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A Message from the President – Bill Duchie

Everything is changing rapidly. Some say faster than ever before. Others say change occurs only as fast as people can absorb and live with it. I am in the latter group, but it has not always been so. Previously the past looked more like a large, still pond. The present seemed like a fast moving stream. However with my interest in genealogy, I have learned much about our ancestors and collateral lines and the change each experienced. Things that once looked simple take on new meaning and a sense of urgency.

What would my thoughts have been:

Riding over Celilo Falls on a raft as we neared the end of the Oregon Trail; confined to a damp stockade while the Indians raided; or seeing my father drown, leaving a family of thirteen.

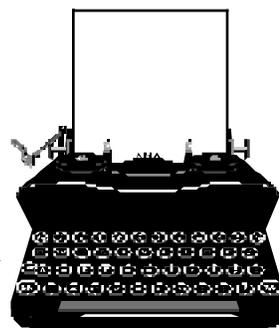
Immigrating to the US aboard a coffin ship; eloping with a shotgun-toting father in hot pursuit; moving my family of eight from city to city while working for the railroad moving west.

As an Austrian mother, with five children, being placed on a ship for NY, where there would be no one to meet me, rather than Canada; trying to farm when my life had been that of an artisan; being a homesick boy of twelve working in logging camps and wheat fields to help support the family farm.

As a distraught man, faced with a deteriorating family and a dismal future as a night clerk in a small hotel, deciding to shoot myself in Tacoma.

Patrolling Long Beach, Washington, at night, during WWII; working in the Kaiser shipyards or selling my car to buy groceries for my young family.

Let me encourage you, if you have not already begun, to write the stories you have been researching. There are many gifts we can give to our families, but none as precious as a slice of history. Instead of spending all of my time shopping this year I will write a short story, print out a family group sheet or make a family tree for each family member. It will be a focal point for the day and many years to come.



No General Meeting in December

NOVEMBER MEETING NO WASHOUT

At the November General Meeting, Toni Kohn regaled us with an illustrated account of bathing and toileting throughout history. We learned that the notion that "cleanliness is next to godliness" originated with early civilizations that enjoyed a Mediterranean climate, from Greece, Egypt, Crete, and Rome, in the west, to the Indus (modern Pakistan) in the east. For many centuries and in many places, both bathing and toileting were communal activities! And while the poor had to go to the water, the rich had the water brought to them.

The Middle Ages saw a decline in bathing and a rise in disease as people moved into the cities and populations increased in colder climates. These conditions led to the gradual development of private baths and toilets and to modern sewage systems. Early versions of today's plumbing are amazing and amusing. (Ever see a seesaw shower or a pedal shower?)

Toni closed her presentation with a series of photos of unique and interesting privies.

WANTED:

IDEAS FOR 2003 SEMINAR

It's not too soon to start thinking about a speaker for our 2003 Spring Seminar. If you heard a speaker at the NGS 2001 Conference in Portland (or at any other time) whom you'd highly recommend, please contact Jennifer Warren at <jwarren@pacifier.com> or 573-1253. Member input in deciding upon a speaker is tremendously helpful and will be appreciated.

Jennifer Warren

Thanks

to Jennifer Petersen for getting out the November Newsletter. She did an outstanding job. Thank you, Jennifer!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

It has been decided to put the Newsletter deadlines on a regular schedule. All items will be due on the third Wednesday of months with four Wednesdays, and on the fourth Wednesday of months with five Wednesdays. Or, if you prefer, on the second to the last Wednesday of every month except June and July. (The deadline for the summer Newsletter, if any, will be announced.)

I prefer that items be sent by e-mail with the subject Newsletter or (month) Newsletter.



GODDARD CEMETERY INFORMATION, ANYONE?

An inquiry was made in the Guest Book on the CCGS web page about the Goddard Cemetery, or Salmon Creek Methodist Cemetery, as it is also known. The inquirer would like to replace some missing tombstones and have one reset that has been knocked over. She's a descendant of the Bradway, Blakely, and Betts families, among others. She would like to contact the Sexton of the cemetery.

Does anyone know who is in charge of the cemetery? Or can you suggest someone else for her to contact? Please contact Susan Bradway at <thetrout@cnw.com> if you can help in any way. Thanks for your help.

