

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## *Newsletter*

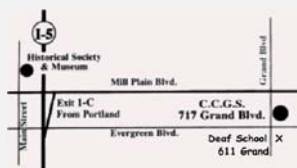
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### Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

#### Tues, Wed & Thurs:

Noon to 6 pm

#### Friday

10 am to 3 pm

#### Saturday

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## General Meeting

7 - 9 pm Tuesday, September 26, 2006  
CCGS Library Annex  
715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

**If a quorum is present**, we will have a short business meeting at 7:00 pm to elect officers for the coming year and to vote on the important change to our bylaws described below. Please come! **It is urgent that you attend, if only for the few minutes it will take to vote.** We cannot run a society without your help.

Our speaker is **Pat Holling**, currently Family History Consultant at both Vancouver North Stake and La Center Ward. Her topic is ***Your Family History Library - How to get the most out of your next visit.***

Join us at this meeting to hear about some changes in the local LDS library staffing and a little about what is going on in Salt Lake City. If you're not already using the local LDS resources, this is your chance to learn how and when to visit the local Family History Libraries.

### *Proposed Bylaws Change*

A quorum of 8% of the membership was not present at the June meeting (40 members attended, 49 were needed), so we could not elect officers. President Diana Cruz accepted the resignations of those who did not plan to continue and appointed new people to take their places, following the bylaws on vacancies. The bylaws committee met on July 18, 2006, to address the quorum question. They reviewed how some other societies define a quorum: some require a certain number of members, some a percentage, some a mail ballot, and some a majority of those members present at the meeting.

The bylaws committee agreed on the following wording, and the Board concurred, for the recommended change. Deletions are noted by strikeouts and additions by underlining:

Article IV: Section 1. (b) Voting: 1. A quorum of ~~8% of members in good standing must be~~ shall consist of those members present at a publicized meeting to sustain a vote or elect officers. Unless specified otherwise herein, a simple majority of affirmative votes is required to constitute membership approval.

2. Information for those issues requiring a vote of the membership shall be published in the *Newsletter* prior to the meeting. ~~3. If a quorum is not reached at the announced meeting, the Board of Directors can determine if a mailing of the ballot is appropriate.~~

With the issues discussed in the *Newsletter* and the meeting publicized, members should be aware of what is happening and can make an effort to attend. Those present can hold an election or take a vote, and section 3. is not required. Bylaws Committee: Jane Germann, Karen Frost, Jeanine Bailiff, Diana Cruz, and Glen Jones. Address questions to Bylaws Chair Jane Germann at [germann@wa-net.com](mailto:germann@wa-net.com), or 892-8019.

## ***A note from President Diana Cruz***

Summer is flying by and the cooler temperatures, with leaves changing color, will soon be here. It has been a very busy time with only a one week escape on Orcas Island. I am very pleased to have a series of fall classes ready to begin September 19th and the next volume of our *Trail Breakers* successfully printed in house on our new Xerox copier. New members are being added to the Society each month and many projects are continuing with great volunteer help. I usually try to keep a positive attitude, but find I have real concerns in several areas of CCGS: the failure to have a quorum at a general meeting to elect officers, many committees without chairmen, a shortage of librarians to keep the library open, and wondering who will be willing to fill my shoes and accomplish what will be best for the society. Any organization is only as good as its membership, and since we are an all-volunteer organization, we won't have a Society without volunteers. June 2007 will be here before we know it, and I hope some of these concerns will be solved before I leave my current position. Give a thought to what you want your Society to be. In October I will go for the first time with the group from CCGS to Salt Lake City for a week of research. I hope several of you will join us. I am trying to prepare my items to research and also know that I will be overwhelmed when I walk in the door of the Family History Center. It will also be fun getting to know others on the trip that I haven't known before. It's not too late to join us. I'm looking forward to our September General Meeting and hope a quorum will allow us to have the officers who are willing to serve elected to those positions. We have a great speaker arranged for the meeting, and there will be time for questions and answers too.

