CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

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Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

Tues, Wed & Thurs:

10am 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 March 25, 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.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASS

Genealogy for Beginners: How to begin your search and fill in the blanks on your family tree.

This is a class to help answer the "where do I begin" questions of anyone new to family history research. There is no charge for this class and it is open to the public.

When:

Saturday, March 15th, 10:00 – 12:00 Noon or Wednesday, April 16th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM or Thursday, May 1st, 10:00 – 12:00 Noon

All classes are the same and will be at the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA. Any questions? Call the CCGS Library 360-750-5688 or Diana Cruz 360-573-7128 or email gensoc@ccgs-wa.org. Pick out the date/day that works best for you.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

Diana Cruz (in the absence of Jane Germann)

Another productive day on Monday, February 18th, cutting and pasting. Lorelei Metke, Doc and Carol Clark, Beth Cross, and Diana Cruz were on hand to help and some took projects home to work on.

The obituaries for 2001 are almost complete and the database was completed previously. Proofing, numbering pages, and getting a copy ready to bind for our library shelves is the next step. The indexing of some of these compiled obituaries has already been added to the CCGS website and many requests for this information have already been received. We have been happy to send requested obituaries and have also received some generous donations from those making requests that were filled. Thank you.

The next Cut and Paste event is planned for the third Monday in March (the 17th, St. Patrick's Day) and the door will be open from 10:00-4:00 in the CCGS Annex. Anyone is welcome for whatever time will fit their schedule. We can also send projects home if that works better for you. Thank you to all who have given time in the continued efforts for Research and Preservation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Terry M. Parsley Steven J. Waters Harold Peters

AND WELCOME BACK TO:

Diane "D" Becker Edward S. Chittester Jim N. Cooper Georgene E. Neal

SCANDINAVIAN FOCUS GROUP

The Scandinavian Focus Group, formerly held on the 2nd Thursday at the CCGS library, has been canceled until further notice. Richard Engstrom has been unable to lead it for the past several weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience. If you would like to volunteer to lead the group, please call the library and leave a message at 360-750-5688 or send an e-mail message to gensoc at ccgs-wa.org The day and time can be arranged according to your own personal schedule.

New On Our Library Shelves

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

Stop by the CCGS Library soon to look at these books!

Old Settler's History of York County, Nebraska John Lett Donated by Clarissa Farnsworth

North Country, vol. 1; The Old Town 1880-1889 Olive Van Metre Donated by Clarissa Farnsworth

Notes on Southside Virginia Walter A. Watson Donated by Virginia Holter The Old United Empire Loyalists List United Empire Loyalist Centennial Committee Donated by Vernon Loy

Index to the 1880 Census for Marion County, Ohio Marion Area Genealogy Society Donated by Irene Page

Navarro Leaves and Branches, Vol XVII: 1-4, Vol XIX- vol 1
Navarro County Genealogical Society (Texas)
Donated by Stephen Dixon

StLGS Index of St Louis Marriages 1804-1876 vol. 2 St. Louis Genealogical Society Donated by Vernon Loy

CCGS Library Schedulers Report

Dorothy Wear

February 4, 2008 -

As I sit here, amongst the 12 inches of snow I have looked at for over a week. I am snowbound from my driveway, and unable to reach the CCGS Library, a movie, OR a grocery store, I wonder how the rest of you are doing? I sure hope the weather gets better before March, or I might need a helicopter food flight.

First and foremost, I want to thank each and every one of the librarians who work on a regular basis. You really help to make my assignment easier. Some of you work on the same week or day every month. It would be great if we could have other members choose a day or week of the month as their regular day or time for the library. I have chosen the second Saturday of the month as my choice. If any of you are interested in a day and week that you could volunteer, please feel free to call me at home (360) 837-3656 or E-mail me at: dorothybwear@peoplepc.com.

With the new time change at the library, which was requested by several members, we hope this will allow librarians a better time to get home to cook dinner, work in their yard - spring is just around the corner, or just be with your family. However, it can also pose a problem with some librarians unable to work seven hours straight. You can split the shifts, 10-1; 1-4:30; or a simple couple of hours, 10-2 and 2-4:30, or whatever would work.

We have had several new trainees for the library, which I might add, are very good and quick learners. Our newest trainees are Al Rasimas and Joy Porter. Al Rasimas is from the Bay area of San Francisco and worked as a volunteer librarian for the California Genealogical Society. After moving to Vancouver, and being a member for nearly seven years, Al retired and felt he could give time for our library and meet other members. Joy Porter called me in December and asked to be trained as a librarian after the first of the year. Later, she E-mailed me asking for a day and time to work. Her first time for training was February 28th with Glen Jones. Glen is a great trainer, since he works at least three times a month at CCGS.

I hope other members will like to work at the library, and we're happy to train any volunteer. Working at the CCGS Library is a great way to learn what the library shelves have for researching for ourselves. More of the history of Clark County can be found through our reference materials. It is fun to read some of the older records from the Colombian and see what went on years ago at the Fort, Army post, schools, etc.

DO OUR CCGS WEB PAGES PAY OFF FOR THE SOCIETY?

Pat Bauer

Do our CCGS web pages work for the Society? They surely do! Here's an example of someone finding information on our Clark County Cemeteries web site, and supplying us with information we were missing. Of course, I've updated the file with this additional information.

Saturday, February 9, I received this e-mail message - all the way from Norway!

"I just found your great website http://www.rootsweb.com/~waclacem/ParkHill/p21.htm (while) searching for the graves of relatives who lived in Woodland, and have two birth dates for your next updating.

