

NewsLetter

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Program 14 March

The program for the meeting will be "The Resources of the LDS Family History Center and How to Use Them Effectively", presented by Gene Kelsey and Jim Russell.

For April, Gretchen Morris will speak on genealogical information to be found in court records.



Genealogy

This is from "Sinclair Clan" newsletter by way of Gene Newcomb

"Genealogy isn't what many think it is!"

Most people think that genealogy is just the research into who their grand parents and the great grandparents were. I believe it is much more than this ... For now, let me just ask you if you know why you like to work in the garden, or to bake, or to create with wood? Maybe you are a wizard with math or science, or one of the computer "geeks". Your ancestors may have set the stage for your interests.

Help Wanted

Benton County GenWeb Needs New Coordinator. As most of you are aware, I have been in charge of the Benton County ORGenWeb page on the Internet. This is the web page devoted to Benton County genealogy. The time has come for me to hand over the reins to someone else who will have the time to take care of the page the way it should be. Please contact me if you are interested. Danell Aukerman 752-6425.



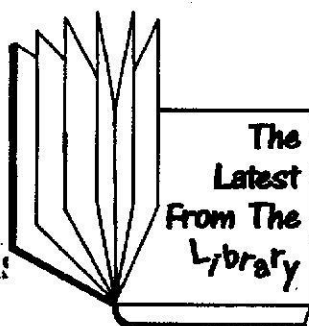
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Quotes from Phinney

Mark Phinney was the Benton County WPA historian. These are quotes pulled from his papers.

I try not to worry too much about the rottenness of politics and how the country is going.

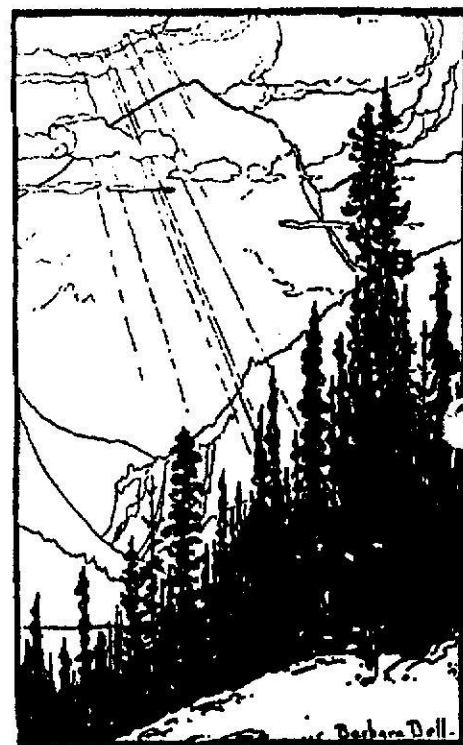
New BCGS Library Books



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Abstracts of Death Notices and Miscellaneous News Articles from the Maine Farmer, by Young and Keene
Marriage Notices from the Maine Farmer, by Young & Keene
Wisconsin; Its Counties, Townships & Villages
Indiana Source Book, Vol 8
Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey, by Gordon
Early Middle Tennessee Marriages, 2 Vols, by Sistlers
Early East Tennessee Marriages, 2 Vols, by Sistlers
Record of Pennsylvania Marriages, Prior to 1810, 2 Vols
Abstracts of South Central Pennsylvania Newspapers, 3 vols (1785-1800)
Indiana Genealogical Research, by Schweitzer
Illinois Genealogical Research, by Schweitzer
Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, 1840 & Beyond Vols 2 & 3
Missouri Genealogical Records & Abstracts, Vol 6
Ship Passenger Lists, National & New England (1600-1625), by Boyer
Ship Passenger Lists, New York & New Jersey (1600-1625), by Boyer
Ship Passenger Lists, Pennsylvania & Delaware (1641-1825), by Boyer
Ship Passenger Lists, The South (1528-1825), by Boyer
Wisconsin Genealogical Research, by Herrick
The Name Was Olney, by Sheller. Gift of Zira Kahl
Kentucky Marriage Records
Evidence; Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian, by Mills
Sourcing Canada; Genealogy Addresses, 1997 ed.
Family Tree Maker, User's Tutorial and Ref. Manual, Gift at last meeting
Family Tree Maker, same as above, c1993-95 Gift, same as above.
Births, Death, Marriages, etc., for Crawford, Vernon and Richland Counties, WI; 1873-1910