### ***HELP WANTED***

#### **Window Display Coordinator**

Let your creativity out! You would be responsible for rotation of display window at the library every month to six weeks. You can do this yourself or coordinate others who have family oriented information they would like to see in the window. Contact Anita at [aroberts@wa-net.com](mailto:aroberts@wa-net.com) or call the library and leave a message - 360-750-5688.

### ***Research and Preservation***

Have you been enjoying the summer? Are you ready to take on some projects to thank those who have made indexes and materials available somewhere else? We have plenty of projects planned for the year. We would really like to see the vitals project take off. And then there is the Indian census that the state has sent us. Would you be interested in doing the census for the 1928 map? And we have indexing from photos of the old newspapers. If you are interested, call Jane Germann @ 360-892-8019 or [germann@wa-net.com](mailto:germann@wa-net.com), or come to the September meeting. This is definitely a first come first choice! -- so get in line early.

### **Welcome New Members!**

Michael Finley  
William Hutchins  
Albert Romero  
William Whalley  
Sandra Whalley  
Cherie Jameison

Marilyn Dye  
Patricia Oliver  
Jan Oliva  
Mark Mears  
Vincent Roman

### **Welcome Back!**

Sandra Tellvik  
Mark Pelletier  
Billie Jo Westby  
David & Shirley Hieter

### ***Cyber Safety Tool Kit***

Available free to Washington state residents. You can see information on the AARP. website for Washington state at: <http://www.aarp.org/states/wa/> This kit will help you stay safe online. Send an e-mail to [aarpwa@aarp.org](mailto:aarpwa@aarp.org) with your name, mailing address, city, state, zip code and telephone number. Type "Cyber Safety Tool Kit" in the subject line. Your kit will be shipped within 5 business days. It will contain a DVD. You do not have to be a member to order the kit.

## ***GenChat***

Our Thursday evening CCGS Genealogy Chat Room (GenChat) is still active since it's inauguration in 2000. It was an idea presented by CCGS member Jennifer Petersen and originally hosted on her business web page. It was moved to our CCGS web page when it became necessary to purchase a program that would work correctly for us. The original program became obsolete when Jennifer changed servers. The new program - in use since August 12, 2004 - is easy to use and has only one "flaw." The transcripts must be read from the bottom to the top, contrary to our usual way of thinking, but we've adapted quite nicely to it. Our CCGS hosts during this time have been Nancy Elder Petersen of Vancouver and Patricia McKee Bauer of Ridgefield. We also have several weekly regulars who are so helpful to everyone. They include Charles Hansen from Spokane; Jerry Thompson, formerly of Texas and now in Colorado; our CCGS VP Glen Jones lives in Portland; Judy Riley in Vancouver; Jim Cochran in Santa Rosa, CA. Several others are with us each week, offering suggestions and help to our visitors. We are all glad when we have a busy, productive evening!

You can check out our past transcripts at [www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/p3424.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~waccgs/p3424.htm). Access to the GenChat room is easy via our CCGS home page. Click on CCGS Activities to find us. The GenChat area is staffed Thursday evenings from 6:45 until 9:00 pm but you can check it out anytime, leave a message or just look around.

We hope to see you in the GenChat room some evening soon.

## ***Clark County Cemeteries project***

If you haven't yet visited the Clark County Cemeteries webpages, you're in for a surprise! This site at [www.rootsweb.com/~wacclacem](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wacclacem) has individual web pages linked for every cemetery in Clark County, Washington. Only three cemeteries are on other sites and linked here. They are Fern Prairie, Poor Farm, and Post Military. All the rest are part of this huge project. Many already have photos of every stone in the cemetery. These include Fern Prairie, Sacred Heart, Mountain View, Salmon Creek Methodist, St. John Lutheran, Bethel Lutheran, Livingston, Sunnyside, Yacolt and Manor Wilson Bridge. Others are partially done and volunteers are diligently working to finish them.

Our eventual goal is to have photos of every gravestone in Clark County posted with the exception of the three largest cemeteries. These are Park Hill, Evergreen Memorial Gardens, and Camas. Any gravestone photos and obituaries for these three cemeteries that are sent to us will be posted on their respective sites. We also want to have spreadsheets showing the details for every burial in each cemetery. Some are already finished, such as Fern Prairie and Mountain View. Others are partially completed. It all takes time and many volunteers.

