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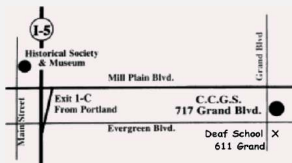
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Closed Sunday & Monday

**Check the on-line library
calendar
for unexpected closures.**

Tues, Wed & Thurs:

10 am 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.

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

7 to 9 pm

CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd.

The public is invited to attend.

This meeting will feature Gloria Scullin presenting *Phanfare*, a photo website. She will connect to the Internet and show us the features she finds most useful. This site also allows one to make albums as well as trading and organizing photos with other family members.

Gloria retired in 2009 as a Manager in Finance from Freightliner. She has been researching her family for twenty years.

A few years ago, we stored our photos in albums (or maybe in shoe boxes). Then we stored them on CDs and DVDs. Now we store them in the cloud. *Shutterfly, Flickr, Snapfish, Phanfare, Picassa ...* the list of photo organizing and sharing web sites is extensive and continues to grow. The features offered by these sites vary widely, as do the costs. Some of them allow a certain amount of editing, although they are no substitute for Adobe Photoshop. To compare programs and help choose the one that best suits your own needs, see the chart and descriptions at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_photo_sharing_websites

CHANGES TO THE CCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Two members have been added:

Denni Kay Hamilton-Levonian, Membership
and **Darla Moshberger Brock**, Publicity.

Now the position of Secretary is open, as Sherry Warren has resigned. A volunteer is needed to fill her position, no experience necessary, on-the-job training supplied. Please send an email to our president at gensoc at ccgs-wa.org or phone the library and leave a message at 360-750-5688. Use of a computer will be required. We hope to see YOU on the Board soon!

ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY SHELVES

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following are new to our library shelves, and can be found on the "New" Shelf during the month of May. Books from the same series are grouped together in this list.



CCGS Purchase:

The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635 vol. 4, I-L; vol. 5, M-P and vol. 6, R-S
Author: Robert Charles Anderson

The Complete Great Migration Newsletter, vol. 1-15
Author: Robert Charles Anderson

Donated by Stephen R. Cornick
Atlas of the North American Indian
Author: Carl Waldman

Donated by Sharon Walton
In Search of Western Oregon
Author: Ralph Friedman

Up Kentuck Inlet, Long Ago, Book 1 & Book 2
Author: Edna Selthon

Illaha, The Story of Settlement in the Rouge River Canyon
Author: Kay Atwood

Conversations with Pioneer Men: the Lockley Files
Author: Fred Lockley

On Her Way Rejoicing
Author: Charlotte and John Hook

The Goulds of Elkhorn
Author: Aileen Barker Rickard

Donated by Beverly Przybylski:
An Ounce of Preservation: A Guide to the Care of Papers & Photographs
Author: Craig A. Tuttle

Roster of The Arkansas Society DAR, A: Register of Ancestors 1893-1968 Combined With the First Supplement - 1978
Author: NSDAR

Second Supplement to the Roster of the Arkansas State Society, NSDAR
Author: NSDAR

Third Supplement to the Roster of the Arkansas State Society, NSDAR
Author: NSDAR

Centennial Plus One: Centennial History of the National Society, Children of the American Revolution 1895-1996
Author: Eleanor Smallwood Niebell

Arkansas Historical Markers Including Revolutionary War Soldiers
Author: Arkansas State Society DAR

Donated by the Hull Family:
Southern Bailey's with Branches Upwards & Outwards 1994-1997; 1997-2000 and 2000-2003.
Author: Donna Beers

Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Miller
Miller Monitor - A Surname Periodical
Author: Frances Nelson

Donated by William S. Beck
Maryland Militia War of 1812, vol. 7 Montgomery County
Author: F. Edward Wright

North Carolina Marriage Records: Guilford County 1771-1868 vol. 1 A-F and vol. 2 G-N
Author: Frances T. Ingmire

Unknown Donor:
The Ellis Cousins Newsletter, Misc. vols. 1979-1993 and vols. 2000-2004
Author: Bill & Carol Ellis

USE OF GPS FOR GENEALOGY IS THREATENED!

by Steve Aberle

Many genealogists are now using Global Positioning System (GPS) devices to record the exact positions of cemeteries, tombstones, family homesteads, and houses ... basically to tie their genealogical data to specific locations. For example, last Fall I used an app on my wife's phone to record one set of my great-great-grandparents buried at 45° 49.125' N, 118° 24.919' W, and I even know the altitude.

