

# 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 County 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 have been removed for security reasons.

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## Program News

**September:** As you can see, a very congenial group shared stories of their summer genealogical adventures at our September meeting.



**October: Stewart Myers**, registered patent attorney with Willamette Valley Intellectual Property Law, L.L.C., will discuss copyright laws, trademarks, and "intellectual property" and answer such questions as:



- What can or cannot be copied from other sources while collecting material for family histories, etc?
- What he or she can copyright in personal writings and in documentations?
- What, if anything, can one do if his/her original information suddenly appears online?

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## Library News

Please look through your shelves and see if you have any books belonging to the Society. A few are still missing. Some books have been moved upstairs. It's looking good. We will have lots of room when the moving is completed.

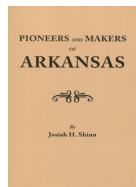
-- Grace

### Check these out in our library...

#### ◆Pioneers and makers of Arkansas [1849-1917]

Josiah H. Shinn

Genealogical Publishing Co, 2011



“A major work on early pioneers and prominent citizens and families of Arkansas, Shinn's *Pioneers* covers the history of the settlement of the state from its formation down to the latter half of the nineteenth century. In addition to numerous biographical sketches containing considerable genealogical data, Shinn's history contains extensive genealogies of the following families: Brillhart, Coffman/Cuffman, Davis, Desha, Fletcher, Garland, Hall, Johnson, Kaufman, Lafferty, Lindsey, Martin, Newton, Rector/Rechter/Richter, Watkins, and Wilson. Still other genealogical features include lists of Revolutionary pensioners alive in 1833 and 1834, with their ages, arranged by county; some marriages of 1822 and 1823; a general list of Arkansas marriages, 1820-1830; and Arkansas deaths, 1820-1839.”

-- genealocal.com

#### ◆A Year of Mud and Gold: San Francisco in letters and diaries 1849-50

William Benemann, Ed

University of Nebraska Press, 1999

“*A Year of Mud and Gold* is a collection of over two hundred excerpts from letters and diaries of ordinary men and women caught up in the rapid transformation of San Francisco during its gold rush heyday, 1849–50. Together these accounts render a rich mosaic of San Francisco's metamorphosis from a small Mexican outpost into a rough-and-tumble boomtown filled with gamblers and prostitutes, evangelists and entrepreneurs—men, women, and children from all parts of the world, arriving in California with the dream of striking it rich.



The correspondents come from a variety of economic and social backgrounds. Some are

barely literate, while others write as well as the finest authors of nineteenth-century travel literature. Their writings address a broad range of concerns, from business prospects and consumer prices to social mores and popular amusements. The letters and diaries also hold clues to processes central to frontier history: the Americanization of Hispanic California, the stresses that migration placed on individuals and families, the fluidity of boomtown economies, and the nature of gender and race relations in an urban population of immigrants.”

-- amazon.com

#### ◆Finding your German Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide

Kevan M Hansen

Ancestry.com, 1999

“Finding Your German Ancestors is a brief but thorough introduction to German research. It presents the most up-to-date sources and resources for successful German research. Many German archives are accessible via the Internet, and Finding Your German Ancestors is the first reference work to include these vital contacts. And because identifying documents is key to German research, it contains sample illustrations of typical German documents, as well as contact sample information for major repositories of German records. With its straightforward approach and easy-to-read style, this book is sure to become a standard reference work for beginning German researchers.”



-- ancestry.com

#### ◆Kentucky Genealogical Research

George K. Schweitzer

Genealogical Sources Unltd, 1995

1,191 sources for tracing your Kentucky ancestor along with detailed instructions.

-- Ellen

#### Web Page Updates:

A map of the Monroe Cemetery has been added to the Benton County Genealogical Society's Cemetery web page. Bob Wilson, a volunteer for Find A Grave, contributed the map image. See the Monroe Cemetery listing and map at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/Cemeteries/Monroe.htm>

-- Linda

## Genie Doings

Our **Judy J.** was part of a panel, along with John Baker and others, who spoke individually and as a group on Camp Adair and the "Camp Adair Project" at the Adair History Day in Adair Village.

