

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Oregon

Purpose

- ❖ To assist each other in genealogical research through association, inspiration, and mutual exchange and interaction.
- ❖ To encourage and provide for genealogical education.
- ❖ To cooperate with the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and the Benton Country Historical Society in matters pertaining to genealogical research.
- ❖ To advocate for accurate research and careful documentation.
- ❖ To encourage the study of family history through mutual support and the exchange of information.
- ❖ To accumulate resource materials for the Society library.
- ❖ To assist in the preservation and publication of local history.

Contact Us

Names, email and phone numbers removed for security reasons.

BCGS

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BCGS Officers for 2013 sworn in during the January general meeting.

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Program News

January: Needless to say the January program, **Putting Together a Family Reunion**, was very informative. Lots of sharing happened.



Mary Dean, Susan, & Faye share ideas

February: Burying the Dead, Not the Living: Digitizing and Organizing Your Research Electronically with Hannah Z Allan, Reference Assistant / Genealogist, Oregon Historical Society

Have you inherited boxes full of genealogy materials you don't know what to do with? Or perhaps you are in the middle of your research and realize you need tools to help you organize your thoughts and records? Let technology do the work for you! Come learn about various tools and methods to organize it all and free up your brain and office to be a better genealogist and researcher.

*See note on p. 4 for location

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From the Desk of the President

Several years ago when she was President, Danell Aukerman, (once again our immediate Past President), had each member of the Benton County Genealogical Society submit a five-generation chart of each family lineage that was being researched. I would like to see the Society members do this once more. The charts are indexed and filed in a binder alphabetically; they are available for viewing in the BCGS library in the annex. The basic information they contain has been a good resource to members and to visitors alike.

If you have not submitted a chart of the pedigrees you are documenting, please consider picking up a form and filling it out. As is so during some family reunions, it may be surprising to realize who is actually a relative and not just an "acquaintance."

I am excited to see who and what our members will discover in 2013.

-- Faye

Library News

I, as the new librarian, would like to thank Grace Maddux for her good stewardship of our library and for making my transition into the job easy. And a big thank you must go to Ellen Bartish for the time she has spent with me this past year showing me the ropes.

We're continuing to rearrange the library somewhat and to move some of the materials into the room upstairs. One thing I've learned is that books are heavy! We're trying to leave the books that are used most frequently downstairs in the main library. There will be a comprehensive list of the upstairs materials available in the library. Librarians will be able to retrieve materials for those unable to climb stairs.

By March, we'll be able to give you a better description of the changes. Look for information in next month's newsletter. Any suggestions you have are welcome.

-- Sue

Other Genealogical News and Events



"A Northwest Legacy: Povey Brothers Stained Glass"

Did you know that First Presbyterian Church has a treasure hidden in plain sight? The beautiful stained glass

windows are examples of the stained glass artistry of Povey Brothers Glass Company. Working from 1888 to 1929, this studio was known as the "Tiffany of the Northwest."

The windows at First Presbyterian Church were installed in 1910 when the Sanctuary was built. Like other Povey Brothers' work installed in churches, homes and other buildings throughout the region, these windows are now more than 100 years old.

Journey back in time with contemporary glass artist David Schlicker, who will present a lecture and slides entitled "A Northwest Legacy: Povey Brothers Stained Glass" on **Sunday, February 24, 2013, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.**

The lecture will be followed by a potluck supper at 5:30 pm in Dennis Hall."

First Presbyterian Church Trustees' Stained Glass Committee; email from Ella Hersh to Paula Stigile; 16 Jan 2013

"Corvallis Root Magic User Group"

There is a small group from the mid-valley that meets every other month on a Saturday from 1-3 to learn more about the Roots Magic Software. Some are beginners and others are advanced. We have all learned from each other. Sometimes we do a topic like planning for a family reunion or developing to do lists and other research aides. Recently we have been watching some of the webinars from the software developer. We can stop them and discuss how we would do various things he mentions.



Our next meeting is Saturday Feb 23 from 1-3 at Ann and Bill Smart's home and the topic is Tagging Media in Roots Magic. We use a large screen TV to try things with the software. If you are interested in attending, contact Ann at annsmart1@comcast.net or 541-752-1587."

email from Ann; 22 Jan 2013

"Rare Color Photos of World War I Discovered"

Photographer Anton Orlov recently discovered over 600 color images from World War I on "Magic Lantern" slides in a house in Northern California. The images depict snow-covered villages, train tracks, bullet-riddled buildings, and

soldiers in trenches, by houses and on trains. The pictures were taken in Russia, China and Japan. The slides were hand-colored and the colors have been preserved wonderfully.

