

# COLUMBIA GORGE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Tales & Trails

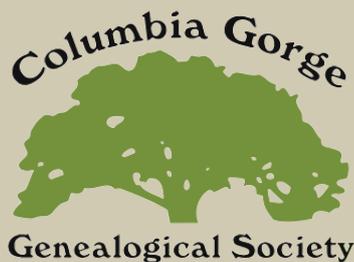
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*"Searching back in time to discover,  
preserve, and share our heritage."*



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### Librarians



"Keepers of the card catalogues, defenders of the Dewey Decimal system, and guardians of all things literary, librarians are among some of the best (and often most under appreciated) people in a reader's life."

~Sadie Trombetta

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GEORGA FOSTER



Happy New Year!

A new year and a new beginning for family history researchers.

On our agenda this year are some changes. The annual Heritage Brunch is being discontinued but in its place were bringing back the Jamboree in the fall. We are working on lining up a professional speaker for this event.

Our annual field trip in the spring is being worked out by Fred Henschell. The Clark County Genealogical Society and Library have moved into a new facility in Vancouver. A day trip to their new facility is planned.

The board voted to participate in the Wasco County Fair in Tygh Valley in August. A display about the society will be in the exhibit hall.

Stay tuned for more updates, and refer to our blog for more 2020 program news.

Again, Happy New Year and looking forward to a productive and fun year.

Happy Trails!

*Georga*

### Queries

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*Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors. – Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## SOCIETY NEWS

We ended our 2019 year with a great program on DNA from Linda Colton. We had a great turnout and Linda's program was very informative. We learned a lot!! Linda is a longtime member and the former director of the Hood River Family History Center.

We have 4 new members to our society. Welcome Julie Reynolds, Roger Nichols, P.K. Swartz and Susan Rowe. We are so pleased to meet you and look forward to your membership.

Thank You Carolyn Purcell and her great crew for providing us with a wonderful location for our meetings and programs. This venue is top notch and you have made us feel at home.



## CGGS Membership Pedigree Charts Digitized

Surname pedigree files from past and some present members of the society that were submitted by them have been digitized and are available in electronic format. The project was compiled by Rose Denslinger and began in 1998. Although the project has been done for some time, digitization was completed recently.

The files, submitted pedigree charts from members, include 3 or more generations of family members from society members and their spouses. Files contain a pedigree chart including birth, death and locations and a coded index to each family.

The files are for members from 1977 - 2010 when the submissions dropped off.

Copies of the files and indexes can be viewed at the William G. Dick Library at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center .



**Correction for Adolf Ulrich story in last quarters newsletter. Adolph Ulrich's mother was Theresa Luh not Clara Geibler. So sorry for the error.**



Photo by Geoga Foster



Three Sister's Wilderness - Oregon

## *Timeless Tombstones*

### *Guy Ferry and Henry Cramer - Three Sister's Tragedy 1927*

In 1927 Guy Ferry and Henry Cramer set out on Labor Day for a weekend climbing trip to the Three Sisters area of Central Oregon. The following Monday when the two did not return home a search was called out for the pair. This event would be the most intense search done in Oregon in the 1920's.

The pair who were students at University Of Oregon and came from families in The Dalles, son of Henry Cramer, Sr., and the son of William T. Ferry were popular and adventuress. The pair used their resourcefulness at college where housing was scarce, Guy pitched a tent under a maple tree and commuted by motorcycle every day to classes. He worked lumber mills and logging camps in the summers for tuition. Their disappearance would not be solved for two years, sending family and friends on continual search efforts to find where the boys had perished.

This event led to the founding of a few search and rescue organizations in Oregon at that time. The Obsidian's from Lane County was formed and they coordinated with the Mazuma's from Portland, The Crag-Rats from Hood River, organizations from Bend and The Dalles helped with the search effort.

On August 30, 1929 remains were found by hikers from Eugene between the Middle Sister and the South Sister a short distance from the Skyline Trail. A blizzard had claimed the two that Labor Day weekend in 1927. The two friends are buried in the IOOF Cemetery in The Dalles, Oregon.



Guy Ferry



Henry Cramer

The Organa Yearbook, University of Oregon 1926



Have a timeless tombstone you would like to share?  
Send your photos and story to [geoga.foster@gmail.com](mailto:geoga.foster@gmail.com)

## Humble beginnings of the public library in The Dalles

In the late 1800's it was difficult to find a public library unless there was a institution or college nearby. The more prominent citizens had their own libraries and school district's also lacked funds and space to provide a literary space. Traveling libraries went from town to town with wagons and on horseback to sell their wares or exchange books to the next town. Small libraries were placed in grocery stores, drug stores and in the case of The Dalles, a millinery store. The first public library in The Dalles was in the room adjacent to Mrs. Susan Phillips Millinery Shop in 1896. In previous years there were many attempts to start a public library . Lack of funds , interest and a proper establishment came in the way of providing quality educational and reading material to the Dalles citizens. In 1896, several social society ladies formed a Library Association, donated books and joined a National Library Association where books were purchased, exchanged or rotated, membership fees helped the cost of maintaining the library. A life membership for the local association was \$1.50 and 25 cents a month. The ladies of the library also raised money for the library thru editing and selling publications such as the Women's Addition of The Dalles Mountaineer on May 17, 1898. It's 28 pages consisted of women's issues, poetry, children's pages, latest fashion trends and contributed articles of interest from the female residents of The Dalles. The proceeds went to the library fund.

