

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, May 12, 2012**

Call to Order – President Danell

Faye welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

Minutes– Linda The minutes of the 14 April 2012 meeting were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Faye

Danell is in Hawaii enjoying her first grand child. Faye is presiding today.

Past President - Margaret

No report

Vice President / Programs - Faye

For our May program, Steven Morrison will be speaking on the “Starr Family – 7,000 miles from Ireland to Oregon” and local history of the Bellfountain area. He will bring one of his books as a door prize. Faye encouraged members to attend our annual June pot luck. Then it is summer break. September is the time we share our genealogical discoveries.

An additional door prize to be given away today is a deck of Preserve Oregon Heritage cards.

Treasurer / Finance Committee - Margaret

Treasurer: Margaret reviewed our income and expenses. Our previous balance was \$4,301.22. The current balance is \$4,054.54.

Margaret will call the Finance committee together soon to develop a proposed budget for the coming year.

Membership: - Mary Jo – No report

Public Relations:

Publication committee – No reports

Books for Sale: Judy

Newsletter: Margaret

Brochures: Mary Jo

Posters:

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> Our Society Web Page
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page

Library Committee - Grace

Librarian: Grace passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers to help with the annual BCGS library inventory to be held on June 5th. Volunteers work in partners to check off book titles. It is helpful if members return borrowed books to the library prior to the inventory.

Shelving in the upstairs space in the Annex designated for our BCGS Library materials is ready to receive less well used library materials.

Benton County Genealogical Society

presents

Steven Waltz Morrison,

an officer of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Assn. of Professional Genealogists and a past President of the Olympia Genealogical Society, speaking on the

STARR FAMILY - 7,000 miles from Ireland to Oregon

Some families put roots down for only a few years, then off they go, ending up with family members scattered across the country. Steven Morrison will show the migration of the Starr family, Quakers from Ireland, as he takes us from Oregon to their native Emerald Isle.

SATURDAY - MAY 12, 2012

When and Where: 11:00 - noon, Social Hall, College United Methodist Church, 1123 Main St., Philomath. Visitors may join members for refreshments in the society's library located in the annex of the Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main St., following the presentation. The library will be open to the public from noon to 3 p.m.

Door Prize -- a copy of the book,

GLAD OUR PATHS CROSSED: Reflections of a Doctor's Wife and Settling in Forest Grove, Oregon by Eva Cherrington Waltz 1899-1994,

edited and published by Steven Morrison -- will be given as a door prize.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase @ a price of \$10.00 ea.

STARR FAMILY

7,000 miles from Ireland to Oregon

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STARR Family Lore

- John STARR served as an infantry Captain in the Parliamentary Army
- After the war he settled in Ulster, Ireland
- His son John had 9 children
- Including 6 sons - 5 of whom immigrated to Pennsylvania
- The STARR family were Quakers

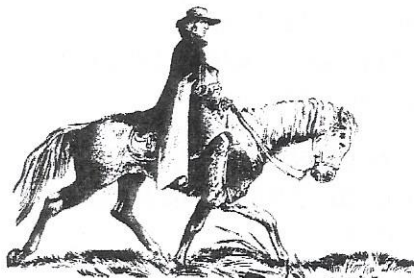
Benton County, Oregon

Bellfountain

H. L. Mack informs us that he lived in Bellfountain for 13 years. The town was named for the place of the same name in Ohio by local residents who had previously lived in the Ohio town.

Bellfountain Settlement

Pioneer center of Methodism and camp meetings in the upper Willamette Valley, this community of settlers arrived in 1847, included particularly the Belknaps and Starrs. All of the early day circuit riders of the denomination preached here. ...”



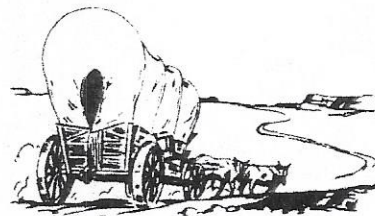
There could be three Methodist ministers by the name of Starr who lived in Benton County and rode the circuit.

- Rev John W. Starr
- Rev Phillip M. Starr
- Rev Noah A. Starr

Oregon Trail Migration

To the Belknap Settlement ...

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| 1847 | Samuel F. Starr
John Wesley Starr
Jeremiah Starr
Oren Belknap
Ransom Belknap |
| 1848 | George (Keturah) Belknap
Jonas (Polly) Belknap
Jesse Belknap |
| 1851 | Noah A. Starr (<i>via California in 1850</i>)
Joseph B. Starr |
| 1853 | Moses & Elizabeth Starr
Milton C. Starr |



On April 4th 1853 the Moses Starr family started on the long and perilous journey across the plains.