-- Faye



## Other Genealogy News

### ShoeString Genealogy

Wow! I just spent the last 5 hours absolutely submerged in researching from this one site that I just found.

The site is called ShoeString Genealogy. They have a lot of useful information on their site, including tips, informative articles, forms that you can download, links to different types of online resources, and the one I was at all day - utilities.

Now, when you think of utilities, you would usually think about things like software to help you do this or that, like organize your files, finding files on the internet, and such. And it does have that, but my favorite page was the one that allowed me to enter an ancestor's name, his place of birth and death, his spouse's name, and his parent's names, and then it did an advanced Google search for me. It was under Utilities, then Web Search.

But here's the good part. Once you have entered this information, you can choose what type of search you want to do -

1. Search for your ancestor with Spouse's Names
  2. Search for Father's Names and Mother's First Name
  3. Search for your ancestor with Father's Names
  4. Search for your ancestor with Mother's First Name
  5. Search for First and Last Names of your ancestor and No Other Names
  6. Search for your ancestor on Websites
- And once you choose any one of these, there are choices you can make on the next page!

I have bookmarked this site so that I can come back and explore it again later. If you would like to take a look and use this great Google search setup, go to <http://shoestringgenealogy.com/utilities1.htm> and click on 'Web Search'. Happy Hunting!

-- Danell

## [GFO] Find My Past now available at the GFO

Findmypast launched their US version this summer after 40 years in the UK. The GFO [Genealogical Forum of Oregon] has purchased a one year subscription to the World Edition which includes:

- The full US and UK census, every name and every page
- A large number of unique UK and Irish records
- Exclusive access to all outgoing (departing) passengers lists from the UK, 1890-1960
- Expanding US Collections - Military records, newspapers and more coming within 12 months
- All of the many collections that will be available on the site in the next 12 months

The subscription will be available on one computer in the library and will allow members to use and evaluate this new resource. To explore their site, go to <http://www.findmypast.com>. Call 503-963-1932 ahead of time or let the receptionist know when you arrive to reserve time on this computer."

-- email to GFO mail list from Laurel Smith

Link to **PRONI (Public Records Office of Northern Ireland)** lecture series on local history of Northern Ireland. The five part series is on families. Others in the series are listed at right. Helps to listen to better understand the Irish accent while learning a little history. They are placing future history series on their website.

[http://www.proni.gov.uk/news\\_details.htm?newsRef=2030](http://www.proni.gov.uk/news_details.htm?newsRef=2030)

-- Mary Dean

## Workshops and Seminars

### Milwaukie Stake Family History Fair 2012

"All Things Relative"

Saturday, 10 November 2012

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

8331 Cason Road, Gladstone, OR

ALL ARE INVITED!

No cost, no lunch provided, bring sack lunch  
Pre-register and print class syllabuses online at:

[www.milwaukie](http://www.milwaukie) or [fhc.byethost31.com](http://fhc.byethost31.com)

### Meetings

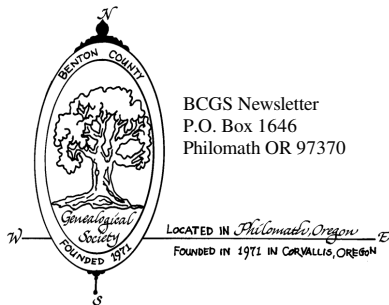
**Board Meetings** are held prior to the General meetings in the Annex, 1104 Main St., Philomath OR. All members are welcome.  
Board: 9:00 AM - 9:45AM

**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

".... for an irony abounds in the Scots-Irish mindset. On the one hand, for a variety of reasons Americans of Scots-Irish heritage seldom refer to themselves by a specific ethnic identity. And yet on the other, they probably boast a higher percentage of ardent genealogists than any other cultural group in the country."



-- Born Fighting



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