



Newsletter

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January Meeting

Tuesday, 28 January

10 a.m. – 12 noon

**St. Luke's Episcopal
Church**

Parish Hall

426 E 4th Plain Blvd.

Vancouver

MEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Fight the January Blahs! Come "Show and Tell"

No, you won't have to give a speech. Just bring some of your genealogical or family treasures to the meeting, with informative labels if possible. We'll spread out on tables so everyone can browse and admire, ask questions, and socialize.

What should you bring? Some ideas:

New books, or old ones

Genealogy charts or notebooks

A collection of family photos

Some handwork done by your ancestors

A painting of or by one of them

Snapshots you took in Salt Lake City

Photos of your ancestors' grave sites

Maps of the areas where they lived

A collection of family heirlooms

An old autograph book or collection of recipes

If you've nothing to bring (hard to believe), just come and check out other people's stuff!

Spread
the Word

About our Spring Seminar on
15 March with Dr. John Philip
Colletta

December Board Meeting Summary

The meeting, open to general membership, was December 9. A quorum was present.

A draft budget for 2002/2003, with an estimated income of \$38,630 and projected expenses of \$40,157, was presented. Comments are being sought via E-mail so the budget can be approved at the January Board meeting.

To improve future budget development, the process will begin in May. The initial effort, by elected officers and appointed directors, will be presented to the Board in June.

Patty Hanning suggested a web site that offers early 2003 grants. The Board and members are encouraged to suggest other sources as well as projects that may qualify. A chairperson is sought to lead the grant process.

Members are reminded to provide Phyllis Dale with their volunteer hours each month. This information, demonstrating member involvement, is vital to the grant process.

Al Collins donated an original teak carving "Oriental Poppy" to the Society.

Glenna Brock will serve as the Directory editor.

Diana Cruz and Jennifer Warren organized and conducted a successful new-member welcome and orientation meeting. The next one is scheduled for March 9th.

Treasurer Joy Schmoldt announced volunteers to assist with: management of Certificates of Deposit, thank-you letters for cash donations, and accounts receivable.

Karen Frost will begin scheduling librarians in February. Library evening hours will be discontinued from Thanksgiving until the first Wednesday in March. Appointments to use the library during hours of closure can be made. On a trial basis, the first Friday of the month, February through June, will be a "free" day for library visitors accompanied by a member.

Meetings will continue with the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District to define a mutually beneficial level of partnering.

Next Board meeting Monday, January 13th at 10:00AM at the CCGS Library.

AN EASIER WAY TO SEARCH THE SSDI

Stephen Morse has added a portal to the U.S. Social Security Death Index. His site provides a way to search the SSDI at the following four sites: Roots-Web, Lineages.com, Ancestry.com, and Genealogy.com. It is located at
<<http://home.pacbell.net/spmorse/ellis/ssdi.html>>.

Some advantages of using Morse's portal are:

1. You only have to fill in the form once and then can try it on each of the sites.
2. It has the same interface for all four sites, so it is easier to use.

3. It lets you jump into the middle of the results without having to step sequentially through them. For example, if you have already looked at results 1 to 1000 and want to resume at 1001, you can name 1001 as the starting point.

Morse's FAQ page gives a good comparison of the options at the four sites. This allows the user to make an informed decision as to which search engine to use.

From Jennifer Warren

In SLC with Cheryl Brooks

As a novice genealogist and first-time traveler to Salt Lake City, I told my sister prior to leaving that I feared my attention span would be severely compromised after a day or so. So before I left I was already formulating the excuses I'd use for the shopping sprees and sight-seeing trips I'd be taking.

The class the first morning gave us additional avenues to explore to track down those gggrandpas. It was informative and I was glad our local society purchased the CDs for our future use in Vancouver. There was only one I thought would help me, but at that point I just wanted to see what the library had.

