CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

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CCGS NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 2003 - 10 a.m. until noon St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain, Vancouver, WA 98663

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Larry Dean will speak on Genetic Genealogy
Come join us and learn:
How DNA testing can be used in genealogy research
Perhaps more importantly,
the significant limitations on its usefulness
What DNA testing is
What companies currently offer DNA testing
Different types of DNA tests and their costs
Whether Larry broke down his brick wall

BIRTHDAY BOOK BASH WILL END NOVEMBER 30, 2003

Now is the perfect time to buy the CCGS books at the discounted price of 75%! Whether you want a book for your own library, as a welcomed gift for a relative or other friend or to present to a public or genealogical library as a donation, don't wait! This sale ends November 30. Several books are already on the sold out list and will not be reprinted during this sale.

The Cookbook and the new Keywording CD are not included in this sale.

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS: November through February	
Tuesday	12 to 6 PM
Wednesday Thursday	10 to 3 PM 10 to 6 PM
Friday Saturday	10 to 3 PM 10 to 3 PM
3rd Sunday	1 to 5 PM

OUR INTERNET CONNECTION AT THE LIBRARY

Are you aware that Pacifier Online (now also known as Infinity Internet) supplies our library with an Internet connection?

Our homepage at http://www.ccgswa.org is also hosted by Pacifier. Both are much appreciated by our members. A big thank you to Doug Palin and Pacifier Online!

In case of an unexpected closure at the library, it will usually be posted in RED on the web page.

KEYWORDING CD

The new Keywording CD is now available for sale by CCGS. At the nominal fee of only \$5, this is a great tool at a bargain price. It is in the MSW ord format so can only be used on computers with Word or a program that can read Word documents. It contains 5151 pages with thousands of keywords compiled from books in the CCGS library between the years of 1998 and 2000.

The CD is searchable with Word and has the name of the book in italics at the top of the page. Although many of the books are indexed, many others are not. We will not be able to research the books for your surname but perhaps you can borrow it with Interlibrary loan though your public library if you cannot visit our library. If you want to order the CD by mail, you can order it from "CCGS Keywording CD" at PO Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668. Enclose a check for \$7.00 for CD & shipping plus 54 cents sales tax if you are a Washington resident, along with your name and address.

MORE BRICKWALL STORIES

Lois Kullberg donated a copy of the new Brickwall Stories book to the CCGS library about three months ago. She is the author of three articles in the book. They are: *Divorced Family Found* (page 107), *Discovery in the Dresser Drawer* (page 125) and *Letter to a Postmaster* (page 339). When Lois was in Toronto in 2000-2001, she met the editor of the book.

Lois recently sold an article to *Ensign Magazine* on how to write a group history. It will be published sometime next year.

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Please send all concerns about members such as Sick, Hospital, Death, Get Well to Irene Page at pageig@pacifier.com and she will send a card to the person or family. You can also call if you don't have e-mail: 360-835-7632.

MARK YOUR DATE BOOK FOR MARCH 20, 2004

Dr John Philip Colletta returns for the Spring Seminar. We are fortunate to be able to use the same great facility as last year, Washington School for the deaf. Dr. Colletta is recognized as one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers. Entertaining, knowledgeable and experienced, he is based in Washington, D.C., where he conducts workshops for the National Archives and teaches courses for the Smithsonian Institution and local universities. Check out his web page at www.genealogyjohn.com.

We have yet to decide which topics he will cover. You can let us know your choices by sending email or phone call to Maria Adler or Sandi Vosburg. Also we have confirmation from the Heritage Quest Library and they greatly appreciate the opportunity to be at this event and this time "will bring more people and definitely more books". Many people that attended last year learned so much and enjoyed the topics presented.

Maria Adler - Amadler@myexcel.com Sandi Vosberg - Romatherap@ispwest.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dawn Bliss
William Delaney
Roy & Kathleen Elmer
Kirk Farnsworth
Joseph Franklin
Dawn Lee
Daniel Schenck
Ingeborg Cristina Smyth

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Report your volunteer hours each month to Marge Fizzell. You can find a form on our web page or pick up one at the library.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT BILL DUCHIE

I have just returned from CCGS' first trip to Allen County Library with new family information. Also some thoughts about the experience:

- 1. Preparation is vital.
- 2. Being with Society members is a great way to learn about them and their research.
- 3. Review new information and make research plan adjustments.
- 4. Stay focused on the facility's unique resources.
- 5. Put the information into a genealogical program and make a back up file upon returning home.
- 6. Consider taking a research break to compile a family history. It provides fresh insights for future research while documenting the work already done.

Thanks to Jennifer and Sharon for planning this trip and to everyone who participated. Bill Duchie

WE NEED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE ONLINE VERSION OF THE CCGS NEWSLETTER!

Less than one-third of our CCGS members have signed up for the online version of our Newsletter. We need your request before we can add you to the "electronic version" of the newsletter. The newsletter will *not* be sent to you by e-mail, only the location will be sent.

This issue went on our web page on Friday, October 24. When did YOU receive the printed version by mail? The advantage to you is that you will receive it many days earlier; the advantage to CCGS is that you will save much needed funds which will be used in other places rather than for printing and postage.

Please do your part now by saying "subscribe me to the online CCGS Newsletter!" Send an e-mail message to Diana Cruz, membership chairman at dcruz@pacifier.com.

Thanks for your help!

HAVE YOU CAUGHT A FICHE YET!

We invite you to join a "fishing party" by donating \$15 for the purchase of microfiche covering one year of marriage records for Clark County, Washington. The fiche collection will cover from 1904 to 1977. We are now nearly half way to our goal. Those already purchased from previous donations will be available at the library soon. Please do your part by donating just one year to help complete the project. Order forms are at the library and on the web page at: http://www.ccgs-wa.org/p3530.htm. See an updated "reeled in" list on the web page.

WEEKLY CCGS ELECTRONIC MESSAGE

Each week a message is sent by webmaster Pat Bauer to many of our members. It began as just a reminder about the CCGS Online Genealogy Chat Room, open each Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m., and now contains information about upcoming events at CCGS, library information, sometimes some new Internet links and also some computer hints that might help you. It's in a text form. If you want to be added to the list, send a request to patbauer@pacifier.com.

DO YOU USE A VIRUS PROGRAM?

I'm surprised when talking with people to learn they are not using a virus program. I often say this is somewhat like "going barefoot in a snowstorm!" It's not only dangerous but very foolish these days.

If you do use a program, such as Norton's, and don't update it at least once a week, you're asking to be invaded by a worm or other virus that will raise heck with your computer. I'm now updating my program 3 to 4 times each week. Once a week no longer is enough protection.

Computer repair is expensive so protect your investment now!



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President: William DUCHIE Vice President: (vacant) Secretary: Janette BIRCH Treasurer: Joy SCHMOLDT

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer: Karen FROST

Past President: Sharon WODTKE

CCGS MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

10 Nov 2003 CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome.

17 Nov 2003 Irish Interest Group, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon.

18 Nov 2003. General Meeting, St. Luke's Episcopal Church 10 a.m. - noon.

8 Dec 2003 CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome.

No general meeting in December

12 Jan 2004 CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome.

27 Jan 2004 General Meeting. St. Luke's Episcopal Church 10 a.m. - noon.

20 Mar 2004 Spring Seminar with Dr. 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.