Well, your current GPS unit may work now, but perhaps not much longer! A recent decision by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will allow a Virginia company, LightSquared, to build a nationwide Internet service on radio frequencies that are adjacent to those used by civilian GPS receivers. Strong radio signals from the new system could essentially jam our existing GPS devices.

GPS receivers are designed to pick up relatively weak signals from the GPS satellite network. LightSquared, on the other hand, plans as many as 40,000 high-powered ground-based transmitters in the L-Band radio spectrum just below 1559MHz, very close to the GPS center carrier frequency of 1575.42MHz. So, if you are using a GPS device in the vicinity of any of those transmitters, your receiver will likely be overloaded to the point where it cannot acquire and lock on to the GPS satellites. That translates to 40,000 GPS "dead spots" across millions of square miles all around the country.

You do not even need to own a GPS unit to be affected by this situation. Public safety agencies rely on GPS to dispatch and track ambulances, police cars, fire trucks, and many other emergency vehicles. Could a delay of an emergency response vehicle threaten your safety or your life? At least one official with the International Association of Chiefs of Police is afraid it might. Even the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association is worried about the threat this FCC rule change poses to civilian aviation.

If the FCC fails to reverse its decision, nearly every piece of existing civilian GPS equipment (hand-held GPS devices, car navigation systems, iPhone and Android phones, etc.) will be immediately obsolete. From a technical perspective, all that would need to be done is to add a bandpass filter to notch out all frequencies except GPS, but the cost of doing that is high. And, as always, who will pay the tab to upgrade or replace tens of billions of dollars worth of GPS units has not been determined.

On the other hand, by 2015 the nation will have yet another Internet service, one that would potentially reach 92% of Americans, including those in remote corners of the country. Replacing our GPS devices could also stimulate the electronics industry (in Asia) as our old units go into landfills.

FREE—COMPUTER CLINIC—FREE

As Tom Peterson said, "Free is a very good price." Did you know that as a CCGS member you are entitled to free computer help? The Computer Clinic meets once a month, on the afternoon of the first Monday of the month. Steve Aberle, Steve Cornick, and/or Bill Whalley are on hand to diagnose computer problems and field questions.

Hardware, software, Windows, Mac, Linux – we'll take on all issues. For example:

- ^ PC crashes—we found a bad memory module.
- ^ PC won't boot—we rescued the user's data and saved it to their new computer.
- ^ PC starts/runs slowly—we deleted unneeded programs running in the background.
- ^ Convert genealogy data to new program – we showed how.
- ^ How-to questions on software use – we answered them.
- ^ Install new programs – we did it or showed how.

If you bring in your laptop or desktop computer for work, please bring keyboard, power cables, mouse, and any installation and recovery disks you may have. We can supply a (VGA) monitor.

Getting to know . . . Nina Williams



I was born on Sunday morning, June 6, 1937, in the small farming community of Kirksey, Calloway County, Kentucky. Our farm was located on the main road through town, so people walking home from church would stop by to see the new baby born to Opal (Pace) and O. C. Williams. I was estimated to weigh just 4.5 pounds and the doctor placed me in the oven of our wood-burning cook-stove to keep me warm. My family has always teased me about being half-baked!

In 1941, we moved to Detroit, Michigan. Following high-school graduation, I received a scholarship to Highland Park General Hospital for nursing. After working in nursing for ten years, I met two nurse anesthetists who convinced me to further my education. I enrolled at the University of Cincinnati School of Anesthesia. After graduation in 1968, I worked at the Shriner's Burn Unit for two years.

I moved to Vancouver in 1970. Vancouver Memorial Hospital had one opening for a Nurse Anesthetist. I worked there until it merged with St. Joseph's and became known as Southwest Washington Medical Center. I retired from there in January 1998 after 27 years. Now I usually spend my winters in Southern California. Love those warm days. Even though I never married, I have been an active godmother of two boys who are now young men. They provided me with the opportunity to develop all the parenting skills I want.

My introduction to genealogy was accidental. Two friends from New England were avid genealogists who showed me albums, books, pedigree charts, etc. Just for the fun of it, one summer while visiting my father in Kentucky I started asking "those questions" about our family. He took me to visit the graves of both sides of my family, drove me to the family farms, and introduced me to older relatives to talk family. I was overwhelmed with my history, but I also knew I wanted to know more so...here I am, still searching. I've been a member of CCGS since the mid to late 80's. Unfortunately, due to my work schedule, I didn't become active until after retirement. I am enjoying the Cut & Paste workdays and becoming acquainted with the members at meetings and seminars.