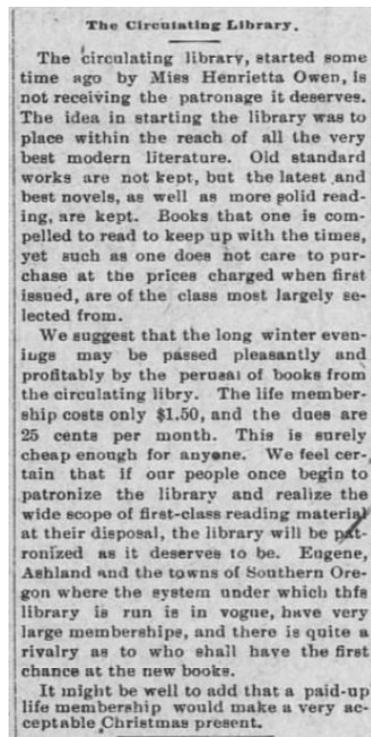
<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn9301669/1898-05-17/ed-1/seq-1/>

The Dalles had many ups and downs when it came to finding a librarian, many young women held that job. One that stood out was Miss Henrietta Owen, a graduate of University Of Oregon. She was chosen because of her recent education degree and she would be aware of literary subjects that would be correct and appeal to their readers. Not long after, Miss Owen left and another young lady was chosen to fulfill the job. This went on for some years until Andrew Carnegie came along.

By 1900 Andrew Carnegie had already started is philanthropic grants for libraries and The Dalles applied for a \$10,000.00 grant in 1907. In 1910 The Dalles saw their first public library building. The building still stands today and is now known as The Dalles Art Center. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



Henrietta Owen, Class of 1896, University of Oregon  
University Libraries Archives - Alumni  
Winter Photo Company



The Dalles Daily Chronicle , Dec. 17, 1896,

*"Persistence is the secret to success"*

## William G. Dick Library - Columbia Gorge Discovery Center

Just what do they do out there???

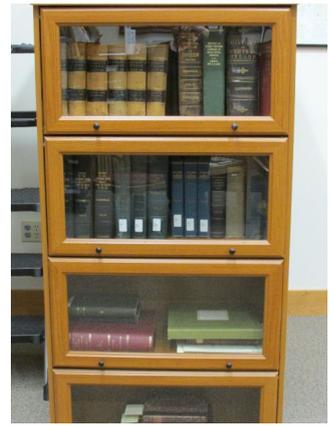
That's the question the volunteers get asked the most. Since last year in 2018, the volunteer researchers have answered several dozen queries from family history researchers and the general public that visits our library on any given day. They receive emails, letters and walk-in visitors requesting information on ancestors and answers to historical questions concerning not only Wasco County but the surrounding areas in the Columbia Gorge.

The library is in communication with other libraries and museums in the gorge area and has had contact with librarians and museums in Hood River, White Salmon, Goldendale, and Lyle. The library has been busy this last year building their book collections and also working on providing its patronage with research and finding aids to help them get the most out of their research visit.

Recently the library purchased the "*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest*" by Harriet Duncan Munnick. This 7 volume collection is invaluable when researching early settlers from Canada and the settlements of Ft. Vancouver, French Prairie St. Paul Mission, Roseburg and also Walla Walla and Frenchtown Washington. Information on this collection can be found at <http://www.lenzenresearch.com/STPaulpages/catholic.html> Another acquisition was the Genealogical Forum Of Oregon's volumes of "*Original Land Donations Claims of Oregon*". This is a 5 volume set with 7300 claims to land in Oregon prior to 1853. Information on this collection can be found at <https://gfo.org/resources/indexes/pioneer/donation-land-claims.html>.

The library is consistently working on purchasing and gathering vital and valuable material for genealogical and historical research. Researchers have added and expanded several historical family histories and continue to gather new information on many more. The library also takes donations of historical books and literary memorabilia and many of those have been added to the library. Not all donations qualify for being put into the library inventory. Certain historical value and need criteria must be met.

