

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Program 14 November Bring Your Own Brick Wall

This month's program will depend on your interests and frustrations. Bring what you need to show your problems to others. We plan to break up into small groups that center on subjects like: the Internet, New York state, Immigration, Migration Patterns, etc.—your choice. Please feel free to bring materials.



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 1999

President	David Kribs
1st Vice President	Ken Bielman
2nd Vice President	Charlene Talbot
Secretary	VACANT
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb
Membership	Leila Crawford

*This is your opportunity to get to know the society, its workings, and the wonderful people. We need a **secretary** who can attend board meetings the 2nd Monday evening of each month and the general meeting. Please take a moment to think **WHY NOT YOU!***

Genealogical Council of Oregon Genealogical Projects Registry

The GCO maintains a list of projects currently underway so that they will not duplicate work in progress. The registry is maintained by Ruby Pantalone 1722 River Rock Dr NE, Keizer, OR 97303 503-393-8334 rpantalone@aol.com. Current list includes:

1. 1860 Oregon Census.
2. Oregon Cemetery Bibliography.
3. Oregon Territorial Newspaper Abstracts 1846-1859.
4. St. Barbara Cemetery Book.
5. Terwilliger Funeral Home.
6. Marion County 1905 Census Index.
7. Clatsop County Death Records 1924-44.
8. Svenson Pioneer Cemetery.
9. Knappa Cemetery.

WVGS Family History Index for Oregon State Library

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society has started building a Family History Index of the thousand or more family histories housed at the Oregon State Library that are largely inaccessible to users. Currently these histories can be searched only by the primary family name. The new index will list all of the significant families in each genealogy and will be available on computer in the Genealogical Society room at the State Library.

NEWS FROM
BENTON Co, OR
USGenWeb
Www.rootsweb.com/
orbenton/



If you haven't seen the Benton Co USGenWeb page recently, you may not know it includes: WPA Papers; Bible Records; Benton Co Cemeteries; History; and Interviews. The Biographies from HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY, OREGON By: David D. Fagan, 1885 ; Pioneer Database; Coon Wagon Train Diary; 1854 Census.

Erma Lee Brown is assembling a catalog of Oregon Genealogical information for sale, organized by type of record (cemeteries, census, etc) and by county (alphabetical). A form to complete for each publication can be obtained from Erma at 503-364-4161 or Linda VanOrden at LinLouVan@aol.com.

Searchable Database Records at the Oregon State Archives: arcweb.sos.state.or.us

Baker County Widow's Pensions, 1917-1936
Benton County Divorces, 1853-1920; Probates, 1850-1898.
Clackamas County Coroner's Reports, 1860-1883; Delayed Births, 1869-1896; Divorces, 1852-1920; Marriages, 1848-1893, 1910-1921; Probates, 1844-1928; Widow's Pensions, 1913-1930; Women's Property Register, 1859-1909;
Clatsop County Coroner's Reports, 1852-1910; Probates, 1847-1925.
Columbia County Probates, 1850-1930.
Crook County Coroner's Reports, 1883-1904.
Curry County Divorces, 1866-1929; Naturalizations, 1904-1929; Probates, 1856-1922; Women's Property Register, 1885-1907.
Gilliam County Divorces, 1909-1924.
Hawthorne Asylum, 1863-1894.
Hood River County Coroner's Reports, 1908-1926; Marriages, 1908-1947; Naturalizations, 1880-1940; Probates, 1902-1929; Widow's Pensions, 1913-1937.
Jackson County Probates, 1853-1925.
Josephine County Naturalizations, 1854-1970; Probates, 1848-1921.

DON'T FORGET bring lots of Christmas cookies and goodies Dec. 12th. We raffle the excess!

Lake County Census, 1875; Old Age Pensions, 1933-1935.
Lane County Divorces, 1855-1900; ; Probates, 1852-1917.
Lincoln County Marriages, 1924-1947
Linn County Coroner's Reports, 1909-1960; 1969-1970; Delayed Births, 1860-1896; Marriages, 1850-1873; Military List, 1874; Naturalizations, 1850-1956; Women's Property Register, 1862-1912; Widow's Pensions, 1913-1937.
Marion County Divorces, 1852-1921; Probates, 1843-1908; Widow's Pensions, 1913-1916; Women's Property Register, 1859-1897.
Multnomah County Probates, 1855-1900.
Polk County Delayed Births, 1855-1897; Divorces, 1854-1912; Probates, 1847-1921; Women's Property Register, 1859-1897.
Provisional Government Land Claims, 1845-1847
Tillamook County Divorces, 1875-1903; Probates, 1859-1953; Widow's Pensions, 1913-1937.
Umatilla County Coroner's Reports, 1902-1916; Probates, 1864-1922 (surnames A-H); Women's Property Register, 1871-1881.
Wasco County Coroner's Reports, 1855-1908; Delayed Births, 1859-1896; Divorces, 1859-1916; Military Lists, 1863-1865, 1872; Naturalizations, 1851-1962 ; Probates, 1854-1953.
Washington County Coroner's Reports, 1869-1919; Old Age Pensions, 1933-1936; Women's Property Register, 1881-1882.
Yamhill County Coroner's Reports, 1861-1940; Marriages, 1856-1869; Naturalizations, 1849-1959; Old Age Pensions, 1933-1935; Probates, 1852-1946; Widow's Pensions, 1920-1937.

