

# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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## HAPPY NEW YEARS FRIENDS

### Program 10 January

The program for the January meeting will be Genealogy on the Internet hosted by Danell Aukerman. An extra hour of research time will be available for those with no interest in this subject.

### History Center

#### The American Family Immigration History Center at Ellis Island

The Ellis Island Foundation is undertaking a new project of creating an electronic database containing information in the ships' manifests from 1892-1924, representing all 17 million immigrants. This project will take several years and they are now inviting donations to become a Charter Founder of the History Center. This will be a \$15 million project and they have \$6 million to date. Contributors will have their name entered in the Register of Charter Founders which will be placed in the Immigration History Center at the time of its dedication, then kept on permanent display.

Contributions, which are tax deductible, should be sent to the Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation Inc., PO Box 5200, New York NY 10164-2880.

### Library of Congress Maps

#### Geography and Map Reading Room Home Page [06/19/97]

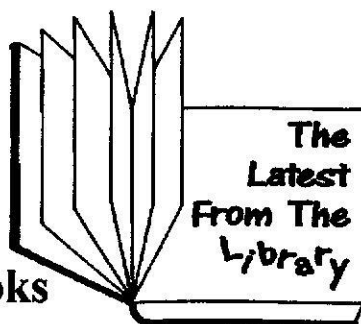
The Geography and Map Division (G&M) has custody of the largest and most comprehensive cartographic collection in the world with collections numbering over 4.5 million maps including 60,000 atlases, 6,000 reference works, numerous globes and plastic relief models, and a large number of cartographic material in other formats, including electronic. These cartographic materials date from fourteenth century portolan charts through recent geographic information systems data sets.

Scanning all of these maps was discussed on one of the educational/news type programs that aired during December. When more is found it will be printed here in the newsletter.

### Thought for Today

#### Medical doctor index

An index to every known medical doctor in America from 1607 to present is kept by the national Institute of Health Library, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892. Write for information and/or send the name of the MD in your family and enclose a SASE.



## New BCGS Library Books

Marriages of Rowan County, North Carolina, 1753-1868, by Holcomb  
Immigrants to the Middle Colonies; A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists  
and Associated Data, by Tepper

Emigrants to Pennsylvania; a Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists, by Tepper

Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States, by Schaefer

Irish Emigration to New England Through the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada; 1841 to 1849, by Johnson

A Guide to the Minnesota State Census Microfilm, by Bakeman

Breazeal (Brazeal) Hartshorn Genealogy. Gift of daughter Mabel Lewis.

Descendants of John and Mary Jane (Cunningham) Gillespie, by Prindle.

Gift of ??

## New Address

The Society has a new P. O. Box. It is Box 1646, Philomath OR 97370. Begin now to change your mailings to this P. O. Box number.

## F H C Library

The Family History Center was unable to move into their Harrison Street location on the 6th of January as planned. It will be at least the 20th of January.

## Web Pages

Ken Bielman called me on the 23rd of December and said he couldn't get the Web page from the December issue. I tried all the tricks that I knew, and couldn't get it either. Looks like either they got all the business they wanted or all died off.

This month's site is one that I should have had in this column a long time ago. It is the listing of Cindy Howells lists of genealogy sites.

<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm#Biographies>

There are enough links here to keep you as busy as the Genealogy Gateways.

## Good-bye

It seems that we are saying good-bye to a lot of people lately. Since the editor doesn't take the GT, the obit's have to come from others.

In December we lost

Member Aurita Charlotte (Lee) Zeigler, an old friend since her health department days.

Leslie Kribs, the father of David Kribs, half of our husband wife 2nd Vice President position.

Edith Bielman, the sister in law of Ken Bielman our 1st Vice President.



## Bits and Pieces

### **VETERANS RECORDS DISCOVERED!**

The Veterans Administration has discovered some 10 million duplicates of 20th century military records thought to have been destroyed in their 1973 fire. If you have been told the records you need were burned in that fire, you may want to write again to:

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS, GSA 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, Mo 63132

### **PENSION FILES FOUND!**

Over a hundred boxes of pension records were recently found at the National Archives. They date back to the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Seminole War, and were never indexed or micro-filmed. The files are arranged by account number and are being published in American Genealogy Magazine by Datatrace System, POB 1587 Stephenville, TX 76401

### **PHOTOGRAPHS OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS**

It may be possible to find a photograph of your Civil War Ancestor! There are over 80,000 photographs of Civil War soldiers stored at the U. S. Army Military History Institute. It's at Carlisle Barracks, PA. You can write to Carlisle and ask them to check the files. Give the soldier's name, rank, unit and dates of birth and death. They will check their files and send up to 10 photocopies of a photograph, if found. You will be notified if a picture exists and told the fee for making copies. More photos are being added to the collection all the time. In fact, if you have a photograph of a Civil War soldier, this is the place to send it for posterity. Carlisle will take good care of your photo, copy it, then return the original along with a complimentary 8x10 reproduction for your trouble. Write to the U.S. Army Military History Institute Attention: Reference Activity, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008. In addition to Carlisle, two other major sources for Civil War photographs can be checked. The National Archives (Still Picture Branch of the Special Archives). Call for details at 202-501-5455 The Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division at 202-707-6395.

### **NEW TOOL FOR SCOTTISH ANCESTRY**

The Family History (FHC) has a new research tool for families of Scottish ancestry. The Old Parochial Registers Index for Scotland is now available. The Index contains 10.5 million names that are listed in the Church of Scotland parish registers covering the period from 1500's to 1854. The use of this index is very similar to the IGI. The FHC has a free Resource Guide that will explain the use of this program and what can be gleaned from the contents. This collection is an excellent source of information for names, dates, and places of births and marriages. Visit your local Family History Center (LDS Church) to use this new powerful index.

From the quarterly journal of the Kentucky Genealogical Society

## New Members

Each month the new members will be listed here  
If we have no new members during the month, that will be noted also.

Betty and Robert Hershman, College Place, WA

8 members renewed.

## PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES

### Membership Information

President	Gene Kelsey	753-8410
1st Vice Pres	Ken Bielman	758-3769
2nd Vice Pres	Charlene Talbot	929-6079
	David Kribs	929-6079
Secretary	Jim Russell	752-4042
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb	929-5715
Librarian	Jean Grube	758-7618
Membership	Danell Ankerman	752-6425
Newsletter Editor	Ed Stratton	929-6141

Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar year.  
Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.

## 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 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. Mary Hamlin 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 Fireside Room 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 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 library is open.

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