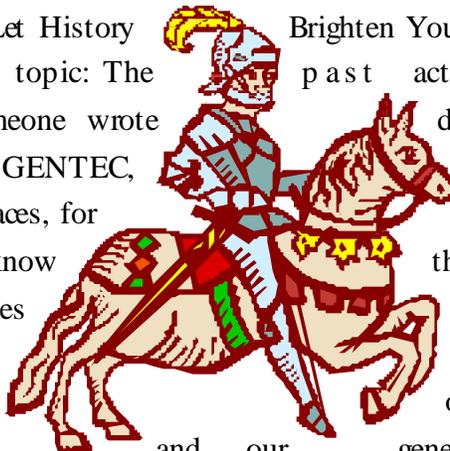
COMING EVENTS



LET HISTORY BRIGHTEN YOUR GENEALOGY!

Get a good start to your genealogical year by attending the first CCGS general meeting of 2002 on Tuesday, January 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Parish Hall. Maryalice Gordon, a CCGS member, who has been travelling and researching across the United States and Canada for the past nine years and recently returned to live in Vancouver, will be our speaker at the January meeting. Her topic will be "Let History Brighten Your Genealogy!"

Maryalice says this about her topic: The past actually happened, but history (and genealogy) is only what someone wrote down. Leslie Smith Collier, lecturer, teacher, and a director in GENTEC, admonishes us to not "be satisfied with mere names, dates, and places, for these are as dry as the dust they have become. We can best know those who paved our way if we research their lives and times broadly instead of through the narrow focus of a genealogical microscope." With that concept in mind, are we short changing ourselves and our research? History lives when we add our ancestors, and our genealogy profits when we search history for our ancestors. Let Maryalice "brighten your genealogical search" as she shares what she has learned about genealogy while looking at history.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE SPRING SEMINAR

We'll soon be welcoming in the New Year 2002 and our Spring Seminar won't be far behind. We're delighted to have Shirley Hodges as our featured speaker in 2002. The Seminar will be on Saturday, 16 March, at St. Luke's Parish Hall. Look for the Spring Seminar flyer and registration form in the January newsletter. Send your registration in early as seating will be limited.

Shirley's topics will be:

- Church Records: The Ties That Bind
- Whither Thou Goest: Tracing Your Female Ancestors
- Researching Your Ohio Ancestors
- Research Facilities in the Great Lakes Area

REVIEWS

by Pat Bauer

Parentèle

(computer program)

Members and other visitors to the CCGS library can now try out Parentèle Version 3, by



ALSYD Multimedia, using the demo copy installed on the internet computer there. You can also download a free demo copy from their internet site to try at home.

This program was available only in Europe until a few months ago, when the English version was released. There are two versions of Parentèle available: the Classic Edition, which is limited to 2048 persons per family, and the Prestige Edition, with unlimited capabilities. Although the Classic Edition is suggested for beginners, I see no reason not to get the "big one" to start with. With the excellent instruction book that is included with the program, and the readily available on-line help, most computer users should easily learn to navigate the program in a few days.

This elaborate program has most of the capabilities of other popular programs released in the U.S., with a few extras that you will enjoy. I like the ease of going from one specific project to another without having to hunt for it and trying to decide what it will be called.

One new term I had to learn is SOSA. This is the Sosa-Stradonitz numbering system, which appears

to be the same as the numbering system for Ahnentafel charts in other programs. In this code, all male ancestors have even numbers and female ancestors have odd numbers.

When viewing a chart for a person, you can click a chart at the right side of the screen to jump several generations back, say to the great-grandfather of that person, instead of clicking back one generation at a time. As you place your cursor at various clickable spots on the screen, a box comes up to tell you what you can accomplish if you click there.

Registered owners of the Parentèle program can compose their own web pages with an easy-to-use part of the program. Free web space is provided on the Parentèle web site where other users will be able to see your information. The files are ready to post, but it is your responsibility to post them.

Thanks to one of the extras included with the Prestige Edition, users with a CD burner can download their family information directly to a CD, with no need to save it to another file first. There is a very adequate choice of types of charts, and they are good looking when printed. With several of them, a key to the abbreviations used is printed. The word *level* is used rather than *generation*. I found no charts that could be saved to a text file, but there were a few that would save to a Rich Text File (RTF). Nicely written biographies can also be created by the program.

