



NewsLetter

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13 JANUARY PROGRAM

Bill Gleaves will give a presentation on the Aviation History of Benton County, "*Balloons to Blue Angels.*" The program will consist of color slides and dialog, along with pictures of people, planes, and airports in Benton County from 1903 - 1985. Copies of the book will be available at the presentation to look at and/or purchase.

Book Looks

By Charlene Talbot

Oregon Geographic Names, Ninth Edition, by Lewis A. McArthur and published by the Oregon Historical Society Press is a really handy reference book that anyone doing research on Oregon ancestors will find useful. Although it is not for circulation, society members should know that it is in our library so it can be used there if a case comes up where the researcher starts to wonder, well, where exactly was Eddyville to begin with?

The book says, **Eddyville**, LINCOLN. "This post office seems to have had more than the usual number of moves. It was first called Little Elk, because it was near the mouth of Little Elk Creek. About 1888 Israel F. Eddy, the postmaster, moved the office about a mile west and had the name changed to Eddyville. Some four years later the office was brought back to its original location and the name changed to Little Elk. About 1893 it was moved again to Eddy's place and was continued under the name of Eddyville until 1900 when it was moved back to the mouth of Little Elk Creek, but this time the name was not changed and the office still goes by the name Eddyville. Israel Eddy was a man of generous size and remarkable strength who on more than one occasion seized brawlers by the neck and dunked them in the horse trough. In 1908 at the wedding of a local young lady, he appeared with a coon-skin cap and ear trumpet and regaled the assembly with the story of how he recovered from the flu by drinking a swig of piano polish mistaken for he medicine. Eddy died in 1911 at 87 years."

About **Wells**, BENTON (County), it says: "Wells was named for a man locally known as "Red" Wells, who owned a donation land claim nearby in pioneer days. Wells post office was established Feb. 24, 1880, with James Gingles first postmaster. The railroad station was put in service about the same time, but some years later the name of the station was changed to Wellsdale to avoid confusion with another Wells on the Southern Pacific railroad. Wells post office was continued with that name until Feb. 1936, when it was closed to Corvallis. The station name was still Wellsdale as of 1982."

It's fun to read about the early place names in Benton County, and if you have a few moments while sitting around the Annex, we can highly recommend this book to society members to thumb through.

The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.
Abraham Lincoln

Ancestry File Updates

I just wanted to let you know that I've put an updated index to the Ancestor File in the notebook. It is current as of 12/20/2006. Also, I'm still accepting both new files and updates, so if you have a 5 generation or more chart, please send it to me. Gedcom files can be e-mailed to me at Tonyamra@aol.com. Hard copies can be mailed directly to me at

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Check out the new AOL. Most comprehensive set of free safety and security tools, free access to millions of high-quality videos from across the web, free AOL Mail and more.

Museum Art Exhibit

January 4 - February 10, 2007

Fixations: Installations

Kim Smith

Vincent Leandro

Installation or installation art: Art that is or has been installed—arranged in a place—either by the artist or as specified by the artist. It incorporates any media to create a visceral and/or conceptual experience in a particular environment. It may be site-specific or not, either indoors or out. Installations may be temporary or permanent, but most will be known to posterity through documentation.

The Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main Street, Philomath, OR 97370

Books published by Benton County Genealogical Society are always available for purchase at the society library after each meeting, and every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM. They are also available at the Benton County Historical Museum, during their normal hours.

Genealogical books featuring archival storage material and genealogical research will be available for purchase from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe* by logging onto the web site at:

www.thevillagegenealogybookshoppe.com

Get Well Wishes

Continued *Get Well* wishes are extended to Jean Grube and Charlene Talbot. We hope you are feeling better soon.

Suggested Programs

10 February 2007 - Introduction to DNA Testing (tentative)
10 March 2007 - Benton County Library Resources
14 April 2007 - Civil **War Re-creation** - A Woman's Point of View (tentative)

Do you have a family story you want to submit to the newsletter? Do you have a famous ancestor you would like to tell us about? Do you know any genealogy humor? Have you had any interesting genealogical researching experiences? If so, please let me know. If you e-mail me, identify BCGS in subject line and if you call, please leave a message and I'll get back to you.

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



Danell Aukerman
228 NE Azalea Dr
Adair Village, OR 97330

Program Review

By David Kribs, Program Chairman

On 9 December 2006, The Benton County Genealogical Society held our annual Christmas Party Auction and Raffle. Attendance was good with all having a fun time as we raised an additional \$145.05 for the book fund. Ted Gump ably conducted the ceremonies as our auctioneer and master of fun—with help from Pat Cooligan, Leila Crawford, Gene Newcomb, and Danell Aukerman, as well as the rest of us to lesser extents.