The library also has a collection of family written histories from local area residents. Local authors and historical preservation enthusiasts are also featured the library contains the genealogy works of Anita Drake, a prolific preserver of records and genealogical material. Her extensive card file and publications are featured there. Author Jerry Tanquist's volumes of railroad history and notes can be viewed in the library as well. A very comprehensive research project with history and photos of our area and nations railroads. The Presby Museum in Goldendale recently sent a list of family biographies and family history stories they own at the their museum library and many have connections to The Dalles and Wasco County residents. Volunteers work hard to get the material researchers request. The library invites everyone to come and see what the library has to offer you. New material is being added every month. There is always room for more volunteers too. Become part of preserving the past and enjoy a great educational environment. There is still much to do and the museum staff is still working on projects that began in 1997 when the museum and library came into existence. The overwhelming amount of materials that have been donated and collected is still being cataloged, researched and being made presentable for the public. Other projects are on the schedule in the near future, scanning historical journals, and documents from other museums and organizations in the area is on the agenda for the coming year. As of right now, a new roof for the Discovery Center is priority. If you wish to donate to the roof project or the library, contact Carolyn Purcell at 541.296.8600.



## From Dick Eastman - Make your PDF'S into booklets!

A recent post from Dick Eastman's daily newsletter alerted readers on how to turn your PDF or ebook file into a booklet. According to the post, downloading a simple tool called BookletCreator, you can turn any PDF file into a booklet. This would be very beneficial to genealogists for creating a booklet of their family trees as well. It works with Windows and Mac and is not free. To purchase a key is \$19.95. You may download a trial version that only processes up to 16 pages.

To download this tool, follow this link:

BookletCreator

<https://www.bookletcreator.com/>

## A call to keep vital records affordable

The U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Agency has proposed fee increases for its genealogy program and the documents provided from it. Fees will raise from \$65.00 to as much as \$650.00 depending whether you order a digital copy or paper copy if the fee rule increase takes effect. Although the deadline is December 30, 2019 for comments, please comment at the Federal Register.

Follow the outline for comments on Judy Russells blog, link is here:

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2019/12/13/a-little-more-time/>

## Making donations - Historical and Genealogical Sites

It's that time of year where donation requests seem to be everywhere. The requests usually come from non-profits who rely on members to help keep their sites up and running and provide funds for research and purchase of valuable materials. Free sites like Internet Archives or Wikipedia don't have paid members to help maintain their businesses. These two sites in particular are a valuable source to historical and genealogical researchers and should be considered when giving donations to the cause. Internet Archives allows free downloads of old and historical publications and books that are out of copyright. Other publications that fall under some copyright are loaned or borrowed for a short time to registered individuals. This site is also the home of the Wayback Machine that stores and archives websites from past decades. Wikipedia, although is controversial because of its open editing feature probably deserves to be supported as well just for the sheer magnitude of historical facts and resources. The source sections of Wikipedia is a valuable tool for further research.

## 2020 - 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Arrival

In 2020, Plymouth, Massachusetts will celebrate the 400th anniversary of Mayflower's arrival in Plymouth Harbor. This anniversary is not only a commemoration of the inspirational, determined spirit of our ancestors, but also marks a significant milestone of America's founding story.

More information can be found at :

<https://www.plimoth.org/support-us/voyage-made-nation>



## Storing Records - A Tragedy - Dick Eastman

Let this story be a warning to all who think your records and files are safe in one spot. If you save old photos, CDs, vinyl records, videotapes, or most anything else, never store them in one location. A Wisconsin Company "disappears" with a million CD's stored there with the public's collections. Patrons lost thousands of dollars in music CDs they had paid the company to digitize into high quality output. This is a warning to people who store photos, vinyl records, videos and anything else that's irreplaceable.

Read the two post here:

<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/12/18/a-small-wisconsin-company-stored-thousands-of-peoples-cds-then-suddenly-vanished/>

<https://www.theverge.com/2019/12/13/21019565/murfie-madison-wisconsin-store-stream-cd-vinyl-collection-closed>

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## Preserving The Records



Ever been turned down for requests of records from government agencies, library or historical archival information?

Reclaim The Records, a non profit organization has been established to help researchers obtain copies of records that are available to the public.

The organization consists of 5300 genealogists and history researchers that through legal means, The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gain access to records that otherwise are not accessible.

RTR on Facebook :

<https://www.facebook.com/ReclaimTheRecords>

A webinar on the on this organization and a syllabus can be found here;

[https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar\\_id=956](https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=956)

The organization is fighting hard to keep records available to the public. Many states are changing their accessibility laws to prevent the access to many records that are public domain.

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

You can find reclaimed records on Internet Archive!

<https://archive.org/details/reclaimtherecords>

## Oregon Genealogy

### Oregon Genealogy Network

Oregon Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 600 members and growing. It is a vital resource for your genealogy questions and is a very informative source for researching. The network consists of amateur as well as researchers well versed in helping you answer your family history questions. Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state.

