

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Celebrating 35 years!

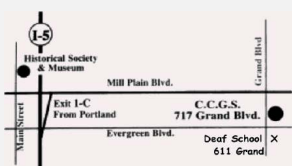
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Tues, Wed & Thurs:

Noon to 6 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 south. We are in the strip mall on the east side, north of Evergreen.

General Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 25, 2007, 7 pm
CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd



8 Good Practices for Breaking Down Brick Walls

A brick wall is a sticking point beyond which all is supposition. It may be a missing link between what you have proved and an established line that goes way back, or it may be, literally, a dead end behind which is another brick wall, and then another. In any case, a brick wall can be one of the most frustrating challenges for a genealogist.

At the September meeting, our new President, Peri Muhich, will try to give us some ideas for surmounting those pesky, persistent brick walls.

Salt Lake City Research Trip *September 30 to October 7, 2007*

The time is here to firm up the details for the annual research trip to SLC. There are still openings if anyone is interested. The hotel rates are the same as last year. They are more than reasonable, with breakfast included as well as transportation to and from the airport if you are flying. See the web page for price information.

It is fun to watch members find information, especially when it has been a roadblock. There are many people in the Library to help you, as well as other members that are on the trip.

For more information and room reservations, contact Jeanine Bailiff at jgmb@pacifier.com or phone 360-566-9422 or Diana Cruz dcruz@pacifier.com or phone 360-573-7128

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A note from President Peri Muhich

As your new president for 2007-2008, I first want to thank Diana Cruz for being such a great help in this transition. Her past experience, knowledge, and accomplishments with CCGS have been invaluable to me. We want to welcome Diane Hadley, who has agreed to be CCGS board secretary. Although she has been a member for awhile, she has just recently started getting more involved with our society. And to the other CCGS board members, past and present, a big THANK YOU for your help and support. The board had a retreat at my home in Camas on Monday, August 13th. We had lunch, got to know each other a little better, and talked about ideas and plans for the up coming year. I think we all came away from the day feeling excited about things to come at CCGS.

One of the events we discussed is our 35th Anniversary Celebration, scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 9 am - 4 pm at the Library and the Library Annex. It will be free to the public and will give us an opportunity to showcase our library and membership. We will have tours of the library, members on hand to help people with research, three "Genealogy Show & Tell" presentations, two Beginning Genealogy sessions and a Spaghetti Lunch fund raiser. (Spaghetti, bread & punch for \$5.00 per person). Our Vice President, Garry Lucas, had offered to make his secret-recipe spaghetti sauce for this event! For dessert we will have a big cake to help celebrate the anniversary. Pat Bauer has agreed to take care of a fundraising raffle, so if you have something to donate, please contact her at apmb@pacifier.com. This event will serve as our November membership meeting, so I hope everyone will plan to come enjoy the celebration.

Lethene Parks is working on some great ideas for classes and speakers. You should see those posted soon on our web page. Speaking of the web page, I want to thank Pat Bauer for always doing her best to keep our web page up to date with the current information. She did a great job of getting pictures of the new board members posted and getting the society email address changed. **In case you haven't heard, the society general email address was changed recently to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org You will notice that on the web pages it is listed as "gensoc at ccgs-wa.org." This is done so that it can not be "data mined" by programs looking for email addresses to send spam mail to. Please remember to replace "space at space" with "@" when sending email to CCGS.**

We are still in need of several people to help with board positions. One position is Publicity Chairperson. This is a job that can mostly be done from your own home. The only skills required are knowing how to use a computer and a friendly phone voice. Contact me at ccgs.pres@yahoo.com to get more information on how you can help with this. Also, we had to close the library on a few occasions recently because we did not have enough volunteers to work. I hope everyone knows that don't have to be a "real" librarian to help in the library. There are people at CCGS who are more than happy to help you learn the few tasks required to work shifts at the library. The most valuable skills are a friendly smile and the willingness to help people locate sources to help them with their research. And I know we have LOTS of members with those skills, I see them all the time at meetings and classes! So come on down and help in the library.

