

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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10 MARCH PROGRAM

County Library - Christopher Rumbaugh will present an update on the many new resources available at the Benton County Library

Connecting the Generations

150 years ago where we were.....What were your ancestors doing in the same year?

Who replaced John Lewis's tombstone? Through this article in the 1980 Corvallis Gazette-Times, I met a new cousin. She and her sister travelled to cemeteries in Benton and Polk Counties, searching for our past generations and knew the tombstone had been replaced. Since our first conversation, we have spent many more years sharing family history.

Our John Lewis and his extended family came to Oregon by wagon train in 1845 and established the town of Lewisville. I learned that although his land claim was in Polk Co., he was an early land owner in Benton County, owning two lots and an improvement on 2nd Street in the village of Corvallis. Three of his children eventually settled in Benton County: Jeremiah V. Lewis, Nancy Lewis Cook, and Mary Ann Elizabeth Lewis Fuller. Later some of his grandchildren settled here too.

So where were they in 1857? John Lewis had died, however, his descendants remained in Oregon. John's granddaughter, who was my great grandmother, Mary Catherine Lewis Allen, married on her 15th birthday in 1856, lost an infant, and by November 1857 had another son. She and her family settled near Philomath. Our Lewis descendants continue to thrive in Benton County and elsewhere.

This story was written by **Linda Olsen**, thekeeper@ronsarchive.com, and was submitted to the Corvallis Gazette-Times newspaper which was printed January 26, 2007, pg. A2. It is also available online at:

<http://library.ci.corvallis.or.us/corvallis/storyfest/sharestories.asp>

This and That

- Lewis and Clark viewed a mountain from a point on the Willamette in 1806 and named it Mt. Jefferson in honor of the President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson.
- This website came from Emily Aulicino. There are many small town newspapers represented as well as the vital statistics. Newspapers are free to browse and for the vitals, there is a free and a paying section. The database appears free. <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/contentlisting.aspx>
- **March 16-17, 2007—Brigham Young University Conference Center, Provo, UT. Brigham Young University Annual 2007 Computerized Genealogy Conference. Web site: <http://genealogy.conferences.byu.edu>**
- **April 14, 2007—Genealogy Forum of Oregon Spring Seminar.** "Using the National /Archives web site;" "Urban Mapping Tools, topographic and other maps for genealogists;" "Government Documents" will be topics of the seminar. Featured speaker will be Rick Sayre.
- **April 28, 2007—Oregon Genealogy Society Spring Seminar.** Emily Aulicino will be the speaker.

Membership

Renewals

Haney, Peggy & Dennis
Leelaamornvichet, Candy
Grotefend, Fran
Barry, GERALYN
Carpenter, Lynne

Pinney, Frances
Judy Lenocker
Jones, Ardeth
Anderson, Wayne

New Members

Gallahger, Mary
Mills, Charlotte
Farrell, Shirley
DeBoie, Nancy

WHEN YOU TRANSCRIBE OLD LETTERS, FOLLOW THEM WORD FOR WORD IN THE EXACT SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION. DO NOT BE CONCERNED WITH THE ERRORS THEY MAKE IN WRITING. THE FACT THAT THEY COULD EVEN WRITE, WHEN SCHOOLING WAS SO SCARCE, WAS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RETAIN THE ORIGINAL EXACTLY AS IT IS IN YOUR TRANSCRIPTION.

Source: *The Complete Idiots Guide to Genealogy*, 2nd edition. From the Internet.

Norwegian Research

Check this website: <http://www.astrimyastri.com> In particular, a book called *History of the Norwegian Settlements* which is now available in English, which covers thousands of Norwegian immigrants who settled in the Midwest 1830-1870. You can search their index online.

From Ferne Hellie, Willamette Valley Genealogy Society Newsletter, Volume XXIX, Number 3, March 2007

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.

Bring In Your Labels

Bring your Santiam and Flav-r-pac labels to our General Meeting on March 10th. Leila is getting ready to send them in. Last time we received \$80 back and we are hoping to get close to that again.