Join today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190997804291208/>

### Oregon History and Genealogy

Oregon Historical Society  
1200 SW Park Ave.  
Portland, Oregon  
503.222.1741

### Genealogical Forum Of Oregon

Oregon's premier genealogy library!  
Library, Book Store, classes and more!

- Spring Seminar 2020 -  
Solve Puzzles with DNA  
with Karen Stanbary  
April 4 & 5  
Sat., Apr. 4, 10a-4:30p  
Sun., Apr. 5, 9:30-noon  
<https://gfo.org/learn/seminars.html>

### Oregon Genealogical Society

Oregon Genealogical Society, Inc.  
955 Oak Alley  
Eugene, Oregon 97401  
(541) 345-0399

### OrGenWeb

Or GenWeb is hosted by USGenWeb and is part of a volunteer group of researchers and genealogists from each state providing free online information to the genealogy community. Started over 20 years ago, USGenWeb has grown into one of the largest free genealogy sites on the internet.  
<http://www.orgenweb.org/index.html>

## Washington Genealogy

### Washington Genealogy Network

Washington Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 550 members and growing. Like its sister state of Oregon, this site provides researchers a way to find information and answers to your research questions. Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state of Washington.

Join Today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222494824442130/>

### RootsTech 2020 (Conferences & Seminars)

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 through Saturday, February 29, 2020

Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Attend the largest global genealogy conference to learn more about your family history, interact with new technology or share your innovative ideas with the world. For more information, visit the Rootstech website.

<https://www.rootstech.org/>

## Local Historical Resources

Wasco County Historical Society  
300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541-296-1867

Wasco County Original Courthouse  
410 W. 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.4798

Wasco County Pioneer Association  
vasallee@gmail.com  
541.296.4043

Ft Dalles Historical Museum  
500 W. 15th and Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.5457

Hood River Historical Society  
300E Port Marina Drive  
Hood River, Oregon 97031  
[info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org](mailto:info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org)  
541.386.6772

## Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

### Family History Centers

The Dalles FHC  
1504 E. 15th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Goldendale FHC  
N. Columbus Ave & McLinley  
P.O. Box 109  
Goldendales, Wa. 98620

Stevenson FHC  
650 NW Gropper Rd.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648

Hood River FHC  
1825 May St.  
Hood river, Oregon 97031

### Libraries

The Dalles Wasco County  
722 Court St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.2815

William G. Dick Library  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600 EX. 219

Hood River County Library  
502 State St.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.2535

### Ft. Vancouver Regional Libraries

Goldendale  
1313 Burgen St.  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4487

White Salmon Valley  
5 Town and Country Square  
Whire Salmon, Wa. 98672  
509.0493.1132

Stevenson  
120 NW Vanciouver Ave.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648  
509.427.5471



### Historical Resources In The Gorge

Fort Dalles Museum  
W. 15th & Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.4547

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600

Wasco County Historical Society  
300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.1867

Museum of Hood River  
300 E. Port Marina Dr.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.6722

Gorge Heritage Museum  
202 E. Humbolt  
Bingen, Wa. 98605  
509.493.3228

Dufur Historical Society  
P.O. Box 462  
Dufur, Or. 97021

Klickitat County Historical Society  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.77.4303

Presby Museum  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4303

Sherman County Historical society  
200 Dewey St.  
Moro, Or. 97039  
541.565.3232

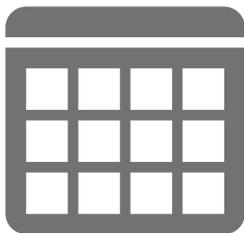
Maryhill Museum  
35 Maryhill Museum Drive,  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620

Original Wasco County Courthouse  
PO Box 839  
410 West 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058252  
(541) 296-4798

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center  
990 SW Rock Creek Dr.  
Stevenson, Wa. 988648

# Calendar This! Upcoming Programs

(Subject to change)



*Renew Today!*

Your \$15 membership allows the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society to remain a part of the Mid-Columbia community.

Thank You for your support!

## Coming in January

CGGS members and guests will be coordinating in January and February with each other to help solve their dead end research problems. So much can be accomplished by sharing resources and researching techniques. Successful results will be shared in February with a roundtable discussion.

Members are encouraged to bring their laptops and a sack lunch to both sessions. All Genealogy enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and individual assistance will be provided for those starting their family history research. A \$1.00 donation for room rent is appreciated. In case of inclement weather please call the Discovery Center at 541.296.8600 for cancellations.

### January 11, 2020

## I. R. A.

**Individual Research Assistance**  
A collaboration of members to help other members with dead end and brick wall research.

### February 8, 2020

Part 2 of the I.R.A. project, a round table discussion on what methods and resources were used to solve the research problems

### March 14, 2020 - TBA

### April 18, 2020

Clark County Genealogical Library - Field Trip

### CGGS is a member!



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