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting!

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION: **Next Cut and Paste Work Party: Monday, September 10th**

School is starting, and we also will be getting out our scissors to cut vitals from papers and paste them in a book. Come join us from 10 to 4 on Monday, September 10 at the CCGS annex as we continue to work on current births, deaths, and marriages from the Columbian. Note: This C&P has been changed from the 3rd Monday because the September board meeting is the 17th. You can come all day or for just a part of the day. Your time will be appreciated.

No Fee Required Genealogy Links

A new blog that has come online looks promising and maybe could offer some helpful information for the CCGS members. It is a Genealogy blog with internet links to free sources. Some are well known and others are from the deep or invisible web. The URL is <http://nofeesrequired.blogspot.com>

Another URL worth checking is www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2007. I don't know whether or not you have to be a subscriber.

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS OFFERED AT CCGS

Computer Basic How To's Saturday, September 15, 2007
10:00 – 12:00 noon at the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA.
Class fee: \$10. You may register prior to class or at the door.

Get acquainted with your PC and the basic tools used in many applications on your computer. Find out the difference between SAVE and SAVE AS, how to use CUT, COPY, PASTE and UNDO. Learn some options for viewing graphics and pictures as well as for exploring your files. You may bring your laptop, but it is not necessary.

If you have some basic computer questions that you would like to send prior to class, give Diana a call at 360-573-7128 or email dcruz@pacifier.com

By-Laws Review

A Committee is being formed to review CCGS bylaws. Any member may submit suggestions for bylaw changes to the board which will pass it on to the committee. The committee will review them to see that they work well with the present bylaws and approve them for passage to the CCGS Board. If approved by the board, the bylaws will then be sent to the membership for approval. Jane Germann, Chair.

FREE Guided Tour of the Indian Petroglyphs

Are you interested in going on a FREE Guided Tour of the Indian Petroglyphs at Horsethief Lake State Park, 85 miles east of Vancouver on Hwy 14? For centuries, the park was the site of a Native American village and is the home of the famous "She Who Watches" petroglyph. The Lewis and Clark expedition camped at the village and described its wooden houses in one of their journals. The village was flooded by the waters of The Dalles Dam. Oral history has it that the park received its name from workers in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who developed the site. The workers thought the terrain was similar to that of horsethief hideouts in popular 1950's Hollywood westerns. The abundance of horses kept on the premises by local Indians apparently gave the workers their inspiration.

The tour will be Friday, October 12 at 10:00 am. It is about a mile round trip on fairly level but sometimes rocky terrain. Contact Peri Muhich pmuhich@yahoo.com or call 360-772-3425 to make reservations. The tour is limited to 20 people.

Dear Members of the CCGS: A Letter from Dorothy Wear

I have been working at the library for many moons. We all have lots to do these days, and the library is closed a lot due to no volunteers. We need you and any hours you are able to help out.

Can you put yourself in the place of somebody coming from Florida, or another state, to see what we have in our library on their ancestor, yet not being able to enjoy the library, your smiling face, or to locate that precious, long-sought information because we had no volunteers? We have many, many proven resources: films, vital records, cemetery indexes, etc. Not all information can be found on a computer, nor is it always as accurate as the prior references.

I found out years ago that volunteering in the library is peaceful and relaxing. And that it could also be a way to locate some of my family back in Kentucky, help to re-shelve books where they belong, meet new friends, repair a book or two, or learn some new skill. So, how about giving YOUR library some help. Skilled, trained, librarians help train the new

librarians. Don't be afraid to try a new and interesting field. Believe me, it is not hard to read a book, check out books, and help around the library. Dusting has been a lifetime skill of mine, as has reading and research. Remember those book reports in school? Well, we all learned how to do research. Just bring your skills for a day or more a month.

Our hours are not that hard to volunteer for. We split some of the hours for volunteers who can find a shorter time to help those searching for their lost roots.

