lynda Brake, Lyndon Gabriel, Kara Lynn Rankin, Wayne Tuholski, Bea Frahm, Lillian Fullerton and Barbara Baker. Karen Frost and Eleanor Perlich gave presentations on the financial procedure. Eleanor Perlich explained how the library books are assessed, the Dewey Decimal system and the library catalog program on the computer.

We hope to have more training sessions so all of us can answer questions about our library.

### CCGS-FVRL

Recently CCGS has entered into discussions with the Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL) to discover if it would be mutually beneficial for CCGS to share in the transition to a new facility. The interests of both parties will be talked about allowing the possibility for a win-win situation. If any member has ideas, concerns, and/or wishes to participate in the talks, please contact any of the committee, presently consisting of Garry Lucas, Lethene Parks, Diana Cruz, and Kara Lynn Rankin. Letters can be sent to CCGS-FVRL Committee, PO Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249 or email gensoc at ccgs-wa.org.

## FLAG DAY WINDOW PROJECT

Dorothy Wear

I would like to decorate the CCGS window with a "Flag Day Theme." I would be grateful for some help. My idea is to include flags of America, war memorabilia, pictures, cards, Gold Star mother's flags, or the flags put in the windows of families during WW II, uniforms, etc. I have the wartime food ration stamps from WW II that my father saved for us. Since I was a child at the time, this item means a lot to me. I am sure others have things we could share with the community. Since Vancouver and the Barracks celebrate in all their glory, I think we should do something too. Contact me at dorothybwear at peoplepc.com, or call me at 360-837-3656.

#### CLARK COUNTY CEMETERIES UPDATE

Pat Bauer

CCGS member Richard Engstrom has volunteered to photograph the stones in the Old City Cemetery, which will be a huge job. The photos will all be included on the web page and will be of enormous value to researchers in this area. Many pioneer family members are buried in this cemetery, and the majority of the stones are many years old, although burials may still be made there today.

Richard Engstrom has also reported finishing photographing stones in Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, formerly known as St. James Acres Catholic Cemetery. Those photos are all posted on the appropriate web page. He is now working on updating the burial records, which will also be posted on the web page.

We have received permission from The Columbian to have a link to their March 5 story about the Red Rock - Page cemetery in northern Clark County. "Historian wants old cemetery restored" was written by reporter Scott Hewitt. Hopefully someone will see it and will offer to help with the project. For the link to the story, go to

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waclacem/ Page/page.htm

Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.	In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England: On the 22nd of June,	
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#### LIBRARY IN GREAT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Glen Jones, Library Volunteer

The CCGS Library is in great need of volunteers for all aspects of its operation. We do not have a Head Librarian or Library Director and I am sure many of our Volunteers, such as Alice Allen, Kara Lynn Rankin, Elinor Perlich and others, would relish help in cataloging and in organizing the many donated collections that are currently sitting in the back waiting for attention.

On many days our library is closed because of the shortage of librarians. Being a librarian is not difficult. Some days may be boring but others can be very interesting, working with patrons who come to do research or come looking for help in getting started on their family research.

Diana could probably use help in maintaining our facilities. She does so many different things. The annex needs to be vacuumed often, and garbage dumped, etc. There are many ways that **You** could help, even if you can give only a couple of hours a week.

Volunteers are the "heart" of organizations like CCGS, and without them we would not be able to function. So please volunteer some time. Even a little time would be a big help and greatly appreciated. Who knows, by being a volunteer you may find information about your family while helping.

We owe a big hand of thanks to those who volunteer their time.

# RESPONSE TO A QUERY ABOUT GRAVEL POINT SCHOOL

Mary Zimmerman

I contacted a lady I thought might remember Gravel Point School. I found that she herself attended first grade there before the school was consolidated with Battle Ground School. She was a student for the 1928-1929 school year, along with her older sister. Their family lived up on Finn Hill. To get to school they walked down through a neighbor's property, down the hillside, and across the creek to the school.

Both women remember the school being located on the left side of the road going into Venersborg. Both think it was a short distance from the intersection of what is now NE 182 Ave and Risto Road. When I looked at the map, it seemed a good possibility that it was close to the cemetery, but neither lady remembers the ceme-tery. The older woman remembers the teachers, who lived in a cottage by the school during the school year.

#### MAC GENEALOGY PROGRAMS RATED

Many of the popular genealogy programs are not compatible with Mac computers, so this will be good news for Mac users. The July 2008 issue of *Family Tree Magazine* rates six Mac genealogy programs for look & feel, navigation, data entry, GEDCOM import, source documentation, reports, charts, multimedia, and web site creation. The programs are Reunion, Genealogy Pro, Heredis, Gedicom, Ifamily for Tiger, and MacFamily Tree.

