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CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11: Bring goodies to share. Ken Bielman will provide Christmas music and there will be Christmas caroling. Bill Lewis will talk about the purchase of the Copeland Lumber building.

RESEARCHING OUR FEMALE ANCESTORS

When researching women, keep in mind that some countries will use a woman's maiden name on all official documents, even after she is married. This was illustrated to me while searching for an ancestor in the Danish Emigration records. She had been married twice and after the death of her second husband went by her first husband's name. To make searching for her more complicated, some records gave her name as Anne Marie and others as Mary. After trying to find her, using every conceivable combination of her names, I finally left the name entirely off and entered only where she had emigrated from, where she had gone to, and the year. And there she was, listed as Ane Marie under her maiden name, with her children listed with her, also under her maiden name. Which brings us to another tip—sometimes less information given will yield better results. . . *Deloris Jensby*

When a man sold any of his property, his wife had to agree to the sale, and her agreement was often called the "release of dower." She had a future interest in this property, as she was entitled to the use of a certain amount of it (usually 1/3) after his death. This is why she had to agree, or join in the deed, when any property was sold. She was also questioned by representatives of the court, away from her husband, to make certain she knew what she was doing, and had not been coerced.

The wife's dower was automatic, there did not have to be a will. But many husbands who left wills also specified what property the wife would have as her dower property. Sometimes a husband left his wife less than her "thirds". She could renounce the provisions of the will in court, and elect to take her thirds under the law.*Thena Jones*

(The above are two small items gleaned from ROOTS-L on ways to find our female ancestors. I believe it is true that the wife often officially retained her maiden name also in Scotland. I know the second item to be true. My husband had a gr-grandmother who had been known for years as "Unknown?" until we found her listed as Susannah (still no surname) in a land sale. Often this is one of the most difficult parts of research for me. If you have found other ways to trace your female ancestors, please tell us about them and we will publish more helps on this subject.

JB. Editor)

KITH AND KIN BY CHARLENE TALBOT

GETTING ORGANIZED

But first, let us mention that at the Florida State Genealogical Society Conference a speaker named Sharon DeBartolo Carmack informed her audience that DISORGANIZED people get more work done! Dear Myrtle reported in her daily Internet column that Carmack's point was that people with messy desks aren't spending as much time filing and getting organized. They can devote that time to research. Secondly, though people with messy desks have stacks of papers piled high, if you ask them for something, they'll be able to pull it out because they think of something like, "Hmmm, that was about three weeks ago, so it should be about this far down in this stack."

However, we realized that with the advent of Internet, something different had to be done about our filing. Did we put that e-mail message in the Letters file, or in the Internet notebook? Or perhaps in the surname file? Did we send off that e-mail query or just think about doing it? And what does one do with photocopies of census pages where the person listed is NOT the person one hoped it would be. Does one keep the negative proof in case anyone ever asks? Will anyone ever ask?

The first suggestion we found helpful to aid in climbing out from under the confusion was to use a new sheet of paper for each new note. It's going to be hard to leave half a sheet of paper blank, but it has to be done if we want to be able to retrieve that elusive bit of information that we know we put somewhere.

The next step is to assign each new document a number. Each new bit of information gets numbered as you discover it, and the document numbers get listed, perhaps on a spread sheet or perhaps in a notebook. The number gets assigned in sequence, by date, with a brief description of what it is, and where it is filed. If you're using the computer and a spread sheet, you can put the information into fields, such as an overall surname, the state and county, and type of document. Once you've given the piece of paper a number, you can then store it

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wherever seems good to you—box, file folder, three-ring binder or whatever you're using.

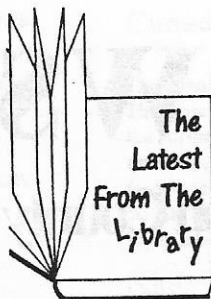
Sounds good, doesn't it? But in the interest of reality, we ask ourselves, will we try it? Maybe we could start from this day forward, instead of going back to the beginning, because in all honesty, our genealogy files currently consist of 13 notebooks of various sizes, mostly large, some in a drawer, some on a shelf, plus numerous file folders, many with the same surname labeled I, II and III. And, we admit it, The Stack. However, we promise ourselves, we will try to get organized—come the Millennium!