This huge web page undertaking (play on words!) is a project of our Research and Preservation Committee, headed by Jane Germann. The webmaster for the project is our CCGS webmaster, Patricia McKee Bauer. Several volunteers have been involved in photographing the gravestones; obtaining and retyping obituaries, plus formatting and typing the burial records.



**Congratulations** to James & Beverly (Rogers) Crossman on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Aug 4, 1956 in Columbia, Missouri and have made Vancouver their home for the past 34 years.



### **CONDOLENCES FROM CCGS**

*Don Page, husband of Irene Page, passed away on July 31 after a courageous fight against cancer. Our condolences go to Irene and her family.*

*Frank Young of CCGS passed away in July. Our condolences go to his family.*

### **CCGS Legacy User Group News**

Don Finel, Moderator

With summer winding down, it is time to begin thinking about the CCLUG meetings. Because the first Monday in September is Labor Day, and people are still on vacation or trying to recover from vacations, the Legacy Group will resume meeting on October 2, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again remind everyone to REMEMBER to backup their files and programs. The inevitable does,,,, and will,,,, happen, and your computer will either lock up or "die." Mine did once again, but thanks for remembering to backup I saved 3 days of hard work that I would have had to redo in my indexing project. Thank goodness for 'cheap' CDs.

### **Swedish Ancestors Emigration Data**

CCGS member Joy Kersteter has obtained Embias, a new CD containing emigration data taken from the Swedish Church records. She is offering to look up information for our members if you will contact her by e-mail at [Jkersteter@aol.com](mailto:Jkersteter@aol.com) or by mail (include a SASE) to Joy Kersteter, % 4120 NE St Johns Road, Vancouver, WA 98661. Include whatever you know about your ancestor. The CD contains: name, title/occupation, gender, birth date, birth parish, marital status, place of residence, date of emigration and destination.

### **NEW GENEALOGY CLASSES!**

A copy of the flyer for the new series of genealogy classes is included with this issue of the Newsletter. For the online versions, you can see the flyer on our web page at: <http://www.ccgswa.org/classes.pdf>. Here's the basic information about the classes:

Beginning Genealogy Class Schedule.

September 19 - October 31, 2006

SIX classes

members \$60

non-members \$75

(\$15 of the fee for non-members can be applied to a membership)

All classes will be held on Tuesdays from 10 until noon.

