

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

January 2009

Volume Twenty-Four
Number One

10 January Program

Ross Sutherland, Collection Storage Specialist at the Benton County Historical Museum, will give us a tour of the Collections Care Facility and Museum. Also, in the auditorium on the second floor of the museum is a new art exhibit "150 Years of Oregon Art."

The general business meeting will be held in the Fireside Room at the Church instead of the Social Hall.

German Research

The November/December issue of **Everton's Genealogical Helper** has a comprehensive article on German research. A few of the websites are listed below but the article also covers what's available (no national censuses were taken), church records and civil registrations not available on-line.

A Family Search Research Outline for Germany is available at www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/guide/Germany.ASP

Finding the name of an immigrant's place of birth is essential in order to find and obtain any civil or parish records. Some sites with maps and gazetteers are:

The Memorial Library at the University of Wisconsin has a detail map that even shows locations of churches: www.library.wisc.edu/etest/ravenstein/home.html

The Institute of European History—Mainz has numerous historical maps dating from 1500 to the present at <http://www.ieg-maps.uni-mainz.de/map1.htm>

Ancestry.com has some databases for Germany such as four censuses for Mecklenburg-Schwerin for 1819, 1867, 1890 and 1900 (in German). Also Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934, Bremen Ships Crew Lists, 1815-1917 and Baden Emigration Index 1866-1911 (no images). There are 66 family and history books that have been scanned.

Language—important words to recognize in German:

Geburten—Births

Verbindungen—Marriages

Tod & Todesfälle—Death & Deaths

Scheidung—Divorce

Family Search Labs (<http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html>) which is Family Search's Pilot free site has some German records available:

German Baptisms 1700-1900 (No images)

German Marriages 1700-1900 (No images)

Germany, Brandenburg, Church Book Duplicates, 1800-1874

Germany, Posen, Church Book Duplicates, 1800-1874

The complete article on German Research is available at the OSL as is Ancestry.com. Periodicals are in the Microfilm Room.
This is an excellent resource for German Research!

Reprinted from the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter, volume XXX, number 12, December 2008

"Ha" penny to die at age 704

LONDON (AP) For nearly 700 years the halfpenny was one of the most useful coins of the realm, but it has been shrunk by decimalization, devalued by inflation and rendered nearly useless. Next month the Royal Mint will cease making it. The copper coin with the diameter of five-eighths of an inch, now costs more to mint than its face value, which is about 0.7 U. S. cents. It will be laid to rest March 29, 1984 at the age of 704.

The halfpenny (or HAY-pi nee as they call it here) has had a checkered history.

Introduced by King Edward I in 1280, it was made of silver for 400 years. The first copper halfpenny did not appear until 1672, when Charles III's mistress, the Duches of Richmond, was used as a model for the coin's lady Britannia. It was long held in high esteem, commemorated in song and, until the 1960's could still buy a kid a bar of chocolates.

When Britian decimalized its currency in 1971, the halfpenny was reduced in size but more than doubled in value. Before decimalization, when things were 12 pence in a shilling and 20 shillings to a pound, there were 480 halfpennies in a pound; afterwards there were 200 in a pound. It is the smallest coin ever minted and there are 2.5 billion in circulation.

At that time, Britian discarded such traditional coins as the threepenny, farthing, shilling and half-crown, and the 10 shilling bank-note.

Christmas is coming,
the goose is getting fat.
Please put a penny
in the old man's hat.
If you don't have a penny
a ha'penny will do.
If you don't have a ha'penny
God bless you!

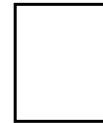
(From the statesman-Journal, Feb 26, 1984)

The Heritage Newsletter, Linn Genealogical Society, Vol 22, Dec, 2008

LIBRARY Volunteers



First Tuesday -- Sandy Potter
Second Tuesday -- Richard Cobb
Third Tuesday -- Leila Crawford
Fourth Tuesday -- Dave Kribs
Fifth Tuesday -- Nancy Basque



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.

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



Membership

Renewals

Lois & Ed Goering
Betty Swan
Darla Wolfe
May Dasch

Danell Aukerman

228 NE Azalea Dr
Adair Village, OR 97330

danell@genealogybookshoppe.com

News From the Library

Sandra Potter, Librarian

Shelf lists, updated as of January 1, 2009, will be available at the January meeting either in pdf format on CDs or as paper copies.