Hours are: Tuesday through Thursday, 12-6 p.m., (or 12-3 for some folks), Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 2nd and 3rd Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Now, it doesn't seem that these hours would be difficult to make available for helping others who are looking for the same facts on family that we are hoping for. We hope to see new faces soon. Just give me a call or email me to volunteer. Dorothy Wear at 360-837-3656 or dorothybwear@peoplepc.com

Indian Census Online

Glen Jones

Recently I got into the Indian census on line, Access Genealogy had some censuses on line for some time, but Ancestry now has the Indian censuses for 1885 to 1940 (Access Genealogy will send you to Ancestry). For anyone researching Indian ancestry, this is a great site, I found on the Umatilla reservation census, and sometimes on the Nez Perce reservation census, that not only are the heads of families listed but entire families, and for some full birth dates as well as death and marriage dates are given, both for those living on the reservation and for those registered but not living there. I have not checked out the censuses for other tribes to see if this is true for all. The Indian census for these dates is a yearly census and could give you many clues for further research. If you do not have access to Ancestry, send me an email with information about whom you are looking for and their tribe and I will try to see what I can find. Glenkc7mbm@comcast.net

Never give up! Keep on looking—Virginia Holter did, for 39 years.

The solution was found at the CCGS Library!

Her story: In June, I was in our CCGS library and I picked up a book, not really at random, but because I once had seen a CAZEEN name in early TN, 1785, that was part of NC. That was about 30 years ago. I have been looking for a connection to my great-grandfather since 1968. This proves not everything can be found on Internet! Maybe it's time you visited our library to see what we have to help you.

This book, on the Cumberland Settlement, 1770-1790, which I picked up a month ago, had another name to connect to Cazeen, TUCKER. I believe I have now about climbed the brick wall that was so high. I am about to get the rest of the pieces to this puzzle, and I have achieved two more generations! With the help of the Internet, I have connected with three TUCKER searchers who are very helpful. My grandfather carried the name of his grandfather as a middle name, Milburn !

My COZEAN/CAZINE/CAZEEN (maiden name) is in process of being searched. My great grandfather who appeared to be a loner, and only on one census, actually did have family all around him, but I had no idea, because this TUCKER name had never been discussed in the family. My great grandfather died young, and my grandfather died young. I am finding that the whole family left TN together and stayed together, into MO and AR. A wild card: one record in TN said that the mother of my great grandfather had died without issue. This was not true, and other records prove that. So do not abandon the search, even if the outlook looks bleak!

National Archives And Records Administration Fees Raised

The National Archives and Records Administration has raised the fees for copies of records. The old NATF-80 form has been discontinued. Major genealogical record forms and costs are: Passenger Arrival Lists (NATF 81), \$25; Federal Census requests (NATF 82), \$25; Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims (NATF 83), \$25; Land entry records (NATF 84), \$40; Full Pension File (Civil War and after, more than 75 years old), up to 100 pages (NATF 85), \$75; Full Pension File (pre-Civil War) (NATF 85), \$25; Pension Documents Packet containing only selected records (NATF 85), \$25; Bounty land warrant application files (NATF 85), \$25; Military service files more than 75 years old (NATF 86), \$25.

You can make copies of the forms at www.archives.gov/contact/inquire-form.html More details about the rate increase are available from the Federal Register, Volume 72, No. 159, Friday, August 17, 2007, Rules and Regulations, 46145.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and many other friends of long-time CCGS member Betty Lou Mackmer Hart. Her beloved web page with her family information will be left as a link on the CCGS web site for all to enjoy. Betty was in extremely poor health for several years but was a faithful CCGS librarian to the end. We will miss her!

Avoiding Spam
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by Steve Aberle

This is the final installment in a special four-part CCGS series on avoiding spam (unsolicited email). In the first installment we looked at “How Spammers Obtain Your Email Address”, and in the second installment we looked at “Strategies for Preventing Spam”. The third installment, “Help others, Don’t Let Your Computer Relay Spam”, cautioned everyone to guard against becoming part of the problem themselves. Now, we find out if the suggestions presented here really work. (CCGS is now using Steve’s techniques!)

Part IV – So How Effective Are These Techniques?