The Parentèle Prestige Edition retails for \$79.95 and the Classic Edition for \$59.95, plus shipping charges. Both include a complete user's guide, and on-line help is available. This is an interesting program that, after the user becomes acquainted with the various input requirements, is easy to use and quite efficient. For more information, plus ordering information, check out their web site at: http://us.parentele.com/pages/parentele_us.html. You can also contact them by mail or phone at: Alsyd Corp., 8780 19th St. #199, Alta Loma CA 91700. Phone (909) 987-1921.

Legacy Family Tree 3.0 (computer program)



Members and other visitors to the CCGS library can also try out Legacy Family Tree using the demo copy installed on the internet computer there. This will give you a chance to evaluate Legacy, along with several other programs, and see which one you like best. The Standard Edition of the program is available free from their web site, but the Deluxe Edition adds a lot to the program's convenience and ease of use.

A nice feature is the relationship shown when you go from the main person to a relative. I now know that a person I've been referring to as a second cousin is actually my first cousin once removed,

and his children are my second cousins.

I also like the many choices available for printing all types of charts, and the preview prior to printing is a nice touch. It's better to see what you're going to be printing than to waste paper, ink, and time on charts that are of no use to you. This is an easy to use, easy to understand program from which you can get many hours of enjoyment. I was impressed when it quickly and easily imported all of my GEDCOM data for over 20,000 names.

One thing I look for immediately in any genealogy program is whether I can convert a file or chart easily into .TXT format. (I exchange information with many cousins around the world via e-mail, and any computer can read a text file!) Legacy has this capability, and it is much easier to use in this regard than several other programs I'm using.

The Standard Edition of Legacy Family Tree 3.0 is available free for downloading from the Legacy web site at www.legacyfamilytree.com, but to download the Deluxe Edition costs \$19.95. There is also a CD of the Deluxe Edition, with a 328-page User's Guide, available for \$24.95 plus an additional \$5 charge for shipping and (if applicable) sales tax. You can contact the publisher by phone or mail at: Millennia Corporation, PO Box 1800, 26531 NE Stella Street, Duvall WA 98019. Phone 1-800-753-3453.

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!

BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 from 25 Jan. to 15 March
At Room 101, Town Plaza Center, 5411 E. Mill
Plain Blvd., Vancouver. Course fee is \$40.

Instruction on how to organize and chart
information, use computers in genealogy, use LDS
records, vital records, censuses, libraries, and
courthouse records.

Clark College and Clark College Community
Education catalogs have details on registration.
Walk-ins must register at Baird Administration
Bldg. on Clark College campus.

Community Education Phone: 360-992-2749.

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LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED EVENINGS IN DECEMBER AND FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The CCGS library will be closed from December
25, 2001 through January 1, 2002 for the
Christmas and New Year holidays. We will reopen
on January 2, 2002. We will also be closed during
the EVENING hours for the entire month of
December.

We still need more volunteer librarians for
Saturdays and evenings. If you would like to help
by volunteering at least one day or evening a
month, please contact Darlene Brown at
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ANYBODY YOU KNOW?



Taken at La Center about 1905

Photo submitted by Susan Bradway

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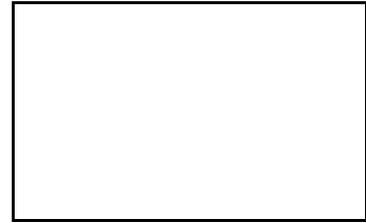
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CCGS Meetings and Programs

December	NO GENERAL MEETING
	NO EVENING HOURS AT CCGS LIBRARY
11 Dec.	7:00 p.m. CCGS Board Meeting at the Library
19 Dec.	January Newsletter deadline
25 Dec.- 1 Jan.	CCGS LIBRARY CLOSED (reopens 2 Jan.)
8 Jan.	7:00 p.m. CCGS Board Meeting at the Library
22 Jan.	CCGS General Meeting, 7 - 9 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E 4th Plain Blvd., Vancouver WA
23 Jan.	February Newsletter deadline
25 Jan. - 15 March	Beginning Genealogy classes at Town Plaza Center, Room 101
16 March	Spring Seminar at St. Luke's Parish Hall