This event has proven fun for many as a way to make our annual contribution to the Society's Book Fund as well as picking up some Christmas presents for the grandkids.

If you have an item of more than a nominal value please consider a donation right away as a possible raffle item for next December (donations do qualify as charitable tax deductions). We again ended up without any suitable raffle items this year and need to get the raffle ticket sales going as soon as possible.

News From the Library

Sandra Potter, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2415	OR	Gump	Benton County, Wren; Gump Family "My Lady's At Home Booke" peach PB; Gift of Ted Gump
2416	OR	McDonald	Benton Co, Blodgett, Summit & Devitt; "Land of Their Own" white PB; Gift of Marlene McDonald
2417	US	Nat'l Archives	Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals, National Archives Catalog. tan PB

Membership

New Member

Jerald Buthman & family

Renewals

Some of these may be repeats.

Kathleen Coan
Mary & John Yoke
Earle & Vangie Greig
Julie & Ken Bielman
Dorothy Buckingham
Robert Ethington
Adele Middleton
Nancy Basque
Jean Grube
Betty Swan
May Dasch
Darla Wolfe
Pat Cooligan
Sue Ann Bowman

LaRae & Ted Gump
Teri Greene
Walter Merrill
Suzanne Doerge
Dona & Lew Williams
Georgia Prichard
Martin Thompson
Roberta & Ray Glass
Ray Powell
Susan Howard
Allen County Pub. Lib
Mary Dean Snelling
Jan Barton
Nelda Kingsbury

The Genealogist - Video Research Guide, Part 3 of 6 parts

Land Records - Military Records - Vital Records

Order of Research

1. Use Census records to find geographic area
 1. Land Records
 2. Probate (wills, death) Records
 3. Tax Records
 4. Other Sources

Military Records -

- 1775-1783 Revolutionary War
- 1812-13 War of 1812
- 1846 Mexican War
- 1861-1865 Civil War
- 1898 Spanish American War

Indian Wars 1783-1896

National Archives have indexes of War Service
For 1861-1943 A general index is available
3 Main Records

1. Pension Record
2. Boundary Land Warrant to 1856
3. Military Record

Also

- Widow petition Claim
- Guardianship

Need to submit a separate for each item before 1900.

Be sure to request everything

A different form for WWI, & II

Must know State and County where they enlisted

Vital Records -

Ecumenical (church) records -

Christenings

Marriages - Bans

Bans - couldn't afford license

Announce 3 weeks in a row from the pulpit.

Really poor - post the notice

Married on the little porch if you couldn't afford a church wedding

(At times people got married with license latter on)

Burial

Government Vital Records (Civil Registration in Europe)

Get a little Book "Where to Write for Vital Records"

Marriage Licenses ask for the application too if one exists

Marriage Certificate - doesn't have as much information.

Be sure to look at witnesses likely relatives.

Death Certificate gives dates, father, and mother. The secondary information is often not reliable. Tip: get the brothers and sister's certificates, the information giver may have been more reliable.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon - February 2007 Meeting

Speaker: Bennett Greenspan, founder of Family Tree DNA: Tracing Family Roots Through DNA

February 12, 7-9 pm
JCC on Mercer Island
Seattle, WA

February 13, 7-9 pm
Temple Beth Israel
Eugene, OR

February 14, 7-9 pm
Mittleman Jewish Community Center
6651 SW Capitol Hwy.
Portland (Hillsdale), OR
(in dance studio located to left of entry)

Mr. Greenspan, a Nebraskan native who earned a B.A. from the University of Texas, spent years investigating his maternal grandfather's ancestors, an obsession which eventually led to the founding of Family Tree DNA, based in Houston, Texas.

Do you want to find out if you're related to someone, but can't find a paper record? Think DNA - a growing field in genealogy research. With more than 80,000 individuals tested, Family Tree DNA has the largest database of its kind in the world. The organization is associated with Arizona Research Labs, led by Dr. Michael Hammer, one of the world's leading authorities in the field of Y-DNA genetics. Family Tree DNA was selected by National Geographic Magazine to manage the public participation side of their DNA testing program, the Genographic Project, which was launched in April of 2005. Mr. Greenspan's presentation will cover Jewish history, basic biology, YDNA and mtDNA. He will explain how family relationships can be determined through DNA testing. He also shows how the company can come to the rescue when the paper trail ends or traditional genealogy runs into a brick wall. What we can expect from testing and what we can learn will be fully covered in the lecture.