At last we arrived at this humongous library! Because Jennifer and Irene had prepared me on where to begin, I had some leads to follow and I was able to go directly to the smiling volunteers to get started using the films. Six hours and one film later, I was really concerned over the time expenditure. How would I accomplish anything if it was going to take this long for one film? At this rate I'll never get done! However, I had a wealth of information. Now all I had to do was prove he indeed was MY ancestor. Due to my impatience I had already ignored previous advice to start at the beginning.

I'm not sorry I did that because the amount and variety of resources that were proving fruitful made me feel like a kid turned loose in the candy store. I found I could save money by putting all film pages on a CD or floppy and then print what I wanted from the pages later at home, when I had more time to really look at them.

The first couple days I got so involved with collecting data I didn't miss not eating lunch until 5pm (and I'm one who lives to eat, not eats to live).

On the fifth day I started looking at the census records -- only to realize there was a whole bunch more information in them too.

Time slipped by all too rapidly! Now I have all these papers and 2 CDs to organize, decipher, and file so I can prepare for next year's trip to SLC. This year opened a Pandora's box! It was a terrific experience and I'm very grateful for all the help I received from Jennifer, Irene, and Bill. A new hobby has been born!!!!

More Net News

To find what % of the US population shares your name, go to <<http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/freqnames.html>>. To find how many people with the name lived in the US in 2000, multiply the percentage by the total population (281,421,906).

To check out the frequency of names in England <<http://www.taliesin-arlein.net/names/search.php>> This site tells you how to figure out how many with the name live in England today and also how many have been recorded since the 1600's.

Thomas Roth, a resident of Munich, Germany, since 1971, has been a visitor in the CCGS Chat Room several times lately. This means he's up at 4 a.m. to be visiting with us! His Roth (also spelled Rath, Rott, etc.) ancestors lived in the Washougal area and many of them are buried in the Washougal Cemetery. His mom is still living on the Oregon Coast and he visits with her as often as possible.

If anyone wants to receive Pat Bauer's weekly message, they can send a note to her at:
<patbauer@pacifier.com>

If you did that and still aren't on the list, try again. Maybe her computer ate it! (They do that.)

ATTENTION

We're affiliated with Heritage Books, Legacy Family Tree, and Ancestry.com. There are links to all three of these on several of the pages on the CCGS web site. CCGS receives a commission from each of these companies for sales to anyone accessing their site from our web page. But Ancestry's automatic renewal system does not credit CCGS. Please refuse the automatic renewal and resubscribe from our web page. It doesn't cost you any more.

Note From President Bill Duchie

Happy New Year

There has always been a question in my mind regarding New Year's eve. Should the focus be on reviewing the past year or eagerly anticipating the New Year?

Over the years we learned that tradition differs from place to place and age to age. Therefore I have concluded it is not an "either/or situation" but rather a combination.

A few of the many things CCGS can celebrate are:

- A slate of officers, mostly new to the society, who are eager to serve by carrying on the traditional and blazing new trails.
- A genealogical collection of more than 300 books and other materials from the estate of Katherine Newkirk Watson. Integration into the Society's collection has been a major undertaking
- Establishing an endowment to provide for Society long term and special needs.
- A growing community presence through our Education Committee, Speakers Bureau, and participation in community fairs.
- Successfully managing a budget of \$35,896.
- Increasing membership dues to more fully cover the cost of CCGS services.
- Many dedicated volunteers, new and long-time members, to further our position as a premier genealogical society in Western Washington.
- Receipt of a major work of art "Oriental Poppy" by member Al Collins.

We eagerly anticipate:

- Increased Society growth by introducing new people to genealogy and arousing an interest in their family history.
- Broadening member participation by matching individual experiences and passions with immediate and as-yet undefined opportunities.
- Growing our Research and Preservation efforts to insure local Clark County genealogical artifacts are not lost.
- Actively encouraging donations of individual genealogical collections so these important resources are not inadvertently and unnecessarily lost.
- Strengthening existing and identifying new potential partnerships that will serve the needs and interests of our membership and promote genealogy in general.
- Daring to dream boldly enough so we continue to operate on the leading edge for a society our size.
- Developing of a formal and sustainable process for seeking support grants

PLEASE KEEP US POSTED

Irene Page, <pageig@pacifier.com>: news that calls for a greeting from the Sunshine Department

Gene Kuechmann, <genekuech@aol.com>: news that calls for notice in the Newsletter.

