

# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 9 February Program

Kuri Gill, staff person for The Oregon Commission for Historical Cemeteries, will be the feature speaker. The Oregon Commission for Historical Cemeteries is part of the State Highway and Parks Commission and seeks our input in preparing a state-wide index of persons interred in Oregon Historical Cemeteries.

### *Oregon Becomes America's Valentine*

On February 14, 1859 Oregon finally gained statehood as the result of Congressional approval and by Presidential proclamation. The path to becoming the nation's 33rd state was a long and bitter one, however, the question of slavery in Oregon was a heated political issue for many months prior to the 1857 convention that drew up the state constitution. Pro-slavery Democrats were eventually voted down and Oregon went on to be admitted as a free state.

*By James Cloutier*

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### ***Here Shall I Die Ashore: Stephen Hopkins, Bermuda Castaway, Jamestown Survivor, and Mayflower Pilgrim.***

Thanks to Earle Greig, who is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins, the BCGS Library has recently received a copy of "Here Shall I Die Ashore: Stephen Hopkins, Bermuda Castaway, Jamestown Survivor, and Mayflower Pilgrim."

In the spring of 1621, Plymouth Colony sent STEPHEN HOPKINS to make the first visit to Wampanoag sachem Massasoit to present a red horseman's coat as a gift and sign of friendship. For most ordinary Englishmen, venturing off into the depths of unexplored America would have been a once in a lifetime adventure: but not for Stephen. By the time he turned forty, he had already survived a hurricane, been shipwrecked in the Bermuda Triangle, been written into a Shakespearean play, witnessed the famine and abandonment of Jamestown Colony, and participated in the marriage of Pocahontas. He was once even sentenced to death! He got himself and his family onto the Pilgrims' *Mayflower*, and helped found Plymouth Colony. He signed the Mayflower Compact, lodged the famous Squanto in his house, participated in the legendary Thanksgiving, and helped guide and govern the early colonists. Yet Stephen was just an ordinary man, with a wife, three sons, seven daughters, a small house, some farmland for his corn, and cows named Motley, Sympkins, Curled, and Red. These are the extraordinary adventures of an ordinary man.

This is a fascinating story in itself, but the book also includes some of the most important primary sources relating to Stephen's life adventures. Included (in full) are the only two surviving primary source accounts of the *Sea Venture's* shipwreck in Bermuda, one written by William Strachey, and the other by Silvester Jourdain. There also is a full chapter out of the 1622 pamphlet *Mourt's Relation*, the only first-hand account of Stephen Hopkins' trek to visit the home of Massasoit. In addition to the primary sources, there are the two major scholarly genealogical articles that have been published in *The American Genealogist*, discovering and documenting Stephen Hopkins' true origins in England (one article by Caleb Johnson, the other article by Ernest Christensen). This is a collection of resources of interest to any Hopkins descendant, or anyone interested in Bermuda/Jamestown/Plymouth history. If you would like a copy for yourself, more information can be found at: <http://www.mayflowerhistory.com/HopkinsBook/HopkinsBook.php>

# *Program Review*

*By David Kribs, Program Chairman*

12 January 2008 - *A Woman Preparing for the Oregon Trail* - Have you ever considered a woman on the Oregon Trail? Well Janice Barclay has and presented a program based upon the diary of one women starting in Illinois, then to Iowa, then out to Oregon—family, friends, those who accompanied, outfitting the wagons, supplies—a real life account. Thank you Janice.

## **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

The Benton County Public Library is holding their Friends of the Library Book Sale February 22-24, 2008 at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Friday, February 22 - 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 23 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 24 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## *Upcoming Programs*

15 March 2008) - Tentative—*Scrapbooks* - Kim Fanno, (Faye Abraham, Dave Kribs)

12 April 2008 - Tentative—*Census of Overland Emigrant Documents* (COED)

10 May 2008 - Tentative—*Photo restoration*

14 June 2008- Potluck Picnic - Book Sale

## *Membership*

### Renewals

Faye Abraham  
Janice Barclay  
Betty Birdsall  
Nancy & John DeBoie  
Peggy & Dennis Haney  
Cindy Leelaamornvichet  
Ann Oliver  
Martin Thompson  
Dona & Lew Williams

Danell Auckerman  
Geraldyn Barry  
Lynee Carpenter  
Robert Ethington  
Jeanne Lane  
Marlene McDonald  
Betty Swan  
Linda West

Books published by Benton County Genealogical Society are always available for purchase at the society library after each meeting, and every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM. They are also available at the Benton County Historical Museum, during their normal hours.