An entrepreneur and life-long genealogy enthusiast, Mr. Bennett Greenspan founded Family Tree DNA in 1999, turning a hobby into a full-time vocation.

Since it's inception in April 2000, Family Tree DNA has been associated with Arizona Research Labs, and has other renowned scientists on its advisory board and is the world leader in the field of genetic genealogy exploration. Mr. Greenspan's presentation begins with Jewish history and DNA testing and the genealogy that started Family Tree DNA. He explains how family relationships are determined through DNA testing. A quick refresher of basic biology is enough to explain what the science of DNA testing allows us to do for genealogists. There are two special types of our DNA, Y-DNA and mtDNA, which allow us to explore our ancestry.

Other items of discussion will include: What do you get and what do your results look like? What can you learn from your results? So what do all those numbers really mean?

Family Tree DNA allows individuals to compare results against one another to see if they are likely to share a common lineage and whether or not there are any mutations between them.

For additional information on DNA testing for genealogical purposes you can log on to their website at <http://www.familytreedna.com> or contact them at info@familytreedna.com or you can call (713) 868-1438. You may also contact the Publicity Cahirman, Nadene Goldfoot at goldfoot@verizon.net
The phone number for the Mittleman Jewish Community Center is (503) 4523-3429 or contact Sandra Shapiro at (503) 694-5646.

Officers still needed

We are still seeking someone for the **co-positions of 1st Vice-President and Secretary**. For **Secretary**, we are seeking someone to take minutes at our **General Meeting on Saturday** only. For **1st Vice President** shall be to act as assistant Program Chairperson and may need to preside at the meetings in the absence of the President.

Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Society, to make a report of the Society minutes at each meeting; and to handle all communications deemed necessary.

If you are interested in either of these positions or know of someone who would be, please contact Bill Gleaves at 738-8189 or e-mail him at gleavew@peak.org.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:
29 January for the **10 February** meeting. **Cookies—Leila Crawford**
27 February for the **11 March** meeting. **Cookies—Betty Brummett**

Membership Information

Dues are \$12.00 single and \$15.00 family per calendar year.
Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.
Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/> Board minutes are posted here.

More Member Info.

Our meetings are held on the **second Saturday, 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 Blvd. Business meeting is at 10:00 AM with the program at 11:00 AM. **Our Library, in the museum annex, will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM and after meetings on Saturdays.** Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: sprawlinson@proaxis.com. Thank You. **Pat Rawlinson**

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. 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.



The two digits behind your name on the mailing label are:
 S=Single; F=Family; E=Exchange.
 Number is last of year; 6=2006
 L6 is Charter Honorary Life Member

Mailing Label Coding



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Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

Benton County Marriage Records

Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924 \$25.00
Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945 \$25.00

WPA Historical Records

Benton County Interviews \$35.0
Bible Records and Cemetery Records \$10.00
WPA Commissioner Journals: Probate Court A & B, 1850 - 1856 \$20.00
Benton County Church Records (398 pages + All name index) \$35.00

Benton County Cemeteries

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 1 \$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 2 \$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 3 \$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 4 \$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 5 \$25.00
Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5 \$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 6 (not indexed) \$10.00

Benton County Pioneers - by Shirley O'Neil \$27.50

Add Shipping Charges \$3.00 for 1st book, \$1.50 each additional

2007 MEMBERSHIP FORM

___ **NEW MEMBER**

___ **RENEWAL**

Your membership allows you to participate in Society activities, which includes the use of the Genealogy Library which has over 2200 volumes of various books, periodicals and CD's; sharing in the Society's activities - potlucks, Christmas buffet and craft auction, used book and periodicals sale; receiving the monthly newsletter; field trips, and the research assistance and sharing of information of other members. **To continue receiving your membership benefits, renewal dues must be paid by January 31, 2007. New members may join at any time.**

Benton County Genealogical Society Membership Form

Mail to: BCGS P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

**Membership by the calendar year.
Dues paid after September 1st are
credited to the next year.**

Please enroll me in the Benton County Genealogical Society for the Year 2007 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

Individual Membership \$ 12

Family Membership \$ 15

Book Fund \$ _____ **Contributions to the Book Fund are tax deductible and a receipt for that purpose will be mailed to you.**