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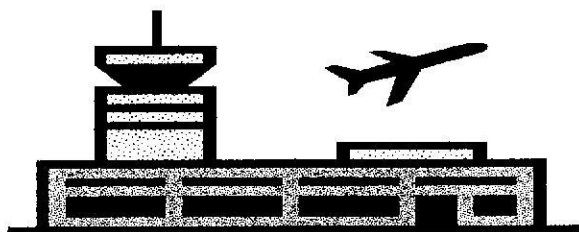
Benton County Genealogical Society

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Program 12 September Show and Tell

Once again summer's ending, and it's time to share our summer activities. Have you written your life history, traveled to far countries, or held a family reunion? Traditionally the September Program is for short presentations by the membership on their latest genealogical projects. Please bring stories, photo albums, books and articles that you are willing to share. **DON'T BE SHY.**



Cyndi's List Internet Seminar

Cyndi Howells "An Internet Seminar" sponsored by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Seminar for beginners as well as seasoned online researchers. Come hear Cyndi Howells, webmaster for Cyndi's List, your first stop on the Internet. Cyndi is the author of *Netting Your Ancestors, Genealogical Research on the Internet*. October 24th, 1998

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

Tabor Heights United Methodist Church
6161 SE Stark Street, Portland, Oregon

•Send \$35. To: Fall Seminar Registrar, GFO
2130 SW 5th, Portland, OR 97201-4934. Questions? Call 227-2398.

Genealogical Council of Oregon Fall Conference

On September 18-20 at the Red Lion Inn on Coburg Rd, Eugene the GCO will hold their Fall Genealogical Conference. The host is the Oregon Genealogical Society of Lane County. Registration can be mailed to:



Mary Jean Crawford, GCO Registrar, PO Box 237, Crawfordsville, OR 97336.

Full registration is \$100. And includes meals. One day registration is \$50. The program includes presentations on Italian, English, Virginia, Scotch, and Indian Research.

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CGRS will be the featured speaker and will deliver four lectures during the three-day conference:

- "The Immigrant Experience"
- "The Silent Woman: Bringing a Name to Life"
- "Love Letters, Diaries & Autobiographies"
- "The Italian-American Character"

Other topics are the Oregon State Archives, Wills & Probate, Naturalization and Census Records.

Speakers include Gregory Toftdahl, Merrill Hill Mosher, Joanna Skelton, Olive Jackson, Connie Lenzen, Helen Gallagher, Ruby Pantalone, Margaret Ingram, Carol Pratt, Estella Yule Pryor, Rhonda Edwards, Layne Sawyer, Lona Downing, Dorothy Rose, Erma Brown, Beverly Rice, and Maurice McDowell.



A very special card of thanks to Moira Valenzuela, compiler of **The Marriages of Bledsoe County, Tennessee** for the gift of a copy of the two volume set. William and Moira Valenzuela are traveling now but will be in Benton County later this year.

Broderbund Genealogy Group Grants

The Broderbund Genealogy Group Grants, ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 each, were awarded to 10 organizations whose projects made significant contributions to their genealogical communities. A panel including representatives from the National Genealogical Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and Broderbund Software, selected this year's recipients. Congratulations to the following organizations:

Choctaw County Genealogical Society, Swink, OK: Microfilm preservation of Choctaw County school and cemetery records

Franklin County Historical Society, Ferrum, VA: Add computer and printer to genealogy research library in Franklin County

Heritage Hunters Genealogical Society, Greybull, WY: Microfilm preservation of previously inaccessible records

Powder River Genealogical Society, Broadus, MT: Microfilm preservation of newspaper records and family histories

Russell County Historical Society, Jamestown, KY: Microfilm preservation of census and tax records dating from 1826

Slater Public Library, Slater, IA: Microfilm preservation of newspaper records dating from 1890

Eaton County Genealogical Society, Inc., Charlotte, MI: Archive early Eaton County records saved during destruction of Old County Courthouse

Genealogical Society of Marion County, Indianapolis, IN: Microfilm/Index Marion County 1870 Federal Census records

Gonzales County Historical Commission Archives and Records Center Committee, Gonzales, TX: Archive/preserve Gonzales County records dating from 1820
Saratoga Historical and Cultural Association, Saratoga, WY: Archive/preserve photographs, documents, manuscripts, and maps dating from 1890s

Applicants entered the following categories: preservation of documents and records; microfilming and indexing records to make them more accessible; or purchasing equipment such as microfilm readers or computers. All donations are offered with no strings attached. Our BCGS could be among the next group of winners.