## *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*



**Danell Aukerman**

228 NE Azalea Dr  
Adair Village, OR 97330

Do you have a family story you want to submit to the newsletter? Do you have a famous ancestor you would like it tell us about? Do you know any genealogy humor? Have you had any interesting genealogical researching experiences? Do you have any favorite websites? If so, please let me know. If you e-mail me, identify BCGS in subject line and if you call, please leave a message and I'll get back to you.

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## ***News From the Library***

***Sandra Potter, co-Librarian***

<b>Number</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>
2475	MA	Johnson	Here Shall I Die Ashore (Stephen Hopkins: Bermuda Castaway, Jamestown Survivor and Mayflower Pilgrim) Donated by Earle Greig

### **BCGS Family Bible Web Page Updated**

Our new Benton County Family Bibles web page has been updated. See the Allen, Bump, Davidson, and Robinson-Rice family bible pages **at** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm>

The names and dates of events have been transcribed and images of the original bible pages can be viewed. Contact **Linda Olsen** at [thekeeper@ronsarchive.com](mailto:thekeeper@ronsarchive.com) if you would like to submit copies of your Benton County family bible pages.

### **Historic Land Ownership and Reference Atlases**

#### **A great new Ancestry.com resource**

This latest addition to Ancestry.com is fabulous.

**Maps:** The maps are mostly from the 1860's and 1870's, You can pinpoint ancestors by cross-referencing 1860 and 1870 census records with names (mostly first initial and last name) with data from these maps.

Go to [www.ancesstry.com](http://www.ancesstry.com) and check on the link which shows up in the NEW window

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### ***Scandinavian Heritage Foundation Events***

Are you interested learning how to cook Scandinavian food or speak a Scandinavian language? Perhaps you would like to learn how to make Hardanger lace, dance the traditional Scandinavian dances or you wish to find out about upcoming musical performances. Information about all of these events and more is available through the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation by calling 503-977-0275, checking their website at [www.scanheritage.org](http://www.scanheritage.org) or subscribing to their online newsletter.

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**Genealogical Forum of Oregon - Spring Seminar**

***Saturday, April 5, 2008***

***Speaker: Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL***

***"Some Real Research Sites on the Internet"***

***"Spreadsheet Tricks for Genealogists"***

***"Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress"***

***"Did He Serve? Researching Military Service Records"***

For more information contact the GFO at: [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)

## National Genealogical Society Educational Offerings

Do you want to be the best genealogist you can be?

Success in your genealogical research and finding those elusive ancestors depends on your knowledge of where to find records, how to expand your research techniques, and how to evaluate and analyze the records you find. An important part of NGS' is providing genealogists with the tools needed to do accurate, quality research. At the forefront of our educational offerings is the **NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair, May 14 - 17, 2008 in Kansas City, Missouri**. The program will include more than 150 lectures and workshops and more than 100 exhibitors. No matter what skill level in family history research - beginner, intermediate or professional - we have something on the conference program for you.

Go to <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/> for a full list of conference lectures and further information on the conference.

To download a PDF brochure go to <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/2008NGSRegistrationbrochure.pdf>

Questions? Contact Jeanne Lund at [lund@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:lund@ngsgenealogy.org) or 703-525-0050, ext. 112

**Mark Your Calendars: 2008 NGS Conference and Family History Fair, May 14-17, Kansas City, MO**

<http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2008>

### *Link Exchange - New Genealogy Site*

A new Genealogy site has recently been launched. It's called [www.familyhistoryplace.net](http://www.familyhistoryplace.net).

The site contains links to over 1000 Genealogy Societies. A link to the Benton County Genealogical Society has been added to their links page for Oregon.

The organization believes that Genealogical societies are a vital important research tool, too often ignored by the online community, and are trying to create a site that encourages people to find them and join.