The photos may be found at http://www.cbsnews.com/2300-205_162-10015434.html.

You also might want to read all the background information about these pictures available at <http://thephotopalace.blogspot.com/2013/01/wwi-and-russian-revolution-photos-found.html>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Larry Head for telling me about these rare photographs."
Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter; Posted by Dick Eastman; January 17, 2013

“VA and Ancestry.com Partner to Index Historic Burial Records

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs has partnered with the internet-based genealogy research firm Ancestry.com to bring burial records from historic national cemetery ledgers into the digital age. The effort will make the collection—predominantly of Civil War interments—accessible to researchers and Ancestry.com subscribers undertaking historical and genealogical research.

“We are excited to be able to share this wealth of primary documentation,” said VA’s Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Steve L. Muro. “With the help of Ancestry.com, we have opened the doors to thousands of service members’ histories through the information contained in these burial ledgers.”

From the 1860s until the mid-20th century, U.S. Army personnel tracked national cemetery burials in hand-written burial ledgers or “registers.” Due to concern for the fragile documents and a desire to expand public access to the ledger contents, VA’s National Cemetery Administration (NCA) duplicated about 60 hand-written ledgers representing 36 cemeteries using a high-resolution scanning process. The effort resulted in high quality digital files that reproduced approximately 9,344 pages and 113,097 individual records. NCA then transferred the original ledgers to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) where they will be preserved. In addition to the NCA’s ledgers, NARA was already the steward of at least 156 military cemetery ledgers transferred from the Army years ago.

In 2011, NCA initiated a partnership with Ancestry.com to index its cemetery ledgers, allowing the data to be searched or browsed in a variety of ways. Ancestry.com spent more than 600 hours indexing NCA’s records at no charge to the government.

Ancestry.com has assembled the digitized and indexed NCA burial ledgers with those at NARA into a new collection, “U.S. Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960.” The burial records contain information such as name, rank, company/ regiment, date of death, age at death, date of burial and grave number. A large number of Civil War soldiers were buried where they fell in battle or in temporary cemeteries, and sometimes that information, along with religious affiliation, can be found in the ledgers.

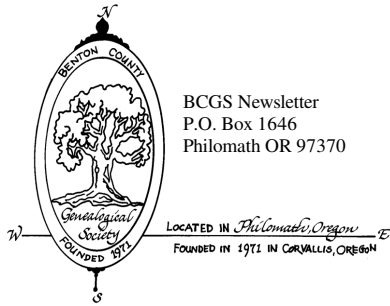
The collection was posted on the ancestry.com website on Veterans Day 2012. The information can be accessed free of charge by VA personnel as well as by employees of the other federal agencies that maintain national cemeteries, the Departments of the Interior and Defense. Ledger data will also be available for free at all NARA facilities, and at public libraries that subscribe to Ancestry.com. NCA cemetery staff will use the database to answer requests from the public. The general public will have access to the database on their personal devices through Ancestry.com’s regular subscription service.



This partnership between Ancestry.com and NCA supports NCA’s ongoing Civil War 150th anniversary commemoration (2011-2015). For more information on this project, contact Sara Amy Leach (sara.leach@va.gov), NCA senior historian.

VA operates 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico and 33 soldiers’ lots and monument sites. Seventy two of VA’s national cemeteries date from the Civil War. More than 3.7 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict — from the Revolutionary War to the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan — are buried in VA’s national cemeteries on approximately 20,000 acres of land.”

Dept. of Veteran Affairs news release; 10 Jan 2013; submitted by Judy



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Meetings

Board Meetings are held prior to the General meetings in the Annex, 1104 Main St., Philomath OR. All members are welcome.
Board: 9:00 AM - 9:45AM

General Meetings are held on the second Saturday, September through June, in the Social Hall of the College United Methodist Church, 1123 Main St., Philomath OR. Everyone is welcome.
Business: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Program : 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NOTE: 9 February 2013 general meeting and program will be held in the Moreland Auditorium, 1101 Main St., Philomath OR

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