

# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### THE PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

This is our annual sharing program. Come to the September meeting prepared to share your most recent and most successful genealogical adventures with the group. If it helps others to be more successful in their research by following the methods you have used, so much the better.

The program for October will be Jan McKee of Eugene talking about the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC). Check with program coordinator Bill Gleaves for more information.

### GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT-

I hope you all had a safe and fun summer. It's hard to believe that it's almost over! With the return of September, we will again be having our annual 'Show and Tell' meeting. If you went on a genealogy research trip, or just had good luck here at home, you are invited to come to the meeting and share with others what you found. It's always fun to hear the success stories of others, especially if we haven't had any luck ourselves recently.

Future programs will include a presentation on the Civilian Conservation Corp and Yours Truly will give a talk on Immigration Research Sources. We are also thinking about bringing back the small focus group discussions where we all join one of four interest groups to share books and experiences for an hour or so.

So come and join the fun and hear what others have been doing or tell us what you've been up to. Business meeting at 10 a.m., presentations at 11, and library open 12-3. See you there. Danell

### A REMINDER FROM DAMARIS REYNOLDS:

Since we had no garage sale this year, donations to the Thrift Shop are very important. All monies earned from your donations go to purchase new books, CD's, etc. Items can be brought to meetings, left in our library or taken to Damaris's home.

### KITH AND KIN

BY CHARLENE TALBOT

Gene Newcomb was sitting as welcomer at the Historical Museum when we interviewed him for this column. Quietly, behind the scenes, he's one of the mainstays of our genealogical society. He's the man responsible for opening and closing the Annex on Tuesdays so members and non-members alike can use the genealogy library. He opens and locks up the church for our monthly meetings. He is, of course, our Treasurer, never seems to miss a board meeting or general meeting, helps ready the newsletter for mailing, makes sure we have stamps, checks the post office box, and is Treasurer of the Historical Society of Benton County. This in addition to working every day but Tuesday at his daughter's photography shop in Corvallis, and daily at OSU.

How does he have time for any genealogy research?

"My father started collecting material on the family," he explained. "He called it 'Where the Monkeys Came From.' The family Bible was still around. I had it repaired and put it in a protective case, which I got from Danell [Danell Aukerman, the Society's current president]. My father's mother was still around. She liked to talk and she was able to add a lot to our information."

There is a Newcomb genealogy, about 4 inches thick, but it isn't any of the family. Those Newcombs came in the 1600's. His didn't come to this country until the 1800's.

"My mother had collected a bit of data on her side, too. It just sat around for many years.

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### *Kith and Kin continued*

My family lived in Pennsylvania. One time we took a trip to Nova Scotia to visit my mother-in-law. We went through the town where the Newcombes had settled when they first came to the U. S. in the 1800's. We found the town's historian. She told me I had just lucked out. A distant Newcombe cousin had given her quite a lot of material on the Newcombe family but the cousin had told her to destroy it after she read it. She couldn't bear to do that, so she was happy to give it to me. The material included a day book that had been started in England about 1815. It was the journal of my 3 greats grandfather. He was a carpenter and kept track of all the jobs he had done and what he had charged." Gene thinks that some time he may list on the internet all the people and places recorded.

"She also gave me a record of family history written up on all the blank pages of a state annual. That was done by a brother of the Bible owner."

He also credits his sister in Southern California. They work together via e-mail.

One big mystery, he says involves connecting his mother's family to her German roots. He knows where they should have immigrated from and the name is limited to a small region in Wurttemberg. Like the rest of us he has regrets. When he was in military service he was at the border between Wurttemberg and Bavaria but he wasn't actively interested in genealogy then and didn't realize how close he might be to some family roots.

*I owe Charlene a big apology for cutting off the last few lines of her May column. I told my computer to print the whole thing and assumed that it did so. It left off the last few lines. I'm very sorry. It just proves what genealogists always say - you can't assume anything! JB*

### **CENSUS SCHEDULES**

Population schedules of U.S. Censuses are released to the public after 72 years. Federal laws enacted in 1978 mandate this 72 year privacy period. 72 years was chosen as the average life span. The population schedules of the 1930 census will be released on April 1, 2002.



### **NEW BOOKS**

by Ken Bielman

- \*1944 HT English Genealogy. An introduction to: "Everyone Has Roots" by Anthony J Camp. Small navy hardback.
- \*1945 PA "Marriages & Baptisms by Rev. John Cuthbertson, 1751-1791," in PA, DE, MD, NJ, NY, MA, CT, by Helen Fields. Tan paperback.
- \*1946 GER "Baden, 19th Century Emigrants, Vol 2" by Brigette Burkett. Navy hardback.
- \*1947 IRE "Irish Parish Registers, A Guide To Using," by Brian Mitchell. Dark gray hardback.
- \*1948 HT "Tax Lists, The Beginners Guide to," by Cornelius Carroll. Light tan paperback.
- \*1949 MA "Genealogical Advertiser," Vols 1-4. Includes some ME & CT. Edit by Lucy Hall Greenlaw. Light green paperback.
- \*1950 NY "Marriages & Deaths in the New York Herald, 1864-1870, Vol 3." Red hardback.
- \*1951 MI Michigan Biographies, Vol I, A-K. Ivory paperback.
- \*1952 MI "Michigan Biographies, Vol II, L-Z. Ivory paperback.
- \*1953 CD FTM Archive Viewer, Version 8.0. Family Tree Maker, CD #8080
- \*1954 CD Canada, "Ontario & Nova Scotia General Records, 1790-1860." Family Tree Maker CD #274.
- \*1955 CD "Passenger & Immigration Lists Index, 1538-1940." 1999 Update Family Tree Maker CD #354.