They are also building a library of articles about genealogy and are looking for people to contribute. A library of thousands of genealogy articles sharing knowledge is envisioned. Knowledge that people can search and use for free.

Also, they will be sending out a free quarterly newsletter highlighting the best new articles added to their site. If you know anyone who may be interested in receiving it, please ask them to send an e-mail to [newsletter@familyhistoryplace.net](mailto:newsletter@familyhistoryplace.net) with the word subscribe in the subject line and they will be added to the list

Excerpted from a letter sent from Chris Krawczyk, Editor, [familyhistoryplace.net](http://familyhistoryplace.net)  
[Editor@familyhistoryplace.net](mailto:Editor@familyhistoryplace.net)

### *Websites*

- *The Sweet Home Genealogical Society has a new website at: [www.sweethomegenealogy.org](http://www.sweethomegenealogy.org)*

### *Scandinavian Sampler*

February 29 - March 1, 2008

This year the Sampler will be held at PSU Cramer Hall with a focus on Sweden, but as usual all Nordic countries will be represented. Speakers will include Johanna Fedde, Harry Anderson, and Les Swanson, as well as, teachers of Scandinavian Languages at PSU.

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**Oregon Genealogical Society presents**

## ***Forensic Genealogy***

**with Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D.**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008**

**Registration 8:30 - 9:00 am**

**Seminar 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene, OR**

Topics to be presented include:

**Forensic Genealogy - CSI Meets Roots**

**A Different Kind of DNA**

**The Database Detective**

**You Will Never Look at Your Old Photos the Same Way Again**

**Cost:** \$40.00 which includes lunch and materials. Early registration recommended.

Make checks payable to Oregon Genealogical Society, Inc. and mail to Oregon Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 10306, Eugene, OR 97440-2306. Please include e-mail address. For more information call 541-686-1421 or 541-345-0399.

## ***Upcoming Genealogical Events***

- ***Saturday, April 12, 2008 - 3rd Annual Norwegian Genealogy Workshop***  
Leif Erickson Lodge, 2245 nw 57th Street, Seattle, WA. For details, contact Luci J. Baker Johnson:  
[ljbaker2@earthlink.net](mailto:ljbaker2@earthlink.net) or call 206-782-5856.

## ***Passages***

*BCGS wishes to extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Joy Read, an early Society member and a member of the Board, who died on February 1, 2008. She had been an invalid for several years.*

## **“Surname Wall”**

SCGS has come out with a "Surname Wall" where you can post 10 of the lines you are researching for FREE! I just did the ones I have DNA projects for and then a few others.

<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/SurnameWall.htm>

You do not need to be a SCGS member to post your surnames, the public is welcome to contribute. Don't think that it won't help you to post this on a Southern California site - just remember that there are over 24 million people in Southern California and about 36 million in the state. You never know when the person whose DNA you need to solve that brick wall might see your virtual surname wall post.

*Submitted by Emily Aulcino*

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:  
**28 January for the 9 February meeting. Cookies — Bill Gleaves**  
**25 February for the 8 March meeting. Cookies — Leila Crawford**

### Membership Information

Contact information removed for security reasons.

**Dues are \$12.00 single and \$15.00 family per calendar year.**  
**Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.**  
**Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/> Board minutes are posted here.**

### More Member Info.

Our meetings are held on the **second Saturday, September through June**, in the NE Dining Hall of the College United Methodist Church, on the east side of the parking lot, in the 1100 block of Philomath Blvd. Business meeting is at 10:00 AM with the program at 11:00 AM.  
**Our Library, in the museum annex, will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM and after meetings on Saturdays.** Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

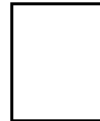
### Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: [sprawlinson@proaxis.com](mailto:sprawlinson@proaxis.com). Thank You. **Pat Rawlinson**

### Odds and Ends

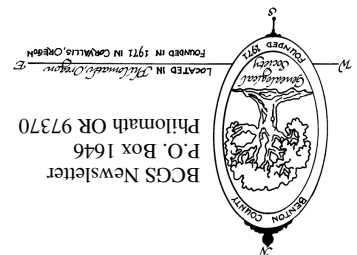
Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is **492**. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

**THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!**



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