LEGACY USERS GROUP

Legacy Family Tree is a Windows genealogy database program. If you haven't used a genealogy program before, then it's well worth trying out. You can pick up a free installation CD in the CCGS library or you can download the free version of Legacy from the Millennia web site at <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com> Be sure to watch the free training video on the web site.

Legacy is easy to use for novices but offers many advanced features for experienced users. The CCGS Legacy Users Group meets in the CCGS Library Annex on the first Monday of the month from 10:00-12:00. We share our experiences using Legacy (and other programs), solve problems, ask and answer questions, and sometimes view and discuss training videos. Come and join us. Bring your laptop and enjoy our new higher-speed Internet wireless service.

The Legacy Users Group wishes to thank CCGS for their sponsorship. That allows us to use the facilities and equipment free of charge.

*We wish to extend our condolences to CCGS members Leroy and Grace Peters.
Their son Tim died March 30 at age 54.*

REMINDER: The email addresses in your CCGS Newsletter, both in the heading on page 1 and in the articles, are printed in the form **username at domainname** to prevent them from being "harvested" by automatic systems for commercial purposes or more unsavory uses. To use these addresses, just replace **at** with **@** and close up the space around the **@**.

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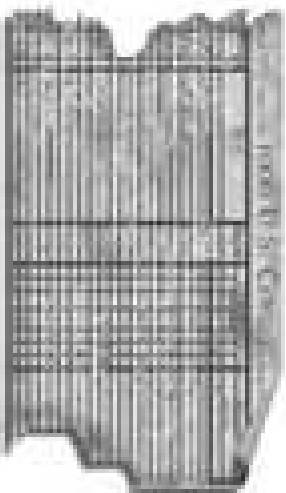
Abstracting Records, 20th Century Records, and Proving a Maternal Line by Connie Lenzen



Connie Lenzen, CG
Connie is a board
certified genealogist.
She is actively

involved in client research and lecturing. Connie has lectured at the national, state, and local level. She is a National Genealogical Society (NGS) director, past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, and on the education committee of her local genealogical society, the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

The Clark County
Genealogical Society is
honored to have Connie
speak at our seminar.



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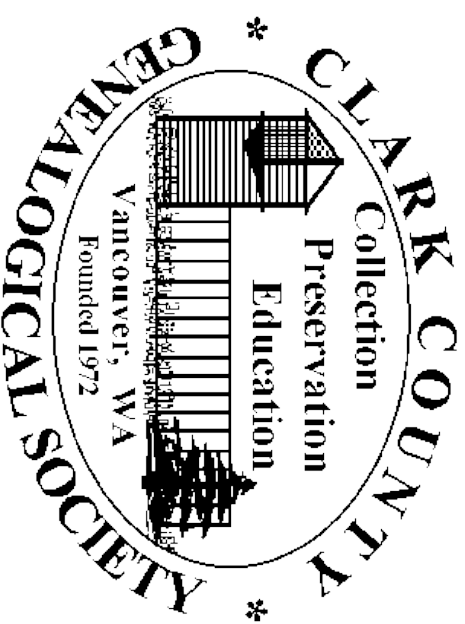
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June 4, 2011

**CCGS Spring Seminar
With Connie Lenzen**

Spaghetti Lunch available for \$5



Make checks payable to **CCGS**

Mail to:

CCGS Spring Seminar 2011

PO Box 5249

Vancouver WA 98668-5249

Or you may register in person at

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Spring Seminar

June 4, 2011

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

at CCGS Annex

715 Grand BV, Vancouver WA

SEMINAR TOPICS:

Abstracting Workshop – learn how to abstract records to produce concise notes

I Know They Existed, but I Can't Find Them – 20th century research

Proving A Maternal Line When Grandma Didn't Tell Us Who Were Her Parents – the challenge of tracing women

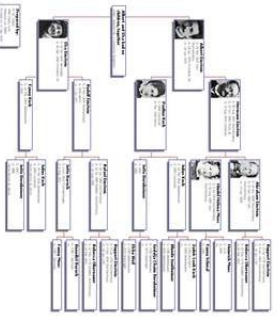


Photo: Peter and Lisa Miller, Seattle

Register Early – deadline 05/28/11

\$35 Members

\$40 Non-members

Spaghetti Lunch \$5

Seminar Schedule

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:30 – 11:30 Session I

11:45 – 1:00 Lunch / Exhibits

1:00 – 3:30 Sessions II & III

Coffee and tea provided

Soda and bottled water \$.50

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

\$35 Member

\$5 Spaghetti

CCGS Member Number _____

\$40 Non-member

\$5 Spaghetti

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Getting to know . . . Richard Engstrom



I was born in the Orchards area of Clark County. My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side, John Peter Bersch, homesteaded in Clark County in 1853. Another great-great-grandfather, John Livingston, settled in Clark County after the Civil War and filed a land claim on what is now known as Livingston Mountain, which was named after him. My father's parents immigrated to the USA from Sweden in the late 1800's.