A file box in the Library will hold book catalogs. Bring any extra book catalogs to the library to share them with other BCGS members.

Tennessee Death Records Are Available Online

Many of the death records for the state of Tennessee are available online. Registrations of births and deaths began in 1908 in Tennessee. The Tennessee State Archives and Library web site has created an index that covers nearly 98,000 deaths occurring in Tennessee and recorded between 1908 and 1912. Although deaths were not registered as carefully and regularly as they were beginning in 1914, the index includes all extant records.

The index includes the name of the deceased, county, year of death and certificate number. This information can be used to order a copy of the death certificate from the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Death records in this time period do not give parents' names. They do include the individual's age, occupation, place of birth and cause of death.

The Tennessee death records for 1908-1912 are at <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/vital/death2.htm>.

Death records for 1913 were not recorded in Tennessee.

Tennessee deaths from 1914 to 1926 are available at the state government's web site at <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/vital/tndeath.htm>. The index lists name of deceased, county of death, and volume and page number of the certificate. When ordering a death record from this index, please include this information. This information should be used when ordering the full death record.

Finally, the Memphis Public Library History and Genealogy Index Web site at http://tempo.memphislibrary.org/dadabik/program_files/sform.php contains the Memphis/Shelby County Death Index (1848-1945). This index to identifiable deaths recorded within Memphis and Shelby County was created from the Memphis Death Register Books beginning in 1848; Memphis Burial Permits, 1902-1913; and Memphis/Shelby County Death Certificate Card Index, 1914-1945. Entries include the name, date of death, age, gender, and race of the deceased, as well the source record. This index also includes people who died in Memphis but were buried elsewhere and those whose bodies were brought back from another location for burial. In addition, there is a list of licenses granted to ship bodies through Memphis.

This same database also contains the Yellow Fever Deaths Index (1878), listing all identified Memphians who died in the 1878 Yellow Fever Epidemic. Entries include the death date, full name, race and address.

Forwarded by Jim Willhite from Eastman

Reprinted from the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter, volume XXX, number 12, December 2008

Ridding Books of Mildew

Don't know if you have had this experience or not, but I sure have. I opened a yearbook from long ago and found mildew! Not a happy experience. I ran across a suggestion in "Nimble Notes" in Heritage Quest, Fall 2005. Thought you might find it helpful. Soon as the sun comes back (in July?) I plan to give it a try.

The suggestion: Stand the book with pages fanned in sunshine outside. Spray Lysol about or toward it, but "never make wet spots on the pages." Let the book stand for a few hours. Place the book in a 30-gallon plastic trash bag, spray another mist without wetting pages, and tie the bag closed. Leave the bag sealed for a few weeks. The mildew should be gone.

Can't wait to give it a try. -- Margaret Fox

Program Review

By David Kriba, Program Chairman

13 December 2008- - Our annual Raffle, auction, and **Christmas Party**. This event in addition to fun and games raised \$166.75 for the Society's Book Fund as well as furnishing some Christmas presents.

Late raffle items, some of which we will begin selling tickets for: From Margaret Fox your choice of either 2 hours computer analysis or 2 hours photo restoration, from Bill Gleaves a one hour airplane ride over Corvallis, and from Tonia Rawie a beautiful white afghan. These items are of a greater value than our normal auction items. The drawings will be announced and held at later dates after we have sold enough tickets to cover the significant value of these donations.

RAFFLE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00/

We will begin selling tickets for an upcoming raffle in early 2009 at our December meeting: Items donated so far are your choice of either 2 hours computer help or 2 hours genealogy research from Margaret Fox, and from Bill Gleaves a one hour airplane ride over Corvallis, and possibly, from Tonia Rawie a beautiful white afghan. These items are of a greater value than our normal auction items. The drawings will be announced and held at later dates after we have sold enough tickets to cover the significant value of these donations.

Upcoming Programs

14 February 2009 - Tentative- Excerpts from **the History Detectives**

14 March 2009 - **Researching the TOWN POOR PEOPLE** with our own Billie Hoornbeek. Billie has collected data and information about the treatment (and documentation) of the town poor for the last 200 years. Billie has about ½ hour of presentation. We will need your items and experiences in researching for records of the poor to help fill out the program.