Genealogical Class at Corvallis Public Library a Success



On November 4th seventeen people attended a class on "Getting Started in Genealogical Research: Library and Local Resources" held at Corvallis Public Library with instructors Elizabeth Mannarino, Dorothy Lindvall, and Daniel Froehlich. The enthusiastic response has led to plans for further classes, and a session during our regular meeting time in February.

A History of Placing-Out: The Orphan Trains

Magazine: Child Welfare, January, 1995

Between 1854 and 1930, the placing-out or orphan train strategy, considered to be the forerunner of modern family foster care, relocated approximately 150,000 children and youths from the city of New York to families in the Midwest.

In the mid-nineteenth century, Charles Loring Brace [1880] and the Children's Aid Society (CAS) [1893] argued that the agency's programs would fill an existing gap in services by providing for children for whom there was no room in orphanages and those for whom an orphanage was inappropriate. In addition, the program differed from the indenture system in which children were legally apprenticed to families and paid for their work. After placing 207 children individually during the first year of the program, a decision was made in 1854 to send children in groups because more could be accomplished with little increase in cost or the magnitude of work. Before the initiation of a trip west for any group of children, a CAS agent visited various towns within the targeted states. The agent's tasks were twofold: promoting the children's arrival and appointing a selection committee that would be responsible for approving potential foster families and that would provide a linkage between the foster family, the child, and CAS.

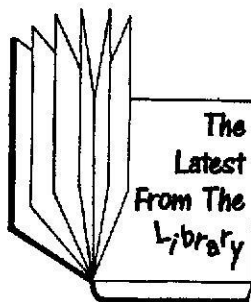
At each stop, the children left the train and were taken to a local community gathering place, usually a church, courthouse, or opera house. Some families had made previous arrangements to receive a particular child, but most often the children were lined up for interested adults to view and select.

Children who were not chosen during this process would be transported to the next town for consideration, unless the agent tried to recruit a placement locally before the train departed.

CAS required that a child go with a family willingly and that the agent make a home visit before settling the placement. Families had to provide an education and proper care. In addition, either the family or the child could request an end to the placement, resulting in arrangements for an alternate family or the child's return to New York. CAS also required follow-up personal visits and correspondence with the children until they reached adulthood and were living on their own.

Between 1854 and 1930, approximately 150,000 children were placed. The children rode the trains to California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin.

A small number of children were placed in southern states--Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. Some children were placed



1. Family Lines, compiled by Adelle Bartlett Harper. Covers Harper, Bartlett, Ferrier-Ferris, Johnes-Johns, Randolph, Isham, Fitzpatrick, Woodson, Hunter, Alston, Hinton, Hardy. Gift of Jean B. Grube

2. The Loyalists of New Brunswick, by Esther Clark Wright. Gift of Irene Harding.

3. The Royal Way West, Vol. II; Crossing the Plains, 1853. Gift of Irene Harding

4. Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662-1667, by Bowie. Gift of Damaris Reynolds.

5. Camden County Marriages (New Jersey) compiled by H. Stanley Craig. Gift of Damaris Reynolds

6. Passengers From Ireland; between 1811-1817. Gift of Pat Coolican

7. Key to the Parochial Registers of Scotland, from earliest times through 1854, by Bloxham. Gift of Pat Coolican
By Jean B. Grube, Librarian



within the rural areas of New York State and other northeastern states, such as Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Another major New York-based emigration program was started in 1876 by the New York Foundling Home, which placed infants and preschool children in Catholic families. The Foundling Home's initiation of its program was based in part on a complaint expressed by the Catholic leadership that CAS was placing Catholic children with Protestant families in an effort to decrease the number of Catholics in the country.

The emigration program peaked in 1875 and began a steady decline, then ended in 1930. By 1875, several states had passed laws limiting child immigration. Michigan first limited interstate placements of children in 1875 and in 1895 required the child's home state to post a bond. In 1899, similar requirements were passed in Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota. A 1901 Missouri law required that the home state's Board of Charities guarantee that the child was free from communicable or incurable diseases and was neither "vicious" nor mentally handicapped. Missouri also required that the sending state reclaim any child who became a ward of the state within five years of placement.

1. The Orphan Trains: Placing Out in America by Marilyn Irvin Holt, University of Nebraska Press, 1992.

2. The Orphan Trains by Annette R. Fry, New Discovery Books, 1994.

3. We are a Part of History: The Story of the Orphan Trains by Michael Patrick, Donning Company, 1994.

4. Children of the Orphan Trains: From New York to Illinois and Beyond, published by the Illinois State Genealogical Society, 1994.

5. The Orphan Trains, PBS VIDEO, 1995

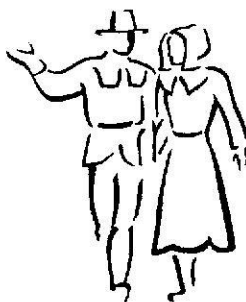
6. The End of the Line, Orphan Trains, FILMAKERS LIBRARY, INC. VIDEO, 1989.

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Current members: 175

Members who have renewed for
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NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The Benton County Genealogical Society will buy your used genealogy CDs for 1/2 their purchase price! CDs will be placed in our collection. After you've used it, sell it to us!

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 up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

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