So what happens if you simply change your email address without doing anything to prevent the spammers from getting your new email address? CCGS Webmistress Pat Bauer gave me permission to use her as an example.

In Pat’s “CCGS GenChat reminder and other news” on 1 November 2006, she reported that she was receiving an estimated 60-70 spam messages a day, so she changed her email address. By mid-March 2007, she told me that she was receiving an estimated 60-80 spam messages a day at her new email address, despite adding spam filtering software. So what went wrong?

First, although Pat’s email address is not displayed when one looks at the <http://www.ccg-wa.org> web page, the code generating that web page contained her new email address. Doing a “View -> Page Source” (near the end of March 2007) resulted in me being able to view this line of html code: `href="mailto:apmb@pacifier.com"><FONT`

All a spammer has to do is use automated software to find and download the CCGS page (looking for “mailto:” followed Pat’s alias, followed by the “@” sign, followed by the domain name of her ISP, followed by the quote) and then strip her email address right out of that line. Using the dogpile.com search engine, I searched for her email address and got five more hits. So, it’s out there in plain view ... and the spammers love that! The safest preventative step here is to place all email addresses in graphic files and then not automatically connect them to an email program in the underlying html code.

Second, Pat is probably on a couple genealogy mail lists. Some list owners are more Internet savvy than others. The ones that do not conceal personal email addresses are the ones who need to mend their ways to stop the email address leaks they create. The more that people complain, the quicker they will learn.

Third, Pat sends out a lot of email to CCGS members. Here is where everyone needs to cooperate and NOT forward out her email address, or anyone else’s for that matter. Did you ever notice how Pat’s mass email never has your email address in it? This is because she wisely puts all email addresses into the BCC box, not in the TO or CC boxes.

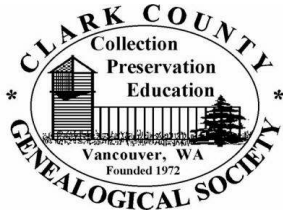
So, using all the techniques in the previous installments of this series, how much spam do I receive? Well, let’s measure the number of “user unknown” reject messages logged by my mail server compared to the number of spam messages that show up in my mailbox.

During the first 10 weeks of 2007, my mail server rejected 6,753 incoming messages (an average of over 675 per day) that were directed to email addresses which either (my family or) I had abandoned after spammers discovered them, or were part of a brute force method (described in part I of this series) to harvest addresses. Five spam messages reached me during those 20 weeks:

- i. One to an account at Network Solutions that I must keep for domain registration purposes. I periodically need to change this email address, and did so after receiving that message.
- ii. One to a business account. This may have been discovered by means of a directory harvest attack because I use my first name as part of the email address.
- iii. Three to an email address that I share with my wife. I’ve no idea how that one slipped out, but it is displayed on product handouts, so someone could have copied it down.

During all of 2006, my mail server rejected 36,160 incoming messages, an average of over 695 per day. Only 17 messages reached me (although one was duplicated 9 times for some reason)

Got spam? Not really! The author can be contacted at ccgs2005@aberle.net (notice the obfuscation). Obviously this address is subject to change nearly immediately after any spam is received.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Sept 10 Cut and Paste Work Party - 10 am to 4pm - CCGS Library Annex
Sept 17 September Board Meeting - 10am to noon - CCGS Library Annex
Sept 17 Special meeting for CCGS Anniversary Celebration planning 1pm to 3pm - Library Annex
Sept 19 October Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please
Sept 25 September General Meeting - 7pm to 9pm - CCGS Library Annex
Sept 30-Oct 6 Salt Lake City research trip
Oct 8 October Board Meeting - 10am to noon - CCGS Library Annex
Nov 5 Legacy Users Group resumes meeting - 10am to noon - CCGS Library Annex
Nov 3 35th Anniversary Celebration for CCGS - Library & Annex

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..
Usually no General Meeting is held in March (Spring Seminar), July, August, or December.

Notify Verneice Adams, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. vadams234 at gorge.net or call our library and leave a message - 360-750-5688