Ox and horse teams made this trip possible, like all great land migrations.

On August 23rd they arrived at the Umatilla Indian Agency about 150 miles east of The Dalles. They signed the register. “Starr, M. w, 5 s, 1 d” Records were only taken for 1853 & ‘54.

When they reached The Dalles, Moses was taken ill and soon after reaching Clackamas he died.

Saddened though she was, Elizabeth took his place and led the little band on to their destination in Benton County, where she took up a Donation Land Claim.

Both Moses and Elizabeth Starr are buried in the Alpine Cemetery, Benton County, Oregon.

Quakers in Decline – *Marrying Out*

Quaker meetings in Pennsylvania disowned about 22% of its 1760 membership between 1755 & 1776. In Philadelphia Monthly Meeting the number one reason for disciplinary cases from 1682 to 1776 was:

- Marrying contrary to discipline

Chester County, Pennsylvania

Quakers as Emigrants

Quakers were not indentured servants or prisoners. Friends brought their servants, many of whom were Quakers. They also paid their own passage:

- Master or servant - £5
- Children under 10 yrs - 50s (£2 10s)
- Babes in arms - Nothing

They Came Together – They Stayed Together

- Michael Lightfoot
Rec'd the 7th day 4th mo 1712 from Catterlaugh, IRE
- John Wiley
Rec'd the 7th day 4th mo 1712 from Co West Meath
- James Starr
Rec'd the 7th day 4th mo 1712 from Catterlaugh, IRE
- Joseph Hutton
Rec'd the 7th day 4th mo 1712 from Catterlaugh, IRE

Five Starr sons emigrated from Ireland

- James 1712 - Catterlaugh [Carlow] Meeting
- Isaac 1712 - no record
- John 1717 - Old Castle MM Co Meath
- Moses 1717 - Old Castle, Co Meath
- Jeremiah 1718 - Carlow Meeting

STARR Family in Ireland

Family of John Starr and Mary _____

1. John² m Sarah Martin of Ballyhaes
2. James m Rachel Leybourne of Carlow
3. George
4. Mary m Merrick King of Old Castle
5. Elizabeth m Richard King of Old Castle
6. Susanna m Thomas Martin of Ballyhaise
7. Jeremiah m Rebeca Jackson of Ballytore
8. Moses m Deborah King of Old Caste
9. Isaac m Margaret Lightfoot of New Garden, PA

Children Left Behind

3. George *stayed in Ireland*
4. Mary *stayed in Ireland*
5. Elizabeth *stayed in Ireland*
6. Susanna *stayed in Ireland*

County Carlow, Ireland



James STARR

Born 10, 28, 1676 (*28 December 1676*)
[Kilcorig, Magheragall, Co Antrim]

Married 1705-6-22 (*22 August 1705*)
Carlow Monthly Meeting, Ireland

Rachel LAYBOURNE

Born 1686-8-7 (*7 October 1686*)
Rainestown, Killerrig, [Co Carlow]

Prior to 1752, English used the Julian Calendar
Quaker Dating: Month - Day - Year

County Cavan, Ireland

Where did James STARR live in Ireland?

- “James STARR, from County Meath”
- “James STARR was a farmer in County Caven”
- “James STARR of Coothill”
- “James STARR was a farmer in County Caven, IRE”
- “James STARR - received 4 mo. 7, 1712, from Catterlaugh [Carlow] Meeting, IRE”

Van Buren & Jefferson County, Iowa

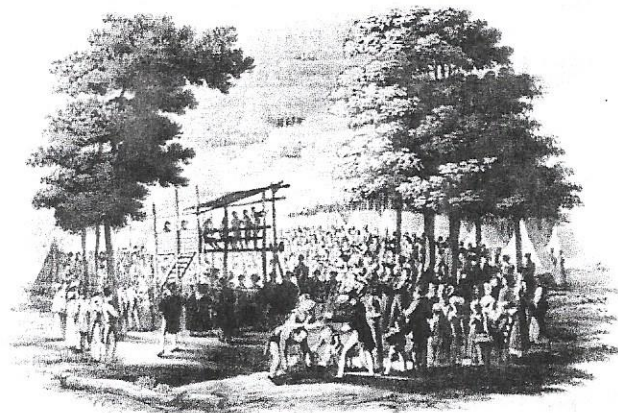
May 1840 – by Keturah Penton Belknap

It is now May and the sheep are sheared and the wool must be washed and packed and got off to the carding machines. So my summer's work is before me. ...

George and I are going to take a vacation and go about 10 miles away to a camp meeting. There are 4 young men and two girls going with us but I made them promise that there should be no sparking and they should all be in their proper places in time for service ...