I attended grade schools in Clark County, went to Evergreen High School and Clark College, and received my BS from Portland State University. I then went to Boston College and received my MSW in 1965.

My work career was primarily in the public sector. One of my first jobs was as Executive Director of the Community Action Agency in Jackson County, Oregon. I then came back to Portland and worked for a number of years as an administrator for Multnomah County, mostly in the Department of Environmental Services, where I had responsibility for the Parks and Cemetery bureaus as well as the County Expo Center and other related entities. I was also on the faculty of the Portland State University in the Schools of Social Work and Urban Planning where I taught courses from grant writing to social planning.

I served for a year as the Development Officer for Clackamas Community College and then was appointed as the Deputy Executive Officer for Metro, the regional government in metropolitan Portland. I served eight years in this position and then took a much needed respite from the world of work and moved to Thailand for two years. I taught English as a second language for part of that time. I returned to Clark County and worked the last six years as a grant writer and then an administrator in the Clark County Public Health Department. I retired in 2005.

I have been active in the Clark County Genealogical Society since my retirement and have taken the lead in the Old City Cemetery project as well as serving as the Annex Manager for the past two years. I have taken a trip to Sweden to do genealogical research and meet family members. I also have been to Tennessee twice to do research on the Livingston side of the family. I am in the process of writing our family genealogy, and one of these days it will be completed.

LIBRARIANS NEEDED

CCGS is fortunate to have a dedicated group of librarians who willingly share their expertise with fellow researchers as well as people just starting doing genealogy. Our quarterly Librarians' Training benefits our librarians and the visitors who rely on our expertise.



CCGS is seeking additional volunteers to be librarians. There are two librarians on duty at a time so, if you are new, we pair you with a more experienced member. This is a delightful way to meet others interested in genealogy, learn from each other, and provide a service to CCGS by keeping the library open.

Contact Kara Lynn Rankin at KL-Rankin at comcast.net or call 360-901-5331 for more information.

NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE CCGS DISTINGUISHED HELPER

Last September, CCGS recognized many outstanding volunteers. We will again recognize several people this coming September by placing their names on our quilt. This year's requirements are that the persons (1) do not already have their names on the quilt and (2) have served with distinction.

The committee will likely limit the list of finalists to four to six names. Two names were previously submitted, but we need more nominees. Please think about whom you have appreciated and nominate them. Please leave the names in the quilt cubby at the society or email the president at gensoc at ccgs-wa.org or send your nomination by mail to CCGS.

SALT LAKE CITY TRIP: OCTOBER 2 TO 9, 2011

Plan ahead now to make a genealogy research trip to Salt Lake City Family History Library. They have records for all states and many foreign countries. They have translators who can read and write many languages and are invaluable in helping others find records in foreign countries.

I have made reservations for the week of October 2 through October 9 at the Carlton Hotel, where we get group discount prices. They serve a custom breakfast every morning for lodgers and have shuttles to and from the library several times a day. I will make specific reservations about September 1, so I would appreciate having the details of your plans before then. You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements, whether you travel by plane, car, train, or bus.

I prefer to be contacted by email because I am often gone during the day. If you call me, please leave a message and I will return your call. I will answer email messages as soon as I can. Let me know if you have questions about the trip. I hope you will plan to make this trip. It is always an enjoyable trip for those who go.

I will have a meeting at the library in mid-September to answer last minute questions and so you can meet each other. I will send information about this meeting the first of September.

Contact Sharon Houck at 360-892-8106 or genfever at msn.com.

CCGS CLASSES

**These are the last classes before summer.
Registration and payment in advance appreciated.**

Tuesday, May 3, 10 am – 12 noon, CCGS Annex *BEGINNING GENEALOGY*
Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree Instructor: Larry Dean

The topics at this FREE class will include collecting information within the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts, and genealogy database programs.

Tuesday, May 10, 10 am – 12 noon, CCGS Annex *NAMING PATTERNS* Instructor: Lethene Dennis Parks
\$12 for CCGS members or \$15 for non-members.

Are all your ancestors named William or Elizabeth? Or is there a Jeremiah or Nehemiah among them? Do you have German ancestors with baptismal names that reflect the baptism sponsor? Do they appear in records by their first or middle name? Lethene will give you a lot of information on how to use these names in your genealogical research.