Stemmons Genealogical Library

"Genealogical Library" was added to our collection last month. This set of ten CDs is full of fascinating books. I checked out Disk Three and spent some time looking over the 72 books included on that disk. The books are in pdf format, and are easy to read.

For instance, there are nine books about Connecticut. The first one is "A History of Harwinton, Connecticut" compiled in 1837. It includes an index of names associated with Harwinton. Another Connecticut book is "Inscriptions in the Oldest Cemetery in Norwalk," that was published in 1895. There are some photographs as well as 434 detailed inscriptions and an index of names. Some inscriptions have additional biographical information.

Only one book is included from Illinois: "Pioneers of Illinois" described as a series of sketches of events prior to 1813. Chapter XI details Colonel George Rogers Clark's conquest of Illinois, from the British, in 1778. This chapter was of interest to me as one of my ancestors served under Clark.

The single book about Kentucky on this disk, "Historic Families of Kentucky" (1889) has many sketches of early families and includes an index of names.

Read over the listings for each disk, as you may find a hidden gem that will help with your family research.

Submitted by Sandra Potter

Sleep in a chair
Nothing to lose
But a nap
At the wheel
Is a permanent snooze
(Burma-Shave 1945)
His cheek
Was rough
His chick vamoosed
And now she won't
Come home to roost

Burma-Shave - 1950
(SDOP News Nov. 2008, Vol. 38, Issue 2)

2009 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 3000 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, 2009. 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 _____

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

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____ **Note: Most Newsletters are sent via e-mail.**

Please enroll me in the Benton County Genealogical Society for the Year 2009 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

Individual and Family Memberships **\$15**

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

In order for our society to provide you with more and better research material, we are asking you to provide us with the areas you are researching (cities, counties, states, countries) _____

Please provide us with the surnames that you are researching so that we can better assist you with your research (optional) _____

Just a reminder - This will be your last newsletter if you haven't renewed your membership.

Magazine Review:

Everton's Genealogical Helper for November-December, 2008, has several interesting articles. With the presidential inauguration approaching, might you be "Related to a First Family? It's More Likely Than You Imagine." If you have colonial New England or Virginia ancestors, you may have a connection. Another article "Dust and a Great Migration" points out that an ancestor listed in a Plains State in the 1930 census may turn up in a western state in later years. About one-fourth of Plains State population left during the Dust Bowl Years, going west along three main routes (Highways 66, 30 & 40). A list of books for additional reading is included in this article. Look up this issue, it has a lot to offer!

Submitted by Sandra Potter

What's up with California?

The California Department of Health issued a "cease and desist" letter on June 9, to thirteen DNA testing firms requiring California consumers to receive a doctor's note to purchase these tests and the companies to apply and be approved for a California clinical laboratory license. As a California resident, this now mean I have to pay a co-payment of \$20 to my Kaiser physician if I want to find out whether I have sticky or dry earwax or whether my direct female line ancestor came from Eastern or Western Europe. What is behind this recent move to clamp down on Californias' consumer freedom?

The tempest has been brewing in the teapot for months now. The Journal of the American Medical Association's March 19 edition featured genetics but contained a particularly ominous article, "Genomic Profiles for Disease Risk: Predictive or Premature?"

So what has the medical community so concerned about direct-to-consumer (DTC) DNA testing? Kurt Knutsson, the "Cyberguy", said in his June 25 feature that, "Healthcare professionals now worry that any amount of genetic information could be misinterpreted which has insurance companies and the healthcare industry seeing dollar signs". Published articles by the healthcare community are not the sole instigator in this saga either. According to a June 19 Guardian (UK) article, a California papers said that the "investigation began after 'multiple' anonymous complaints were sent to the Health Department".

The thirteen companies that received the notice run the gamut of different types of DNA testing from Knome, a company which offers complete genome testing starting at \$350,000, to other companies that offer specialized X syndrome at the cost of \$100. From a California consumer standpoint, being denied a test from DNA Traits is an economic blow to our finances in that the average cost of a Fragile X test ranges from \$200 to \$300 according to the Educational Resources Information Center.

Granted, few Californians would likely need to purchase this test, but the economic benefit of choice has now been made for us.