We have most current genealogy magazines on the shelf located just back of the librarian's desk, but give the library a call at 360-750-5688 to see if this issue of Family Tree Magazine is on the shelf before making a special trip to the library. And take a look at the other available magazines while visiting our library.

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:
Here lies an Atheist,
all dressed up and no place to go.

#### **NEW IN THE LIBRARY**

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

Genealogies of Long Island Families, v 1 A-Po By Henry B. Hoff Donated by Thomas Ippoliti

Trinity's First Century-1844-1944 By H. Hughes Wagner Donated by Vernon Loy

Dighton Past and Present 1708-1958 By First Congregational Church Donated by Vernon Loy

History and Directory Washington State Society National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, v 8, 1996-2006 By WA Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Donated by Sandra Thompson

Old Westmoreland, The History and Genealogy of Westmoreland Co. PA (6 volumes), Volumes 7 – 12 (1987 – 1993)
By SW Pennsylvania Genealogical Services

# Trail Breakers Digital Archive

William Whalley

Announcing the availability of a digital version of the CCGS Trail Breakers publication. The digital archive contains all 33 years worth of issues and has an overall index. The archive is installed on the CCGS library computers (look for a link in the databases link on the desktop).

The index has hyperlinks to the Trail Breakers issues for the pages cited. The issues are only images of pages, so can't be searched for text in the usual way. You can print out the pages that you want. Read the overview on printing before you do.

The archive fits on a single CDRom disk. We are exploring ways to make it available to the membership. Note: The index combines the indexes from all the Trail Breakers issues, but does not yet include many names that never made it into the indexes.

#### CCGS Digital Archive Challenge

One of the objectives of CCGS is to collect and preserve genealogical, historical and family history material. Are we preserving our digital data? I could not find electronic versions of any Trail Breakers issues when I looked (maybe I didn't know where to look?) I'm told that we have a few USB thumb drives that people use for specific purposes, but as far as a central storage place for digital documents, I don't think we have any.

**So here's my idea and challenge.** The idea is to have at least two USB hard drives to store CCGS digital material. I'll donate an external USB drive enclosure and spare 20 GB IDE drive to be a CCGS Digital Archive. I challenge someone else to do likewise (or at least donate a larger disk) and to help me develop guidelines on how we should use a digital archive.

# **June 2008**

# Library/Librarians' Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY	Legacy Users Group 10-noon LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY	3 10am-4:30pm Sandy Thompson, Glen Jones	4 10am-4:30pm Karen Frost with Chris & Betty Olson (trs)	5 10am-4:30pm Larry Dean, Alice Allen Unfocused Genealogy Group 1:30-3:30	10am-3pm  Wayne Tuholski, Dorothy Wear, Deanne Wilson(tr) FREEBIE FRIDAY	7 LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY
8 LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY	CCGS Board 9-11am LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY	10 10am-4:30pm Karen Frost; 10-1: Bea Frahm; 1-4:30: Lillian Fullerton	11 10am-4:30pm George & Alberta Dawson	12 10am-4:30pm Larry Dean, Mike Findley	13 10am-3pm Toni Hansen, Wayne Tuholski	14 10am-3pm British Isles Group 10:30-noon Dorothy Wear, William Whalley
15 LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY	Cut & Paste 10-4pm LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY	17 10am-4:30pm Bill & Lynda Brake	18 10am-4:30pm 12-4:30: Bea Frahm; (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)	19 10am-4:30pm 10-1:Elinor Perlich, R. Schachterle; 1-4:30:B. Baker, L. Fullerton	20 10am-3pm Pat Bauer, Rosalie Kepler	21 10am-3pm NO VOLUNTEERS!
22  LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY	23  LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY	24  10am-4:30pm Chuck & Marian Thompson Annual Potluck meeting - 6:00	25 10am-4:30pm NO VOLUNTEERS!	26 10am-4:30pm Alice Allen, Glen Jones	27 10am-3pm Wayne Tuholski; Al Rasimas	28  LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY
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CCGS Meetings and Programs						
June 2	Legacy Users Group - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex					
June 5	First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30-3:30 CCGS Library Annex					
June 9	June Board Meeting - 9am - 11am - CCGS Library Annex					
June 14	British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon - CCGS Library					
June 24	General Meeting - 6pm potluck, installation of officers - see page 1					
Aug 20	September Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please					
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 held in month of 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.