NOW WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF?

MISSING LINKS: Vol. 3, No. 36, 4 September 1998 by Edward Henry Gaulin (Sr.) EHGAULIN@worldnet.att.net

A message on the Internet caught my eye the other day and I can't get it out of my mind. A genealogist had been exchanging information with another for some time. Then her last message couldn't be delivered as the address no longer existed. Fortunately she had a telephone number. When she called the number she was told, "Oh, Mary Ann passed away three weeks ago." Shocked she expressed her sympathy and commented how close this long-distance relationship had become. The husband explained that he was sorry that he couldn't be of any help because he really didn't know much about what his wife was doing with her genealogy.

Most of us really don't have a lot of time to devote to our hobby until after the kids are grown and we've retired. If our children or grandchildren are interested, we have it made, but frequently that's not the case. Then what happens to our "stuff"? What should my wife do with all this stuff when I make the ultimate research trip? Well, most institutions won't want your material. They would be grateful for a copy of your book. The FHL would appreciate a GEDCOM disk of your genealogy database files. So what are your spouse and children to do with all of your stuff? It could be placed in the weekly trash collection or sold at a garage sale and don't say "They wouldn't do that" because it happens all the time. Remember all those old photos and tintypes you have seen in flea markets? They all had to come from someplace.

What should you do to insure the safety of your genealogical assets? First make a record of what you have and keep it current. Show the acquisition date and how much you paid for each item on inventory sheets. This is especially helpful for artifacts, collections, and books. Now that you have identified your assets, you need to say what you want done with them. You can prepare a letter to your heirs, but this lacks the force of law. A better way is in your will. Your wishes can now be enforced.

Some other things that you can do right now are to distribute copies of your research. This is simple if you have progressed to the book-writing stage, but don't be too concerned if you haven't. Many genealogists assemble their pedigree charts, group sheets, vital records, family photographs, and other documents in notebook form. They write a brief introduction, provide a table of contents, and sometimes an index before having copies made for distribution. Afterwards, the notebook can be kept current with a new year's letter which might include new charts and photos. Computerized genealogical data can be distributed in the same way on diskette. Sometimes an envelope or jacket is provided in the notebook described above to house data disks. Another way to insure the safeguarding of electronic data is to submit it to the LDS Ancestral File (tm) or one or more of the other commercial collections. If you don't know how to do this, consult your local genealogical society or Family History Center or even the public library for instructions.

Another thing you can do right now to benefit your heirs is to clean up your files. Eliminate duplicate copies of records. Label your photographs, and diskettes too.

Remember, do it now; there may be no tomorrow.

Oregon Genealogical Research Locales

General Interest

OREGON STATE LIBRARY on the Capitol Mall in Salem (250 Winter St. NE) has the most significant genealogical collection in Oregon and includes the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society collection. On the 2nd floor of the library the research room is open 10-5 weekdays except holidays and 2nd Sat. 10-4. Includes CDs, microfilm & fiche, card file, books and frequently advice. Not just an Oregon collection. Help available from WVGS members especially Addie Dyal.

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON is located in Portland at 2130 SW 5th Av., Suite 220 (503) 227-2398 and charges a \$4 fee to non-members. Has 13,000 books, a large microfilm collection, CDs, and periodicals collection. Advice may be available. Hours Sun 12-5, Mon. 9:30-3, Tues. & Thurs. 9:30-8, Sat. 9:30-3. Suggest that you plan to stay all day and not go on weekends.

LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS in Eugene and Corvallis are most useful to Benton Co. researchers. Eugene is at 3550 West 18th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97402, telephone (541) 343-3741 and has a large variety of microfilmed census and other records on permanent loan from the library in Salt Lake City, as well as books, atlas, microfiche, CDs and research aids. Corvallis library is at 4141 NW Harrison Blvd Phone: (541) 758-1156. Hours vary; call ahead and reserve a reader. Advice is always available. A good place for beginners.