Astrid Haaland Schei was born in Norway 9 Feb 1888 Henry Schei was born in Norway 11 Apr 1881

Regards Hallvard A. Vie Norway"

New e-mail address for our editor

Our Newsletter Editor Gene Kuechmann has a new e-mail address which is gskuech at gmail.com She is still monitoring the old Pacifier account but will be changing everything to the new address soon. Please change your address book and always include CCGS Newsletter in the subject line when sending her a message.

Trail Breakers Web Project

Diana Cruz

After the last issue of the Trail Breakers was printed and mailed I wondered if it was possible to put together the pages of the Trail Breakers into a web version. Would the members like to see it online? How many would prefer to read it from the web instead of the printed version? These were just some of the questions I was pondering as I began to create a web version of the publication. I didn't have a deadline like I did with the printed version so went to work when I had some time to see what was possible.

At last I had it complete and uploaded it to the server. The next day I met with the Legacy Users Group and shared the website address for the project with them. One of the questions asked at the meeting was whether previous versions would be put on the web too. My answer was, "No." The next question was whether the previous versions could be scanned and put on the web. Bill Whalley decided to take on that question and went home to give that a try.

He put together the scanned pages of the prior issue and sent it to Pat Bauer and myself to view in a PDF file. I have uploaded the file to the server and you can view the Trail Breakers Volume 33 July 2006-June 2007 and Volume 32 July 2005–June 2006 at this web address: http://www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/p6106.htm This is a link from our library page and also from our main web page under Publications. The PDF file is large due to the number of graphics so be patient and wait for it to load. It's worth the wait!

These two efforts are good examples of positive suggestions to benefit the society but were also followed up with solutions on how they can be accomplished. "What if" can be the start of many achievements to help us with our mutual goal of family history research. I hope you will have a few moments to take a look at the examples on the web links above and give us your feedback. I think Bill and I have learned something new in the process of both of these projects and that is always a good thing.

More Classes From CCGS

More classes are being planned by our Education Chairman, Lethene Parks. You can see the Spring Classes on our web page at: www.ccgs-wa.org/p4364.htm with a link to a registration form and more information. Held on Thursdays from 10 until noon beginning March 13, you can take one or all six of the classes. There's a bargain price if you sign up for all six classes.



Our Condolences

We wish to express our condolences to CCGS member Barbara Rolling Redwing on the death Feb. 13 of her sister Shirley J. McGee. Shirley and her husband Jerry had been living in Keizer, OR, for the past 40 years.

Spring Seminar in Langley, WA

The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island invites you to a special Spring Seminar featuring nationally renowned genealogist and author, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. The date is Saturday, April 5, 2008, from 8:15am to 4:00pm. You can see more details on their web page at: www.rootsweb.com/~wagsswi

A New Member and a New Book!

Our newest CCGS member, Harold J. Peters of Santa Clara, CA,, is the author of a new book about travel on the Oregon Trail. *Seven Months to Oregon:1853*, tells of the migration of his Hines relatives from their native New York State to Oregon. You can see more information on the CCGS web page at www.ccgs-wa.org/p5444.htm You will find PDF file there describing the book even more, plus a link to the publisher's web site.

March 2008

CCGS Library Schedule

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CLOSED	CLOSED Legacy's Users 10-noon	10am-4:30pm Sandy Thompson, Pat Wildman	10am-4:30pm Glen Jones, Carol Clark	10-4:30 Larry Dean; 10-1:00 Rosalie Schachterle; 1-4:30 Alice Allen	10am-3pm FREEBIE FRIDAY Karen Frost, Wayne Tuholski	10am-3pm Lillian Fullerton, WE NEED ONE MORE VOLUNTEER
				10am-4:30pm		
9 CLOSED	CCGS Board 9-11am Executive Board - 8:30 CLOSED	10am-4:30pm Bea Frahm, Glen Jones	12 10am-4:30pm George & Alberta Dawson	13 10-4:30 Elinor Perlich; 10-1:00 Dorothy Wear, 1-4:30 Alice Allen 10am-4:30pm	14 10am-3pm Toni Hansen, Wayne Tuholski	15 10am-3pm Dorothy Wear, Al Rasimas
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
CLOSED	CLOSED Cut & Paste 10am-4pm Everyone welcome!	10am-4:30pm Marian & Chuck Thompson	10am-4:30pm NO VOLUNTEERS Can you help?	10-1: Dorothy Wear, Rich Laing; 1-4:30: Barb Baker, Lillian Fullerton 10am-4:30pm	10am-3pm Pat Bauer, Rosalie Kepler	CLOSED
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
CLOSED	CLOSED	10am-4:30pm Bea Frahm, Glen Jones General Meeting 10-noon	10am-4:30pm Larry Dean, Lillian Fullerton	10am-4:30pm Bill & Lynda Brake	10am-3pm Karen Frost, Wayne Tuholski	CLOSED
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Secretary: Diane Hadley Past President: Diana Cruz http://www.ccgs-wa.org
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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Mar 3 Legacy Users Group - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex

Mar 6 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30-3:30 CCGS Library Annex

Mar 8 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon - CCGS Library

Mar 10 March Board Meeting - 9am - 11am - CCGS Library Annex

Mar 13 - Apr 17 CCGS Spring Classes will be held each Thursday. See web page for more information.

Mar 15 Genealogy for Beginners - FREE class - 10-noon, CCGS library annex. See web page for more information.

Mar 17 Cut & Paste work party - 10am-4pm - CCGS Library Annex

Mar 19 April Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please

Mar 25 March General Meeting - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex

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.