Not genealogy supplies, but Mabelle Martsching has some free Macrame Supplies. See her at the meeting



Web Pages

Thanks to the Bartholomew County Ancestors newsletter for the URL's today. Your editor has checked out the URL's and they work. The Celtic Origins has a new address and that is the one listed here. The Indiana State Archives may be reached at <http://www.ai.org/acin/icpr/index.html>
For e-mail on a specific problem, use Robert Horton at Robert_Horton_at_icpr@ima.isd.state.in.us (I can't get to this one, Ed)

For the Celtic Origins, use <http://www.genealogy.ie/> and their e-mail info@genealogy.ie

Hope you have a good surfin' time.

Story Preservation

The following is from an informational e-mail message. The author is Nancy L. Pengra who has a University of Minnesota e-mail address.

The CENTER FOR LIFE STORIES PRESERVATION has been on-line since 10/96 and while we've seen genealogy sites multiply by the thousands, there still doesn't seem to be one clearinghouse of info for people on preserving their stories - the oral history aspect of our families. So we're going to try to fill that void.

We started the CENTER after losing our 96-year-old grandfather (we'd traced his Luxembourg genealogy but never captured his fishing stories!) We, too, are genealogists, but feel strongly about the importance of individual family and life stories, and to that end, we're reaching out to the on-line community in search of additional links to the following:

1. On-line memoirs - so far we have links to 175 sites (individual stories, collections, community memoirs, military). We'd like to provide links to any and all on-line memoirs.
2. Oral history how-to's (interviewing, methods, tips).
3. Preserving the physical treasures (photos, newspaper clippings....).
4. Ways to preserve stories (audio, video, CD-ROM, on-line, publishing, etc.); we're particularly looking for how-to sites rather than strictly commercial sites.
5. Easy ways to preserve stories (whether you're 9 or 90), like starting a family newsletter or other family traditions valuing day-to-day stories.
6. Nostalgia/memory triggering sites - old songs, the golden age of radio and Hollywood, vintage cars, Flower Power, etc.

Note: We'll be providing links to individual genealogical or historical groups only if they have info of value dealing with preserving the family stories. Our aim is not to be an all inclusive web-linker (others do that far better), but to supply easy access to the best sites we find. "Best" either because they have so much to offer, or because they're powerful. The same with commercial sites.

For those not familiar with us, we're a family organization (my family!) who learned the hard way that if we don't take the time to get to know our family members, their stories and experiences, NOW while they're still alive, and let them know us - sometimes we lose that chance.

We've seen how important it is to share and acknowledge ones experiences and stories, (whether about military service, the Depression, working as a farmer, raising a family, or just fun childhood memories), so our site is set up as an ongoing/expanding resource of on-line help, ideas and motivation, as well as links to many resources (military, genealogical, historical). We've been doing this since 1992, primarily in a teaching role, and since 1996 have shifted our energies to the global community via the internet.

If you run across any links that would be of interest, please, please pass them our way. Or, if we can be of value to your members, please pass along our URL: <http://www.storypreservation.com> (new address).

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.

Ila and Lester Anderson Corvallis OR

Gene A Bonham Corvallis OR

William H. McGinty Philomath OR

Kirby Morgan Coarsegold CA

Anne Trussell Sacramento CA

8 members renewed.

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 Aukerman	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.

Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentga/>

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

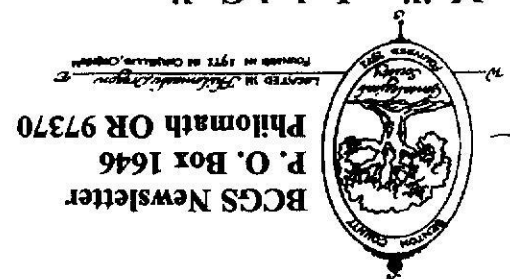
Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of September through June, in the NE Dining Hall of the College United Methodist Church, on the east side of the parking lot, in the 1100 block of Philomath. Business meeting is at 10:00 a.m. with the program at 11:00 a.m.

Our Library, in the museum annex, is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when 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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