



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 12 MAY PROGRAM

**Benton County Museum's Ron Thiesen. What's Happening at the Museum.** Ron's talk may be limited, so we'll fill in with our own show and tell things as time is available. Such as David Kribs with an update on his **Wagon Trains East** (coming west through eastern Oregon that is), maybe Bill Gleaves will fill us in on his coming genealogy trip to Virginia, etc.

### “Prof. Horner Developing Real Museum”

Forming the nucleus of a historical museum for Oregon Agricultural College are the relics which are being received from various parts of the northwest by Professor J. B. Horner of the department of history. Relics pertaining to the history of Oregon are being loaned to the department by persons interested in Oregon history. A collection of plastic pre-historic models was received last year from the Oregon Historical Society. With this first collection, other gifts of historic importance were added to the collection last year. Several relics of pre-historic ages have been received recently.

From: Weekly Gazette-Times (Corvallis) 7 October, 1920

Submitted by Sandra Potter

### GOOGLE NEWS

Google News now provides a search engine of indexes for newspapers from ProQuest and Newspaperarchive.com, among many others. Southern California newspapers are included among others from across the U.S.

The Search is entirely free and you'll get as few words of text to whet your appetite. The full text is not visible but links will lead you to ordering information where you can obtain the entire article. You can choose the time frame by clicking on appropriate links on the search page.

For best results, put an exact name in quotes and add the city in which you are interested.

View the site at [www.news.google.com/archivesearch](http://www.news.google.com/archivesearch)

Source: The Searcher, Autumn, 2006, Vol. 43, No. 4, p. 201 (From The Connecticut Nutmegger, March, 2007).

### REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

*A few months ago, a member submitted two wonderful articles for me to use in the newsletter. I thought I had saved the articles, however, I have not been able to locate them on my computer.*

*One article was about Joseph A. Hanna and was entitled “Early Days in Oregon.” The other article was called “Dr. Whitman and His Ride to Save Oregon.”*

*If you sent these articles to me, could you please resend them. My e-mail address is [mmteri@aol.com](mailto:mmteri@aol.com). I would really appreciate it. Identify in the subject line that they are for BCGS. Thanks!*

# Program Review

By David Kribs, Program Chairman

**14 April 2007 - A Civil War Re-enactment from a Woman's point of View - Karen Bell** appeared in beautiful full period dress, hoops, petty coasts, and all, along with a display of other period items. One got a real feeling for our ancestor's daily lives at the time of the Civil War.

Some Re-enactments: (\$5-10 fees) [www.NWCWC.com]

1. 19-20 May —Chelsea Lake - Lebanon
2. 4<sup>th</sup> July—Willamette Mission - Salem
3. 1-3 September—Labor Day Weekend - Fort Stevens State Park - Astoria
4. 22-23 September—Milo McIver State Park -Estacada

**Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.**

## Upcoming Programs

**9 June 2007 - Potluck Picnic and Book Sale**

**8 September 2007 - Show 'N' Tell**

**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

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

### Corvallis Newspaper Project

Volunteers are needed for the following newspaper reels.

<u>Reel #</u>	<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Dates</u>
6	Daily Gazette Times GT3	2/19/1916 to 2/22/1917
	Births and deaths only recorded to August 18, 1916.	
4	Daily Gazette Times GT3	2/2/1914 to 2/16/1915
	Last entry was May 27, 1914 - 9 months of reel left to do.	
7.2	Corvallis Gazette GT2	8/8/1905 to 6/25/1909

## The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



Danell Aukerman  
228 NE Azalea Dr  
Adair Village, OR 97330

## IN MEMORIAM

We wish to extend our condolences to the families of our members, Norman Barnes and LaRea Gump, who passed away recently.

### Norman P. Barnes

Norman P. Barnes, 89, of Corvallis died Wednesday, March 20, 2007 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Arrangements were by McHenry Funeral Home.

For more information, go to [http://www.gazettetimes.com/articles/2007/03/22/news/obituaries/4obi05\\_barnes.bd](http://www.gazettetimes.com/articles/2007/03/22/news/obituaries/4obi05_barnes.bd)

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### LaRea Vesta Gump

May 19, 1920 - April 20, 2007

She was born LaRea V. McMannis in Milo, MO to Marvin and Lela Austin McMannis. In the 1920's the family moved to Casper, WY. At the start of the Depression in the 1930's they moved back to Missouri. At the height of the Depression they moved to Idaho where they did not tarry long, and in 1937 moved to Vancouver, WA where LaRea finished high school. She met her future husband, Theodore Gump, while working at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (formerly Columbia National Forest. LaRea and Ted were married October 6, 1956. They had one daughter, LeAnn, of whom LaRea was very proud.. LaRea had two brothers, John of Vancouver, WA and Maurice Simpson who passed away a few years ago. One of LaRea's main interests was working on the family genealogy and she was especially proud of her Maupin, Zumwalt and Austin ancestry. She travelled extensively in Europe. She is survived by her husband, Theodore, daughter LeAnn, brother John McMannis and five of her six nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held April 26, 2007 at the McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis.. A graveside service for family was held at Oak Lawn Memorial Park prior to burial.