## ***NEW BOOKS AND FILMS AT OUR LIBRARY***

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| <p><b>Books:</b><br/>North Carolina Land Grants in South Carolina</p>   | <p>First &amp; Second Marriage Records; Supplement to First Marriage Record, Augusta Co. VA 1785-1850</p>                                | <p>The Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805</p>   |
| <p>The Sunny Side of Genealogy</p>  | <p>Rhode Island, An Historical Guide</p>   | <p><b>The following microfilms were donated by Billie Jo Westby:</b><br/>Milleman Scrapbook; Newspaper Clippings 1865-1905</p>  |
| <p>Second Stages in Researching Welsh Ancestry</p>  | <p>Olney: Echoes of the Past</p>   | <p>1850 Census, Alabama: Tuscaloosa, Walker, Washington &amp; Wilcox Counties</p>   |
| <p>Maryland Marriages, 1778-1800</p>  | <p>Stories of a Prairie Town: History of Rankin IL, Vermillion County</p>  | <p>1860 Census, Alabama: Cherokee &amp; Choctaw Counties</p>  |
| <p>Maryland Marriages, 1801-1820</p>  | <p>Land Records of Prince George County, Maryland</p>  | <p>1870 Census, Alabama: Cherokee &amp; Choctaw Counties</p>  |
| <p>History of Washougal<br/>Donated by Jane Germann</p>   | <p>Burgh of Paisley Poll Tax Roll, 1695</p>  | <p>1870 Census, Alabama: Colbert &amp; Conecuh Counties</p>   |
| <p>Descendants of Deacon Thomas Marshall, Sr.<br/>Donated by Pat Bauer</p>  | <p>The Canonsburg Courier</p>  | <p>1880 Census, Alabama: Chambers (part), Cherokee, Chilton, &amp; Choctaw (part) Counties</p>  |
| <p>Carmack's Guide to Copyright &amp; Contracts</p>   | <p>Abstracts of Land Records, Anne Arundell Co., MD, vol. 1</p>  | <p>1880 Census, Alabama: Choctaw (part), Clarke, &amp; Clay (part) Counties</p>   |
| <p>Guide to the Manuscript Groups in the Pennsylvania State Archives</p>  | <p>Further Selections from the Judicial Records of Renfrewshire</p>  | <p><b>The following books were donated by Glen Jones:</b><br/>Family Reunions</p>   |
| <p>Clark County Washington Birth Records, July 1891-June 1907<br/>Donated by the Research &amp; Preservation Committee</p>      | <p>History of Greene and Sullivan Counties, Indiana</p>  | <p>Glory Days of Logging</p>  |
| <p>Clark County Washington Death Records, July 1891-1907<br/>Donated by the Research &amp; Preservation Committee</p>           | <p>History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, vol. 1</p>   | <p>The Everything Online Genealogy Book</p>   |
| <p>Carolina Cradle</p>  | <p>History &amp; Biography of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, vol. 2</p>   | <p>Milleman Newspaper Clippings 1865-1905, Annotated Index</p>  |
| <p>Black Family Research: Records of Post Civil War Federal Agencies at the National Archives<br/>Donated by Donna Brown</p>    | <p>Building an American Pedigree</p>   | <p>Aquila, Hudson's Bay High School Yearbook, 1961</p>  |
| <p>Guide to Finding Your Ellis Island Ancestors<br/>Donated by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack</p>                                     | <p>History of Beaver Co., PA</p>   | <p>U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, Ft. Ord</p>   |
| <p>Wooster Cemetery Interments</p>  | <p><b>The following microfilms were donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski:</b><br/>1798 Tax Lists, Bucks &amp; Montgomery Co's, PA</p> | <p><b>Thank you, Virginia!</b><br/>Virginia Holter has donated a map to CCGS of Maryland and Virginia in 1751, drawn by Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson. It comprises five large sheets, white on black, with courthouses, counties, and some residences. She ordered the map from the Library of Congress in the 1960s.</p> |
| <p>Alberty &amp; Allied Families<br/>Donated by Howard Webb</p>   | <p>1798 Tax Lists, Fayette Co., PA</p>   |   |
| <p><b>The following books were donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski:</b><br/>Index to Series of American Loyalist Claims</p> | <p>1798 Tax Lists, Franklin Co., PA</p>  |   |
|   | <p>1798 Tax Lists, Greene &amp; Washington Co's, PA</p>  |   |
|   | <p>1798 Tax Lists, Philadelphia PA</p>   |   |
|   | <p><b>The following books were donated by Billie Jo Westby:</b><br/>War of 1812 Genealogy</p>  |   |
|   | <p>Civil War Genealogy</p>   |   |
|   | <p>The Federal Road through Georgia, the Creek Nation, and Alabama, 1806-1836</p>  |   |



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Vice President: Glen Jones  
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Asst. Sec-Treas: **to be elected**  
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### ***CCGS Meetings and Programs***

- 11 Sept CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon; All are welcome.  
20 Sept Deadline for Oct Newsletter; e-mail material to [gskuech@pacifier.com](mailto:gskuech@pacifier.com), [patbauer@pacifier.com](mailto:patbauer@pacifier.com)  
26 Sept General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 7 – 9 pm.  
2 Oct Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am – noon  
1-8 Oct. Research trip to Salt Lake City  
9 Oct CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 am - noon; All are welcome.  
23 Oct **General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10-noon (this is MONDAY this time only)**

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except November) at CCGS Library Annex. Morning meetings: Oct - Feb, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m..  
No General Meeting is held in March (Spring Seminar), July, August, or December.

Notify Irene Page, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. [pageig@pacifier.com](mailto:pageig@pacifier.com) or 360-835-7642.