HUMOR

Q: Why do genealogists die with a smile?

A: Because they know they are about to get another date on their pedigree.



New Acquisitions

- >14-year Reference Guide to the German Genealogical Digest*
- >Genealogical Abstracts from 18th Century Virginia Newspapers#
- >Historical Sketch of Bruton Church, Williamsburg, VA#
- >Huguenot Genealogies, a Selected Preliminary

List#

- >A Guide to the Manuscripts and Archives in the Whitney Library of the New Haven Colony#
- >Locality Finding Aids for U. S. Surnames#
- >A Beginner's Guide to Danish Genealogical Research#
- >CD - Canadian Genealogy Index, 1600's to 1900's - gift of Cecelia Anderson
- >The Great Migration; Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635, Vol. I, A-B
- >U. S. Census Index - 1850 - Indiana, Ohio*
- >U. S. Census Index - IA, IL, MI, MO, MN, WI*
- >U. S. Census Index - 1860 - Illinois & Indiana*
- >Research in British Military Records#

*Gifts of Ken Bielman

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EARLY BENTON COUNTY PIONEERS, CONTINUED

Additions and Corrections appreciated and will be printed. Send to Dorothy Burt, 27321 Reese Creek Rd., Monroe, Or 97456, dgburt@pioneer.net

KIBBY, Martha (1838-)	1852	Kings Valley	md 1859 LEWIS, John
Kibby, Mary Eliza (1845-)	1852	Kings Valley	md CLINE, Henry
KIBBY, Sarah, (1830-)	1852	Kings Valley	md 1855 ANDREWS, James
KIBBY, Tignal (1833-)	1852	Kings Valley	md VIRGIN, Mary Eliza
KIBBY, William A. (1840-)	1852	Kings Valley	never married
KINDER, Frank P.	1852		md 1851 ISABEL, Rebecca
KING, Abigail (1829-1857)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1846 FULLER, Price
KING, Amos Nahum (1822-1901)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1846 FULLER, Malinda
KING, David	1853		md 1839 HENKLE, Mary
KING, Electra (1842-1845)	1845	Kings Valley	died in raft accident on Columbia
KING, Hopestill (1815-1893)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1839 NORTON, Lucius Carolus
KING, Isaac (1819-1866)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1847 VAN BIBER, Almeda Jane
KING, John (1813-1845)	1845	Kings Valley	md c1839 COOPER, Susan
KING, Lovisa (1828-1889)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1846 CHAMBERS, Rowland
KING, Lucretia (1809-1860)	1853	Kings Valley	md HALLECK, Heman
KING, Luther (1840-)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1866 LADD, Caroline
KING, Lydia (1831-1921)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1847 WILLIAMS, Jonathan L.
KING, Nahum Amos (1783-1856)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1807 NORTON, Sarepta
KING, Rhoda Ann (1835-1912)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1 1850 PHILLIPS, John
			md 2 c1856 SOMERS, Eli
KING, Sarah (1823-1845)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1941 CHAMBERS, Rowland
KING, SOLOMON (1833-1913)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1853 ALLEN, Anna Marie
			He was sheriff from 1877-1886
KING, Stephen (1818-1852)	1845	Kings Valley	md 1843 ALLEN, Anna Marie
KINNEY, James	1854		md 1834 MARY
KINNEY, Patrick	1853		
KINNEY, Thomas	1853		

CIVIL WAR LETTER

(Since some readers expressed appreciation for the last Civil War letter, here is another. Ed.)

June 7th - 1864

Dear Brother:

As I got some what rested from the march of the 5th, and 6th, I will wonce more pen a few lines to those I love.

My health is good with the exception of a lame arm. I was vaxnated when we were at camp Correy and it has jest begone to work and I have catched cold and my arm is swolen pretty bad.

Oscar, I have seen the elephant. I have been within five miles of Richmond. While we were there the Rebels charged on our works twice, but were most ham-somely repulced with a very heavy lost. Our lost was trifeling compared to thairn. The next day they tried three times, but were repulced every time, Grant said the first time they got all they wanted and the next time they got more than they wanted.