However, this is certainly not the end of the story for Californians. Armed with what we hope to be very knowledgeable legal teams, two California-based companies, 23andMe and Navigenics are refusing to comply with the order. Why? Because according to Navigenics CEO Mari Baker, the third party they contract with, Affymetrix, a leading genetic analysis company, holds all necessary state and federal licenses.

All we can do now is wait. Wait to see if the State of California seeks action against these revolutionary companies. Wait to see if the anonymous letters are made public. Wait to see any further actions or reactions are made by the healthcare and insurance industries. Wait to see if this causes a "domino effect" and other states follow suit (New York was actually the first). Wait to see if Kurt, the Cyberguy, has bitter taste perception...or not.

Written by **Katherine Borges**, a California resident and director of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG). Edited and submitted with Katherine's permission by **Emily D. Aulicino**, **Pacific Northwest Regional Coordinator and Speaker for ISOGG and Administrator for the WGS DNA Project.**

Sources:

<http://ww.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/news/Pages/LabTestLandingPg.aspx>
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2008/06/state-of-califo.html
<http://ktla.trb.com/news/local/cyberguy/stv-cyberguy-062508,0,1536207.htmlstory>
<http://blog.wired.com/wiredscience/2008/06/regulators-gene.html>
<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/eric/faq/fragilex.html>
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/06/25/U3R11EDFO.DTL>

Reprinted from the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter, Volume XXX, Number 8, Salem, Oregon, August 2008, page 4

Service Projects

Benton County GenWeb page – Danell Aukerman/Ron and Linda Olsen

Ron and Linda Olsen have added new bible images and transcriptions to the Benton County Family Bibles web page. Currently there are 17 bibles online.

Cemeteries: Danell Aukerman is working on updating the cemetery web page. She has added the Powell and King Family cemeteries.

Van Gogh's Family Tree

Van Gogh came from quite a large family and most of us don't know anything about the others. Just in case someone asks you about the others sometime, this may help you.

His dizzy aunt	Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes	Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store	Stop n Gogh
The grandmother from Yugoslavia	U Gogh
The cousin from Illinois	Chi-ca Gogh
His magician uncle	Where-diddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin	A Mee Gogh
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother	Grin Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage coach	Wells-far Gogh
The constipated uncle	Can't Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt	Tang Gogh
The bird lover uncle	Fla-min Gogh
The nephew psychoanalyst	E Gogh
The fruit loving cousin	Man Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking	Way-to Gogh
The little bouncy nephew	Poe Gogh
A sister who loved disco	Go Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in a van (you guessed it)	Winnie Bay Gogh

And there ya Gogh!

Source and author unknown

Reprinted from The Heritage Newsletter, Linn Genealogical Society, Volume 23, Issue 1, January 2009

Recipes

(These recipes were taken from an ordinary notebook, handwritten. It was passed around among the early settlers for their use. Many of the recipes were for horses, these I did not copy but they may be obtained.)

February 12, 1863

For weak eyes

Linseed oil ----- ½ pint

Gum camphor ----- 1 oz

Let this stand or 24 hours then fit for use. Apply with feather over eyes

SOAP recipe for 8 gallon

Take 2 lbs. castel soap cut fine, put in 1 ¼ gallons of hot water until (correct) dissolved then add 3 lbs sal-soda and ¼ lb starch. Dissolve the starch in cold water. Boil all together five minutes, stir well then add 6 ¼ gallons cold water. When cool it is fit for use.

How to make oil soap

Take Beef yalls, one table spoonful Rum

A pint of Spirits of Ammonia

2 ounces of spirit of turpentine

2 ounces, shake it well and it befor use

Reprinted from the Grant County Genealogy Society Newsletter, Volume 14, Issue 1, March 2008

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:
2 February for the 14 February meeting. Cookies — Teri Greene

Membership Information

Board and Officer Names, Email and Phone numbers

Removed for security reasons.

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

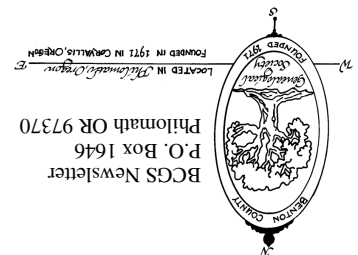
Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is **492**. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!



The two digits behind your name on the mailing label are:
 S=Single; F=Family; E=Exchange.
 Number is last of year 9=2009
 L9 is Charter Honorary Life Member

Mailing Label Coding



Stamp