



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 9 JUNE Program

**Potluck and summer book sale.** This will be a good chance to update yourself on the extensive resources in our own Library and talk genealogy. Bring a dish of your choice (not a cookie exchange) and some books to donate and plan to purchase some for summer reading. Genealogical books will be available from BCGS new and used books.

Bill Gleaves will fill us in on his genealogy trip to Virginia, the National Archives, Jamestown, etc. We all know what a great researcher and presenter Bill is.

There will also be copies of the College United Methodist Church Cookbooks for sale with a portion of the profits to benefit the Society.

### Research Trips - Family Reunions

Summer time is a time for family reunions and research trips. Both can bring forth valuable information concerning the families we are researching if preparation is done ahead.

Before attending a reunion or going on a research trip, go over your information. Set some goals - define just what information you hope to find to supplement what you already have. Make a list of questions you want to find the answers. If your goal is to visit the family cemetery to take pictures of family headstones, make sure you have plenty of film and new camera batteries. Also take along a small notepad and pencil/pen so you can copy down the information on the headstones. Have large pieces of paper and some chalk/crayon with you. That way you are not scrambling for a large enough piece of paper to place over the headstone and/or utensil (chalk/crayon) to complete the etching (rubbing) of the headstone.

Be sure to document each piece of information as you obtain it to save you time when you get back home and try to remember where you took this picture or obtained that piece of information. Did Aunt Liddy say that or was it cousin Sue? Was it the museum I found this document or the courthouse? What was the page and book number?

While you are compiling the list of questions you hope to find the answers to on your research trip or family reunion, make a list of the places to visit or people to talk to. What do you hope to find at each location? What type of information do I hope to learn from what relative at the reunion?

Take the time to complete a timeline or brief record for the family/families on which you hope to gather information. That way you will have something to help refresh your mind when needed as just to what you are seeking or what you already have on hand.

Perhaps you have some unidentified pictures. If you are attending a family reunion and you think the pictures are from that family, you can prepare a poster board with copies of the original pictures. It can be placed somewhere at the reunion for people to look at and perhaps you will find the identities of the mysterious people in the pictures. You may also learn how they fit in your family. You could number each picture and have a small notebook for people to write down who they think the identities of the persons or places in the pictures are.

If you are going to be visiting a place where others are also researching the same family line, perhaps you may want to leave your name and address for them to contact you. Perhaps you will meet someone also researching your family line. Some researchers have address cards the size of a business card. On the back of the card they have placed basic information of the line they are researching or a small pedigree chart. Someone else visiting the same location can then contact them with +questions or helpful information to help further your research. If you want to do something like this, it would be a time saver for you to have them prepared ahead of time.

Summer is a very busy time for all. For those going to a family reunion or on a research trip, it can be a very rewarding time. Especially if preparation is done ahead of time.

Have a very good summer!

# Program Review

By David Kriba, Program Chairman

**12 May 2007 - Benton County Museum Plans and Finances - Ron Thiesen.** Ron not only is an excellent speaker he was able to fill us in on the plans and objectives of the Benton County Historical Society and Museum, filling the time was certainly no problem. Thank You Ron.

## Corvallis Newspaper Project

Thanks to Linda and Ron Olsen, the Corvallis Newspapers Project has added one thousand more names, bringing the total to 13,200 dating from the first Corvallis newspaper in 1865 to the Corvallis Gazette Times as it was called in 1925. The Benton County Genweb page, which can be seen at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/> is where the Corvallis Newspapers Project is located.

Some volunteers are still needed to finish several reels. We have a CD disc for the Corvallis Gazette from 1905 to 1909, so it's possible to work on this one at your home computer if you find yourself at loose ends this summer. Linda's phone number is 929-3843, or you can contact her via e-mail at [thekeeper@ronsarchive.com](mailto:thekeeper@ronsarchive.com).

## Upcoming Programs

**8 September 2007 - Show 'N' Tell - What genealogical experiences you have had this summer and wish to share.**

**13 October 2007 - Creative Memories**

**10 November 2007 - Benton County Museum Recourses - Mary Gallagher, Curator of History and Research/Registrar**

**8 December 2007- Christmas Party**

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](http://www.thevillagegenealogybookshoppe.com)

## Get Well Wishes

We wish to extend *GET WELL* wished to Danell Aukerman. Also, continued *Get Well* wishes are extended to Jean Grube and Charlene Talbot. We hope you are feeling better soon.

## The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



## Membership

### Renewal

Marlene McDonald

### *Gracie Allen's Classic Roast Beef recipe:*

***Time: 6 hours, 5 minutes (5 min. prep, 6 hr. cook)***

***Makes: 2 roasts: 1 large beef roast, 1 small beef roast***

***Take the two roasts and put them in the oven.***

***When the little one burns, the big one is done.***

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Danell Aukerman

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## Queries

I AM LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON A **THOMAS DANIELS** WHO WAS MARRIED TO A **AGNES BARTGES** AND HAD A DAUGHTER IN 1876

**ALMA ADAMS**      **Iluvmydogs54@aol.com**

### **Stewart Family**

I was reading your information on **George Washington Stewart** and I was wondering about his death place. I have seen it also listed as being in Holt Co. Mo.

I am trying to sort out what is correct.

My connection to the Stewarts is my gr. gr. grandmother was Hannah Stewart Landers.