In all the Rebles lost about 1000 in killed and wonded and taken prsners. Our lost wont exceed 200, that is the way Grant whipes the Rebles.

The hard fighting is about all done around Richmond. Grant is shelling the city. He is throwing the shells and shot into the city at the rate of 60 a minute. He says he will have the city as soon as the Rail Road is completed and that will be finished this week. The cars is running past here now, the engine is naimed Lt. General Graint. We are left to grd the road. We have very hard deauty to perform here. If you would like to know how the country looks around Richmond, all you have to do is go up on Hells Plains, that is a fare spasement only the country is a little more hilly around Richmond. All the rest of Verginery that I hav seen is very hansom.

Our Regement is building enterechments, the Rebles Prisners say the Rebles didnt think the Union army would get so near to Richmond as they have. They had such confidence in the Confedecery that they put in all of their crops, the wheat and oats is jest heading out and the corn is knee high. The soldiers burn the fences so you see it makes good feed for Uncle Sam's horses and mules.

I stopped in a Rebles house with the Cornel and he ask the woman where her husban was, and she told him that he was in Richmond. She seemed to be very frindly and gave us some water and said she hoped the war would come to a close soon, she said it was very rong to fight on eather side. Oscar, I think the war will close this summer. I hope so for soldering is everything but pleasant.

Oscar, I don't want you to send me any more money, for there is no chance to spend it if I had ever so much, but I want you to send me some postage stamps

and write all the particulars about the amount of wool and how the crops looks and when you sell the wool, give my share to Mother and I will furnish half of the money to hier the grain cut and the binding part I think you can get away with it. If you get crowded for help, it will be no disgrace to work a few days in the harvest.

We have to work hard all day and come in at night, I find that there is nothing to eat until we draw rations tomorrow or next day and perhaps be called out on picket and have to stay until the next day noon. Oscar, my advice is never to enlist, if you are drafted, go to Canada or any place else but never come in the army. If I ever come home I think I shall be perty ape to stay there. You must write me as soon as you get this letter and be sure to send the stamps, for I write a good many letters. From your Brother,
George

Mother how do you do this morning, I hope well. Mother how I long to see yo and the loveing ones at home, but may God protect me Mother as he ever does the right and also perlong your days and strength and give you good health are the constance prayers of your son. Mother pray for me that I may devote my day's in the service of the Lord, and return safe home. Mother, I hope that what I have wrote will not make you feel bad, for prehaps after Richmond is taken we will have some more supleys. I hadn't ought to complain for the men at the front fighting every day needs the rations more than I do. Goodby Mother for the present. I hope to see you all soon.

I wish I could see little Jennie and have a romp with her, I bet we would have a good time. Tell her to go to school every day and learn to write so if I have to stay here three years, she can write to me. Tell her if she will get so she can write me a letter I will send her 20 dollars. Mother keep up good courage and we will all be home again.

Your Loveing Son,
George Currier

CHRISTMASTIME FLOOD

In 1861-62, there was a flood in the Willamette Valley which has not been equaled since. It began on Sunday, December 29, 1861. At its height, there was said to be four feet of water over the entire valley floor. By the time it began to subside on the first Sunday in January, 1862, much livestock had been drowned, and fences, houses and barns had been swept away in tragic numbers. The Wiley Winkle family lived on the butte which is about 6 miles south of Corvallis. All they could see in any direction was water and the floating corpses of dead animals and the wreckage of buildings washing up on the butte. According to local folklore, Mrs. Winkle wanted her husband to go down and stick his finger in the water and taste it for she thought it must surely be the ocean coming inland.





Welcome to Our New Members

We have one new member this month. We welcome Ann Clarke.

A REMINDER – It is time to pay your dues for the next year.

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Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.
Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/>

Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group is for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available for Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and some Quebec plus Canada in General. Car pooling can be arranged.

Call Pat Rawlinson, 752-2243, for further info.

Odds And Ends

Our number at the OSU Thriftshop 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.

More Member Info

Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of 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. Business meeting is at 10:00 a.m. with the program at 11:00 a.m.

Our Library, in the museum annex, is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when the program is over until 3:00 p.m. IF we can keep enough volunteer librarians, it will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Members in good standing may check out and return books any time the li-

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