For a complete obituary, go to [http://www.gtconnect.com/articles/2007/04/24/news/obituaries/6obi01\\_gump.bd](http://www.gtconnect.com/articles/2007/04/24/news/obituaries/6obi01_gump.bd)

## QUERIES

The Benton County Historical Museum has referred two queries over to our Society for assistance.

Could you tell me if you have an obituary for **Amanda Tompkins**? She died April 25, 1924 in Benton County according to Death index on Ancestry.com. Scanned copy would be fine. She was probably living with her daughter **Laura Ann Walker** and son-in-law **John Milton Walker**, who died in Benton County October 27, 1934. If you have an obituary for John, I would like to have a copy as well..

Thank you for your assistance.  
Cathy Stoppel

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Do you know where **Arza and Cynthia Ann Minton** are buried? With the assistance of our Secretary, Linda Olsen, we were able to locate where they lived, their children and where they were buried. Thank you Linda for your wonderful research.

## This and That

Alexa.com, a company that tracks internet usage, reports that Worldvitalrecords.com is the 3rd most popular genealogy database.

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## **QUAKER ANCESTRY RESOURCES**

From Sandra Potter

*Continued from last issue...*

This is from the book: "Our Quaker Ancestors - Finding Them in the Quaker Records," which I have checked out from the library. I will return the book on March 10 if anyone would like to check it out. It has a nice, brief history of Quakers in America and tips about searching Quaker records. [Quaker Repositories for Records:](#)

The Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore PA 19081

Philadelphia, Baltimore & northern Virginia Yearly meetings— largest collection in the world of Quaker meeting archives  
“a vast resource for the genealogist”

The Quaker Collection, Haverford College Library, Haverford, PA 19041

Primarily published works by Quaker authors, collection for historians rather than genealogists; many microfilm reels – London, and other meetings.

Pendle Hill Library, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA 19086 – a limited collection

Friends Historical Collection of Guilford College, Greensboro, NC 27410

Depository of records of NC meetings (1680 onwards) – in Hinshaw’s volume I (in library); also some Virginia records & south eastern US, plus files related to surnames.

Quaker Collection, Everett L. Cattell Library, Malone College, 515 25<sup>th</sup> St NW, Canton OH 44709

Ohio yearly meetings records, mostly mid-1800s & later, includes others from NC to Michigan

Quaker Collection, S. Arthur Watson Library, Wilmington College, Wilmington, OH 45177

Collection covers SW and S. Central Ohio, some Indiana & Illinois; earliest records 1768 –Miami Monthly meeting. Most microfilmed by LDS

Quaker Collection, Lilly Library, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana 47374

Largest collection of printed minutes from all over world (over 10,000 volumes)

Haviland Records Room, 222 E 16<sup>th</sup> St (PO address 15 Rutherford Pl, NY, NY 10003)

Archives of NY Yearly meeting – some have been indexed, no surname index for whole collection. Open on limited basis

Archivist, New England Yearly Meeting, Rhode Island Historical Society Library, 121 Hope St, Providence, RI 02906

Approx. 170 rolls of microfilm, date from 1700s

New England Quaker Research Library, Librarian, PO Box 655, North Amherst, Massachusetts 01059

located at a meeting house, limited use

Quaker Collection, Friends University Library, 2100 University Ave, Wichita, Kansas 67213

Kansas Yearly Meeting 1872 to present; also Conservative Meeting minutes (1879-1929)

Records from Alaska, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado & Texas, but not Arkansas

Also some unpublished Hinshaw collection volumes, from Swarthmore.

Quaker Collection, Wilcox Library, William Penn College, North Market St, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

Copies of Hinshaw vols, Heiss’s books & Miami Valley of Ohio records (all published)

Quaker Collection, Wardman Library, Whittier College, Whittier, CA 90608

Limited value to genealogists

Quaker Collection, Shambaugh Library, George Fox College, Newberg, OR 97132

Hinshaw’s vols, small number of published Quaker genealogies, archives of the Northwest Yearly meetings (mostly early 1900s)

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

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

\*\*We are expanding our scope! We have recently added books about finding Mexican and African-American ancestors and are looking for more books to buy. The Book Committee will focus on regions not yet well-covered by our collection.