Thank you

John Landers    e-mail to **:jjlndrs@winco.net**

## **Family History Workshop**

The Corvallis stake of the LDS church is planning a Family History workshop on July 28th from 8:30 until 3:00 pm. The conference is free and all in the community interested in family history and genealogy are welcome. Here's the information:

Please plan to join us at the LDS Stake Center for the annual Stake Family History Convention and Workshop on Saturday, July 28th from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. Family History experts will be on hand conducting workshops on writing family histories, using the internet in your genealogical research, how to use census records, collecting family folklore, newspaper research, immigration records, creative use of video in your family history, and much much more. A free lunch will be provided for those who register at [www.corvallisfamilyhistory.org](http://www.corvallisfamilyhistory.org) by July 21st.

Here is the address of the conference and a map...

The conference location is at the LDS Stake Center at 4141 NW Harrison, Corvallis Oregon. Driving directions can be found at:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&addtohistory=&address=4141%20Nw%20Harrison%20Bld&city=Corvallis&state=OR&zipcode=97330%2d6517&country=US&geodiff=1>

## **New Junction City History**

Included among the new book acquisitions at the Oregon Genealogical Society in Eugene is "*A History of Junction City, Oregon*" by an Oregon Genealogical Society member, Linda Van Orden. She started gathering this information a number of years ago, has revised it a couple of times, and has now included an index. She used newspaper articles and photos, as well as interviews and letters from many long term residents, to create a very interesting and factual story of Eugene's neighbor.

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## ***News From the Library***

***Sandra Potter, co-Librarian***

<b>Number</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>
2449	CD-HT	Everton	Handybook for Genealogists, 11 <sup>th</sup> Ed (2006); CD
2450	TX	Kennedy	Genealogical Records in Texas; yellow PB
2451	NY		Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, NY, 1683-1809; green PB
2452	VA		The Silversmith in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Williamsburg

### **Recent Acquisitions**

### **Periodicals received**

*Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Vol 35-55, 1986-2006; (69 issues) -- gift of Susan Corcoran Hayes  
*Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Vol 49-50, 1948-49; (8 issues) -- gift of Ted Gump  
*Indiana Magazine of History*, Vol 85-87, 1989-91; (6 issues) -- gift of Ted Gump  
*Old Westmoreland* Vol 5, 6, 1985-86; 6 issues -- gift of Ted Gump

**Library Inventory** will be held **June 25-27**. Call or email Sandra Potter if you would like to help. It's a great way to learn about the library holdings!

## **Celluloid photo album - Corvallis Oregon**

I find and send home old family albums and bibles from antiques stores, etc. I just found one for Oregon. They usually are for out of state families. I bought it for \$45 and am hoping someone will want it. Is Diane Wagner on thislist? I tried emailing with news that there is a photo of "Fannie Irwin".

The other names on the photos are:

Clarence V. Talmer or Vahner old newspaper clipping announcing the nomination for re-election for sheriff for Nat Stewart and his photo

Johnnie Winkle who might have been a relative of Fannie/Frances Irwin d/o

Richard & Effie (Winkle) Irwin.

Fannie/Frances Irwin who married Howard Lewis Wagner, (or it could be her aunt by the same name who married Joseph McBee)

Photo of a woman and young girl and touching message from the school teacher on the back of the photo signed M.A.N.

Photo of couple, William and Stell Kitchen, very well dressed and good looking but i couldn't find out anything about them.

Photo of Iva Porter

All the photos were taken in Corvallis Oregon around 1870-1890. The woman who owned this album was named Eugenia and her friends called her Genia.

There are a few other photos with no names and one photo taken in Brownsville of a little boy with a dog and rifle.

I hope someone here is interested in owning this great old album. Are any of these folks your relatives?

Linda Purvis, Beaverton, OR

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## **Hopestill King New York Front Page**

On May 9, 1850, Hopestill King Norton gave birth to triplets. Cynthia, Sarepta, and Nahum in Kings Valley, Oregon Territory. Cynthia died a few days later and is buried in Kings Valley Cemetery. Sarepta "Sis" and Nahum "Bub" survived and lived for many years after. Do you think they knew their birth made the front page of the *New York Herald*?

In the early days, everyone was interested in the west, especially those easterners who stayed behind. News out of the Oregon Territory made the front page of the *New York Herald* on Saturday, February 8, 1851 in a column titled "**Interesting From Oregon**" It is here that we find our own Hopestill King Norton and her triplets. This article discusses curious facts that the 1850 census agent, Mr. O'Neil, discovered about the Oregon population. Reported by the *Oregon Spectator*, it said "One family in Kings Valley, Polk County, the mother of which had three children at birth about five months previous, two of whom are still living, the other having died a short time before his visit." Imagine! No telephopne, no telegraph, no cell phones, no e-mail, yet news of the birth of the Norton triplets in a tiny isolated valley on the west coast made it across the United States and onto the front page of a New York newspaper.

*Reprinted from the King Folk Newsletter, April 2006.*

### **King Folk Reunion**

**Saturday, June 23, 2007  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Bezell Forest Education Center  
Kings Valley Highway  
(old plunkett farm)**

**\*\*please note new location\*\***

Bezell Forest Park is located just 3.5 miles from the kings valley charter school On kings valley highway. There is a sign on the road marking the turnoff. Coming from corvallis, it is before the school.

The morning session is a workshop. Please bring king family material to share. Pictures are especially wanted. Perhaps you will discover a new relative, or be able to assist someone else with their research. A copy machine will be available to use free of charge. Coffee and donuts provided.

potluck lunch at noon

Please bring a main dish and one other item of your choice (dessert, salad or munchies). Bring your own table service. Coffee, soda pop and bottled water will be provided. **\*\*note:** at our new location there is a refrigerator but no oven for reheating food!

business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

For more information contact a king family officer

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:

**28 August** for the **8 September** meeting. **Cookies—Teri Greene**

### Membership Information

Contact information removed for security reasons.

**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](mailto: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!**

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