Around the tent we were like one family but we were the head. This was the first camp meeting west of the Mississippi as far as I know. People came from far and near and I think there were about twenty clear conversions.

Both of the girls were married to two of the young men in the fall and lived to raise families who made good, useful men and women in church and state. Samuel F Starr married Cumie Belknap ... Cephas W Starr and Noah Starr were the other two men.



January 31st A.D. 1845

Dear Son: [James Starr, 1807-1866, oldest child by 1st wife]

I now take my pen to inform you that we are enjoying good health except Isaac R. ... Your mother also has been sick for a few days but is better, ...

We think this country [Iowa] to be as healthy as Ohio with as good soil there is in any country and a good climate. This is going to be a powerful state. It has more than doubled in population in 2 years past ... We have but few of the low class which is generally found in new countries.

C.W. Starr wrote to us from Ohio and said in his letter ... that you had lost 2 of your children which is a great affliction indeed and we sympathize with you.

Your brothers John W., Wm. F., and Jabez Starr are all living in this country and are well pleased. Your brothers Samuel F. and Noah A. Starr are teaching school.

In C.W. Starr's letter he stated that Moses had thoughts about coming to Iowa ... If he should come, let him bring no stock and come by water to Keockuck Iowa Territory, then 65 or 60 miles up the river to the Des Moines. He will find us and we will move him up.

My heart is full and so is my paper. ... your affectionate father and mother.

Moses and Elizabeth Starr

Belmont County, Ohio

Welsey Chapel Cemetery, Smith TWN
NW of Centerville

A Methodist church was organized in this are about 1810 at the home of James Starr and the first log church erected about 1812. Four churches have been erected in this site but none is there now. Among the members were the Starrs, Lucases, Pryors and Weekleys.

James Starr (1758 – 1822)

- Son of Moses Starr (1720-1794?)
- In Revolutionary War – enlisted Cumberland Co, PA – Bounty Land Claim & in DAR
- Maybe in Allegheny Co, Maryland before Hampshire Co, VA (*adjacent counties*)
- Married 1787 - Hampshire Co, (West) VA
- Justice of the Peace - Belmont Co, OH
- In Belmont as early as 1802/03; 1810 Census
- Methodist Minister

Moses Starr (1720 – 1794?)

1745 Married - Sarah Davis (*Quaker*)

- No Issue
- Marriage Dissolved

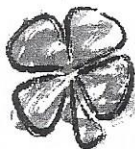
abt 1754 Married - Anna Margeretha Quattlebaum

- Dismissed from Society of Friends at Gwynedd Meeting for "Disunity" in 20 Sept 1754
- Moses and Anna Margaret had 9 children

Q. Where was the Ballyhaise Meeting?

- Not in the town of Belturbet
- Not in the town of Ballyhaise
- Not in the Castleterra Parish

A. In Annagh Parish, closer to Ballyhaise than Belturbet.



County Antrim, Ireland

Key to Irish Quakers --- "Suffering" Records

- 1679, Ulster, County Antrim: John Starr and William Haddock, of Parish of Magheragall, suffered persecution for tithes.

Stockdale, *The Great Cry of Oppression* (1683), p 120.

Church of Ireland Records - Lisburn (1660 - 1684) PRONI Microfilm

- Robart sone to Robart Starr buried the xxiiiij of October 1640
- Epriam son of James Star of Magherigall, Jan the 21st 1673
- John son of John Star of Lisburne, Jann the 29th 1673
- Robert son of James Star of Magherigall, April the 22nd 1677

Unanswered Questions

- What was Mary STARR's maiden name?
 - Thompson?
 - Martin?
 - Haddock?
- When and where did John and Mary die?
- Where did they get married?
- Where did they live in England?
- Why did the family move to Co Cavan?
- What happened to son George STARR?
- What is this family's relation to the Captain STARR family tradition?
- What happened to James STARR (possible relation to John) who appears in the COI baptism records?
- Is this family related to Robart Starr?

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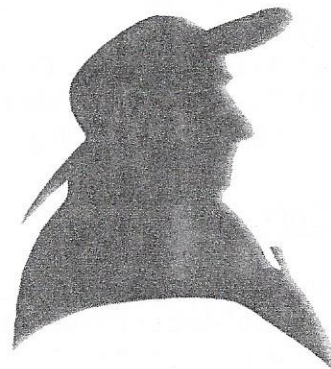
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Selected Internet Sites

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www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland_Quaker_Records

Convert between Old and New Style of Calendars
www.albion.edu/english/calendar/Old_&_New_Style_Dates.html