Suggested Programs

14 April 2007 - Civil War Re-creation - A Woman's Point of View (tentative)

12 May 2007 - Census of Overland Immigrant Documents (COED) (tentative)

9 June 2007 - Potluck Picnic and Book Sale

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



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Program Review

By David Kribs, Program Chairman

February 10, 2007

Introduction to DNA Testing

Emily Aulicino explained the basics of Genetic Genealogy, how DNA testing helps genealogical research, how to choose a testing company, and establishing a DNA Interest Group.

If you are interested in forming a DNA group (for reduced testing rates and discussions as to what your DNA might indicate) contact Bill Gleaves. For further information also see our BCGS February 07 news letter or **Emily's web site** at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orgco2/speaker/EmilyAulicino.html>

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy

Genetic Genealogy., the use of DNA testing to aide traditional genealogical research, is the newest and, perhaps, the most accurate research field for the family historian as it can prove or disprove family' connections. DNA testing can support a paper trail \which is often in question given the availability of surviving records

WHY TEST Your DNA?

1. Paper sources are inaccurate or missing
 - a. Living in a census household with the same surname isn't proof of a relationship
 - b. Letters or deeds calling someone a brother isn't proof
2. Adoptions and illegitimate children are not always recorded in written or oral history and have happened for thousands of years.
3. Names changes not recorded
 - a Ancestor had to *leave* the country/state to escape from the law
 - b Ancestor wished to distinguish himself and his descendants with a variation of his surname
 - c Spelling errors become the norm

How DNA helps Genealogists

- Determine if two people are related
- Determine if two people descend from the same ancestor
- Find out if you are related to others \with the same surname
- Prove or disprove your family tree research
- Prove or disprove oral history of relationships to famous or infamous people .
- Provide clues about your ethnic origin
- Find researchers interested in the same family lineage
- Use to document DAR lineage
- Save money not researching the wrong lines

Understanding the Basics of DNA

.DNA terminology
Y-DNA
mtDNA
Haplogroup
alleles
STRs
Haplotype

Who can be tested and how

What companies test for genealogists

Types of DNA Projects

27TH ANNUAL GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Sweet Home Genealogy Society
1223 Kalmia Street (George & Jerry Mealey Building)
Sweet Home, OR (541) 367-5034
e-mail: shgs@centurytel.net

Friday, March 16, 2007

9:00 AM	Registration at Door
9:30—10:00 AM	Mini Beginner/Help Session
10:00—12 Noon	"A New Look at the Census" ...LaVonce Murray
Noon	Lunch (brown bag it or check with society for local eating places & discounts)
1:00 PM	"The Haunting War: An America Tragedy Revisited" William and Carla Coleman, An Oregon Chautauqua Program
2:00 PM	Explore the Oregon State Archives" ...Lance Sawyer
3:00 PM	"How to Research at the Courthouse" ...Connie Moody

Saturday, March 17, 2007

9:00 AM	Registration at Door
9:30—10:00 AM	Mini Beginner/Help Session
10:00 AM	"Photo Restoration" ...Jan Mowry
Noon	Lunch (brown bag it or check with society for local eating places & discounts)
1:00 PM	:Mapping the West" ...Robert Hamm, An Oregon Chautauqua Program
2:30 PM	Writing Your Life History" ...Margaret Ingram

Admission: **\$12 per day or \$20 for both days (non-SHGS members)**
 \$8 per day or \$15 for both days (SHGS members) \$5 single class (members & non-members)

*** Lunch Discounts * Door Prizes * Freebies * Books for Research * Genealogical Materials For Sale ***

Sponsored by: Linn-Benton Community College and the Sweet Home Genealogical Society

Upcoming at the Benton County Historical Museum

Art: The Fourth 'R', the 24th annual exhibition opens **Thursday, March 8, 2007**. The walls of the Moreland Auditorium will be covered with colorful works of art by students from Philomath School District, including rural elementary schools in Blodgett and Kings Valley. Paintings, drawings, collages and three-dimensional works created by artists in kindergarten through the twelfth grade will be exhibited until Saturday, April 7, 2007.