Oregon History Interest

OREGON STATE ARCHIVES 800 Summer St. NE, Salem, (503) 373-0701 Weekdays 8-4:45 except holidays. Check first on record availability. Most older county records are here. Excellent online assistance at:

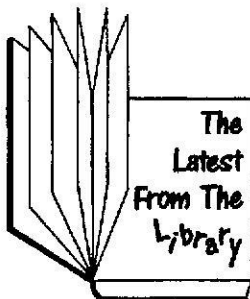
<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/default.html>

E-mail: reference.archives@state.or.us

BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

1101 Main Street, Philomath, Oregon
Tuesday through Saturday, 10 to 4:30 If you would like to do research, please call ahead for an appointment. By phone: 541-929-62303. By fax: 541-929-6261. By email: bchm@peak.org
By US Mail: PO Box 35, Philomath, OR 97370.

A valuable resource to BCGS members and right next door. Please also considering volunteering at the museum. There are so many needs that one is sure to fit your skills.



New Acquisitions

Index to Fagan's Illustrated History of Benton County - compiled by Ed and Nellie Stratton and Alesa Nason

The Springers & Wyatts of Pioneer Philomath, OR, by Stahl - gift of the author

Index to the 1800 Census of Massachusetts

- gift of Damaris Reynolds

Personal and Family Names - gift of Gene Newcomb

Pennsylvania Births, Lancaster County, 1723-1777

Pennsylvania Births, Lancaster County, 1778-1800

Pennsylvania Births; Bucks County, 1682-1800

Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Deed Records, 1684-1973

CD - FTM's Family Archives. Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1538-1940 - gift of Ken Bielman

Danell Aukerman's Class Notes - Genealogy on the Internet - May 1998

Historical Atlas of Oklahoma - gift of Nione Bethell

Historical Collections of Harrison County, OH

American Place Names of Long Ago

The Great War; A Guide to The Service Records of All The World's Fighting Men and Volunteers

CD - FTM Family Archives Viewer, 4.0

Christians on the Oregon Trail - gift of Audrey Theurer

Saints and Strangers - gift of Alison K. Clement

The Librarian wishes to thank all of those who helped with the library inventory in July. We are still working on it and hope to be done soon.

Jean B. Grube, Librarian



Garage Sale

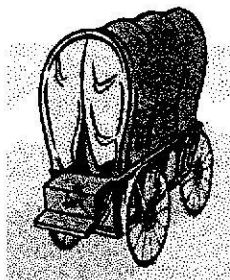
The BCGS Fall Garage Sale will be held Saturday September 19th from 8 AM to 3 PM at Damaris Reynold's home, 2928 NW 29th Street in the Timberhill Townhouses (across from the Timberhill Athletic Club).

Donations are needed, but please no clothes as they do not sell well. You may call Damaris at 753-1810 to arrange to deliver or she will pick up items. If you can help with the sale either Friday, September 18th getting ready or Saturday during the sale, please call Damaris. Please come and buy lots of treasures. We need the money to buy books for the library.

You will remember that we gave the proceeds of our Spring Garage Sale to the Benton County Historical Museum to help kick off their fundraising drive for the their new building. There is public space for us in the new building that will relieve our current cramped condition.

Welcome to Our New Members

Guy Adams
 Terry Brown
 Allison Clement
 Joan & Edward Coren
 Ruth & Harry Freund
 Dennis & Peggy Haney
 Mildred Harris
 Dona Heyden
 Joni King
 Carol Palmer
 Dianne Rowe
 Garry Steffy
 Marsha Swanson



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
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Membership	Danell Aukerman	752-6425
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	Janice Barclay	jbarc@pioneer.net 847-5610

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/~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.

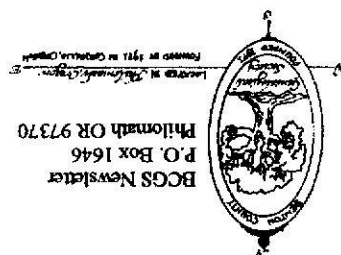
Our Library, in the museum annex, is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when the program is over until 3:00 p.m. IF we can keep enough volunteer librarians, it will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Members in good standing may check out and return books any time the library is open.

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