Lethene Dennis Parks has been doing genealogical research on and off for 60 years. She is a past-president of the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. She has been a member of the Clark County Genealogical Society since she moved to Vancouver in 2004. She has taught CCGS classes on several topics and is one of our most popular class instructors.

WELCOME RETURNING MEMBERS

Don Allen
Judith Mason

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard Berhow
Edward McAninch
Diane Wilkinson
Marsy & Larry Hellie
Linda & Le Roy Reynolds
Steve Gaudette
Beth Lewis
Heather Reznick

If you're not receiving the "Weekly Blurb" which is sent by email to all of our members each Sunday, please send a note with your name to apmb at pacifier.com This is a special notice for our members to tell them of meetings, classes, and other events they will hopefully enjoy. If there is nothing new to report, then we skip a week occasionally.

VOLUNTEER DAY, Monday, April 18, 2011

Elinor Perlich and Lethene Parks were ready for a lot of Library volunteers, but only Glen Jones showed up. (The first day of sun in several weeks was just too alluring.) Glen was quickly put to work. Vicki Schwab was working at home on how to best organize our periodicals. Bill Whalley was called to come get our Internet connection working again; apparently the change with Qwest caused some recognition problems. Thanks, Bill!

The Treasurer's group, made up of Larry Germann, Cheryl Brooks, Eric Jordal, and Yvonne Muchmore, was hard at work.

The Cut and Paste group was small, but this gave chair Jane Germann some time to re-organize her materials. DeAnn Wilson was at the copy machine and Gaydene Thompson worked on some pasting. Flo Martocello came down to pick up some cut-and-paste to do at home. Martha Hennagin Cieglo and Lillian Fullerton were indexing at home. Both Diane Woodman and Lee Kersteter brought in issues of vitals from the *Columbian*. It's nice to have several copies so that we have one complete set of dates and are able to have originals if there is material on both sides of the paper. Thanks for volunteering.

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY: Monday, May 16, 2011, from 10 to 2 at the Library and Annex

CHUCK & MARIAN THOMPSON HAVE MOVED

To all of our friends in the CCGS: We have made our move to Woodland and all of our contacts are changed. Our new mailing address is 369 Gun Club Road # 107, Woodland, WA 98674. Our new land phone is 360-841-8338, and our new e-mail address is cmthomp at comcast.net.

LOOKING FOR VETERANS' GRAVES WITHOUT MARKERS

I need your help. I am looking for veterans' graves without markers in Brush Prairie Cemetery and Crawford Cemetery. Last year, I started a project on my own to list veterans who are buried at Brush Prairie Cemetery on NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver. I felt that some of our veterans are forgotten, especially in some of our smaller cemeteries in Clark County. I have located 95 veterans of wars ranging from the Civil War to Vietnam in Brush Prairie Cemetery, and there are 29 known veterans in Crawford Cemetery. Members of the Ft. Vancouver Daughters of the American Revolution and I are involved in placing flags and remembering our veterans on Memorial Day weekend and Veterans Day. If you have relatives or friends who served our country and are buried in either cemetery, please contact Denni Hamilton-Levonian at MayflwHam3 at yahoo.com or call Denni at 360-896-9952.

WANTED: RESEARCHERS FOR HIRE

A project is underway to find CCGS members who would hire out to do research for people unable to do the research for themselves. Currently, the librarians can assist most people who visit or phone the library and more likely than not satisfy their needs. But, if a person needs more research in depth and is willing to hire someone to do the research, then it would be to the advantage of the CCGS to be able to provide a list of qualified researchers from within the society. (This list would also include qualified people outside CCGS.) It would then be the customer's decision whether to make a selection from the list. If interested, contact Wayne Tuholski at the CCGS library (most Fridays) 360-750-5688, or by email at corkstree at q.com.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- May 2 Legacy Users Group - 10am - noon, CCGS Library Annex
- May 2 Computer Clinic - 1pm - CCGS Library/Annex
- May 3 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30pm, CCGS Library
- May 5 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30pm, CCGS Library Annex
- May 9 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
- May 14 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
- May 16 Volunteer Day - 10am - 2pm, CCGS Library Annex
- May 18 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please with CCGS Newsletter in subject line.**
- May 24 General Meeting - 7 to 9pm, CCGS Library Annex
- June 4 Annual Spring Seminar - see web page for information
- Oct. 2-9 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 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 pm.

No General Meetings are held 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@pacifier.com or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.