The BCGS Library is indebted to John Chapman of Austin, TX, for his recent contribution of "Genealogical Gleanings from the Weekly Oregonian, 1850-1862." This document consists of 898 pages of entries in the Oregonian including marriages, deaths, two births, and many news items of a genealogical nature. Most of the entries are one-line notations of events giving the date of the event and the date of publication. As John points out in his preface, the Oregon Territory at that time included WA, ID and parts of MT, so the entries are not exclusively about Portland events. Not only is this an excellent resource document, it is interesting to glance through. Unfortunately, there is no name index - a marvelous volunteer undertaking to prepare an "All Name Index." Any takers?



## Obituary for

### DARRELL A. KAHL

Jan. 8, 1935 — Aug. 5, 2001

Darrell A. Kahl of Waldport, formerly of Corvallis, died Sunday of cancer. He was 66.

He was born in Grants Pass to Arthur and Netta Criswell Kahl. He graduated from Marshfield High School in 1953 and from the University of Oregon in 1959. He had worked as a commercial plan examiner for the cities of Eugene, where he lived from 1955 to 1986, and Corvallis, where he lived from 1986 until this year.

He married Zira M. Olney Sept. 5, 1953, in Riverside, California.

He was a member of the Albany Pistol Club, International Commercial Builders Association and a genealogical society. His interests were sailing, pistols and buildings.

Survivors include his wife; son, Kevin of Portland; daughter, Jurinda Kahl of Ridgefield, Wash.; and two grandchildren.

A private service will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Poole-Larsen Funeral Chapel, Waldport. Memorial donations can be made to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018-4110.

*Darrell was a long time member of the Benton County Genealogical Society where he served as treasurer for many years. We want to extend our condolences to Zira and his family.*

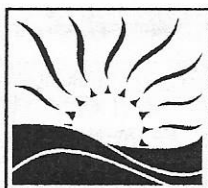
#### WE REMEMBER EARLY MEMBERS

We also want to note the recent passing of several early members of BCGS. They are:

**Gladys Parker** who was an early member of the Society.

**Ed Eberhardt** also an early and active member of BCGS.

**Minnie Stryker** who died in California at age 95. We remember that the Strykers constructed the first cabinet for our materials when we met at the Christian Church.



## U.K. ARCHIVES IN FOCUS

“Archives in Focus” is a new website of the Historical Manuscripts Commission (HMC). According to an announcement from the Historical Commission in London, Archives in Focus aims to provide an accessible introduction to archives in the UK for those with no previous experience in using them. A partial quote from the announcement:

“The site includes a section on family history research, which looks at commonly used sources, explains how resources at HMC can be used and provides links to other sites and a bibliography of published sources.”

The new Web site provides information about getting started, using the archives in the classroom, how to research your family history in the UK, how to research your local history in the UK, and even how to research your house history in the UK. You can find the new Archives in Focus Web site at: <http://www.hmc.gov.uk/focus>

*I tried this site and found it very interesting. This information came from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is republished with permission of the author. Editor JB*

### DANELL'S FALL GENEALOGY CLASSES

- \*\*Beginning Genealogy, 6-wk. class starts Sept. 24 at LBCC Campus
- \*\*Genealogy on the Internet, 1-day class, Sept. 22, hrs., 9-4 at Benton Center
- \*\*How to Use Family Tree Maker, Oct. 20, 6-9 p.m., LBCC Campus

See Danell or call her at 745-2003 for more information.

**DANIEL FROHLICH** reports that the Family History Center at the LDS Church now has the 1880 Federal Census for all the states on 32 CD's. Some members might like to know that this resource is available locally. (It is well to remember, we are told, that there may be errors in transcribing but it is a wonderful place to look for information which can then be verified from original sources.)





**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**  
 Our membership as of September 1  
 is 156 members.

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Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar 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. The next meeting of this group will be Oct. 17, Albany Public Library, large meeting room, 12:30-3:30 p.m. The November meeting will be on Nov. 14, 2001, same time and same place.

Call Pat Rawlinson, 752-2243, for further info.  
 E-mail: [spawlinson@proaxis.com](mailto:spawlinson@proaxis.com)

**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.

**Please Note:** When we rent the dining hall from the U.M. Church, this does not entitle us to use of the kitchen attached. It is off limits to us.

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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