Pat Bauer, <patbauer@pacifier.com>: news and items for the CCGS web page or weekly news bulletin

WANTED

To borrow a disk with Centennia for WIN. Piracy is not the object. Will explain to whomever will lend me the disk. Please e-mail me at <genekuech@aol.com>.

IN THE LIBRARY

With Sandy Thompson
sandythompson1@attbi.com

We really appreciate the community members who take turns providing our window displays at the CCGS Library!

The display for December was a very enjoyable happy Holiday arrangement of Dolls and Toys belonging to the members of the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington.

A plaque was presented to the Library by the Clark County Coast Guard Auxiliary, which created an excellent educational display for November.

Planning is underway for the annual inventory of the Library shelf holdings. This will be held on Monday, February 24th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, February 25th from 1:30 p.m. until we finish. If you would like to help do the inventory, call and let us know – the more the merrier and the faster the job gets done! Please plan to bring a sack lunch on Monday.

Starting in February, 2003, on the FIRST FRIDAY of the month, we are encouraging you to bring a FAMILY MEMBER or FRIEND to do some research in our Library at No Charge. There will be extra librarians to help.

YES, each month, FEBRUARY 7th through JUNE 4, the FIRST FRIDAY will be FREE FREE FREE !!!

This is to let you know how much we have appreciated you for the support you have given all these years.

Hope to see you then,
Sandy

A family tree can wither if
nobody tends its roots.

CCGS CLASS SCHEDULES

For additional information, call Burt Paynter,
CCGS Education Director, at (360) 891-9411.

MINI-CLASSES

Special-topic mini-classes are being offered at the CCGS Library one Tuesday each month.

The fee for each class is \$10. A maximum of 16 people will be able to attend each class. Register by visiting the CCGS Library and signing up or by calling in and reserving a space.

Space reserved but not paid for by the class date may be offered to people who walk in that day.

The winter schedule is:

Jan. 28, 1 p.m. – 3:00 Basic Internet Research
Burt Paynter & Pat Bauer

Feb 4, 10 a.m. – 12:00 Searching the 1930 Census
Gerry Lenzen

CCGS / Clark College Beginning Genealogy Classes

Classes will be held Saturdays 10 a.m. – noon in room 102 at Town Center from 11 Jan to 15 March. Subjects will include an introduction to genealogy, finding and using vital records and census and courthouse records, using libraries, computers, and LDS Family History Centers, and organizing and citing sources.

See the Clark College catalog for registration information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

B-191A Mary Jane Borman
C-120B Jane Curtis
D-090A Rosaly Divens
F-085A Angie Ferguson
F-086B James Fournier
F-086A Jeanne Fournier
H-149A Elizabeth Henry
M-162A Jane Worthington Miller
W-124A Paul A. Wilson (Wegrzynski)

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President: William DUCHIE

Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Janette BIRCH

Treasurer: Joy SCHMOLDT

Past President: Sharon WODTKE

CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 11 Jan. – Beginning Genealogy, Clark College Campus, Town Center, room 102**
- 13 Jan. CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 28 Jan. General Meeting, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 28 Jan. Special-Topic Mini Class, CCGS Library, 1 – 3 p.m.**
- 4 Feb. Special-Topic Mini Class, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 9 Feb. New Member Meeting, CCGS Library, 2 – 4 p.m.**
- 15 March 2003 Spring Seminar with John Philip Colletta**

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in November) at St. Luke's Parish Hall.

Morning meetings will be 10 a.m. - noon in January, February, October, and November.

Evening meetings will be 7 - 9 p.m. in April, May June, and September.