Art in Action, a celebration of art. Enjoy film, drama, and musical performances by Philomath School District Students. The performances and viewing will take place in the Moreland Auditorium **Saturday, March 10, 2007. 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

Journeys of the Heart...Seven Years Later opens **Thursday, April 12, 2007** and runs through **Thursday, May 31, 2007**. A reception for the artists will be held on **Thursday, April 12, 2007** from 5-7 p.m. in the Moreland Auditorium. The reception is open to the public.

News From the Library

Sandra Potter, co-Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2431	NEW ENG	Hallick	New Englanders in the 1600s; black PB; Gift of Bill Gleaves
2432	OR	Haskin	Linn Co, OR; Marriage Records (Marriage Book A, 1850-61; Early Marriages 1846-48); gold PB; Gift of Ted Gump

There have been donations of periodicals:

Ohio Genealogical Quarterly, Vol 46, #3 & #4 (2006); From Jean Grube

Connecticut Nutmegger, Vol 39, #1 & #2 (2006); From Jean Grube

New England Historic Genealogical Society: Special Order Sales Catalog; From Bill Gleaves

QUERIES

I am the granddaughter (step) of Ethel Urilla Whitford b. 18 Aug. 1917 Elk City, Lincoln Co., Oregon her line goes as follows:

Ethel → Ralph Whitford (Joseph R., Jesse, Job, Pasco, Nicholas) & Anna Ellen Gardner (Urilla G. Peek, Ellen E. Noble, Henry).

1) I am writing to try to find living blood relatives of hers. She will be celebrating her 90th birthday this year. She had no children of her own. She raised my mother from 9-19 yrs. and has always been one of my grandmothers' even after she divorced my grandfather & remarried.

2) I am trying to put together her family line. Thanks to the Benton County Genealogical Society I have collected much info on her line. Except for her parents.

So if any of you can help – I would greatly appreciate it.

Myra Jean Hall

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606-876-4309 home myrajeanridley@alltel.net

My name is Grace Woodruff. You have published in your Benton County Pioneer Database some information on the ancestors of Lila Gertrude Schumacher. Lila G. Schumacher married a Alford Smith and had a daughter named Nancy Schreiber.

I am trying to get in contact with Nancy.

My ex-husband, by whom I had 5 sons, was related to Lila G. Schumacher's mother, Nancy Ann Leverenz.

Please contact me at: gracewood_5@msn.com

Thank you

Grace Woodruff

Spring Art Class

Back by popular demand, professional artist and instructor Donna Beverly returns to the museum for an advanced painting class. Classes are limited so contact the Museum at 929-6230 for further information and enrollment.

Good Design: Improve Your Composition. Learn to evaluate design principles in your own work. Each session presents unique evaluation techniques. Develop pictorial structure with sketching exercises, set long term and short term goals, and organize critique groups.

Classes are Tuesdays, April 24, May 1, 8, and 15, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Cost: members \$90, non-members \$110.

Voices of the People - 2007 Benton Lectures

Eight lectures by tribal representatives and those who speak on issues of tribal importance. The hour long lectures will cover a range of humanities subjects, including history and politics, language, literature, the arts, and human relationships. Lectures will be held Monday mornings, **March 5 through April 30, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.** in the **Moreland Auditorium**. Free.

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

2 April for the **14 April** meeting. **Cookies—Danell Aukerman**

30 April for the **12 May** meeting. **Cookies—Sandra Potter**

29 May for the **8 June** meeting. **Cookies—Teri Greene**

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.

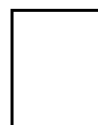
Canadian Interest Group

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; 7=2007
L7 is Charter Honorary Life Member

Mailing Label Coding



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