\*\* Family Bible Records Project: Damaris Reynolds noted that a library book containing Family Bible records was on the deleted book list. She & Jean Grube had compiled information from Family Bibles that are part of the Benton County Historical Society's collection. To reconstruct this deleted volume we would like several volunteers who would be willing to work in the Museum, recording information from the Bibles. This would involve making an appointment with Mary Gallagher (929-6230) and looking through the Family Bibles for any births, deaths and marriages recorded in them. This information would be entered on the Museum's information sheets (computer) and then the book could be compiled from those data sheets. Damaris found some of her notes, so there is a nucleus of information on hand. This project would benefit both the Museum and our Society. If this sounds like something you would enjoy being a part of, please contact me.

\*\*Library Inventory: This is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 25-29. Help is needed, so please contact me you would like to lend a hand.

### **KING FOLK REUNION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2007**

**9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**BEAZELL FOREST EDUCATION CENTER  
KINGS VALLEY HIGHWAY  
(OLD PLUNKETT FARM)**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION\*\***

**BEAZELL 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 MAIL 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**

**COZY HOME ON WHEELS**  
**WASHINGTON PARTY OF PLEASURE SEEKERS PASSED THROUGH SALEM YESTERDAY**  
**MEANS OF CONVEYANCE AN UP-TO-DATE TRAVELING WAGON, CONVENIENTLY**  
**ARRANGED IN EVERY DETAIL—WILL EXTEND TRIP TO CALIFORNIA**

An outing party on a pleasure trip, from the state of Washington, passed through Salem yesterday, in a most complete and up-to-date traveling wagon, drawn by four beautiful horses. The party left Seattle July 18th, having come by the way of Tacoma and Portland. The party will continue its trip through the Willamette and Rogue river valleys and then on to the Shasta Springs, where the members will camp for some time. From there they will continue on through Sacramento valley, will visit the Yosemite Park and then travel west to the coast and north along the coast to San Francisco where the party with its outfit, including horses, wagon and all will take passage on a steamer for Seattle.

The members of the party are as follows:

Dr. and Mrs. A.H. HOLCOMB and daughter; Mrs. A.L. HAWKINS and daughter of Seattle, C.W.HOLCOMB and Miss Dora HOLLEN of Everett. Mr. C. W. Holcomb is in his 77th year, but is hale and hearty and takes much pleasure in his novel outing.

Their means of conveyance is a large wagon with a canopy top, and is practically what might be called a cozy little home. Four large upholstered seats are so constructed that they can be made into beds, and on the canopy top are side curtains which can be drawn down, converting the wagon into a comfortable sleeping apartment. Under the front seat is a zinc lined refrigerator, being conveniently arranged for the storing of canned and fresh fruits, and sufficiently large to hold a good quantity of ice. Underneath the wagon bed and on each side are lockers which afford ideal cupboards for the storing of dishes and the necessaries of life. One side of the wagon opens out into steps providing easy access to the little home on wheels. The rear end of the conveyance is so arranged that it can be adjusted and transformed into a table on which meals for the pleasure seekers are served. The body of the wagon is painted a deep red and hge top jet black, and altogether presents a splendid appearance.

The party is well provided with kodaks, guns, ammunition and fishing tackle, and fully equipped for a most enjoyable summer's outing. Two dogs which accompany the excursion, also seem to thoroughly enjoy the recreation and the new scenery. The trip will probably extend into the latter part of October.

The members of the outing party are acquaintances and friends of Floyd B. DAYTON, and during their brief stay in this city yesterday, Mr. Dayton entertained the visitors by showing them the sights of the city, and accompanying them on a visit to the state institutions.

*Daily Oregon Statesman, 8 August 1903.*

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### Catholic and french canadian genealogy

The first Catholics to Oregon were French Canadians, then some of the early emigrants in the 1840's. All diocese have archives you may have to write to find out where parish records are. You can get addresses from the Archives of Archdiocese in Portland.

Books that may be of use are "Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest", and George Brown's book, "18th Century French Canadians". All records in Quebec have been filmed.

Many French records were destroyed during the French Revolution, the use of nicknames to distinguish from others the same surname, infant baptism, and the use of Latin terms.

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## USGenWeb Project Search

This is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 4/10/2007:

Searching the USGenWeb

The following is an announcement written by Daryl Lytton, Assistant Editor of the USGenWeb Newsletter:

For the first time in the 10-year history of The USGenWeb Project, a project-wide search is being enabled on a State-by-State basis at <http://www.usgenweb-search.us/> with a great deal of success. The free-access USGenWeb, along with many of the state and county sites and Special Projects, are hosted by RootsWeb.com.

Although Search Us opened to the public on February 1st 2007 with only the 13 original states (and the last two, Alaska and Hawaii) searchable, 5,975 people visited the home page 8,699 times and conducted a total of 25,163 state searches during the month.

February and March saw the addition of many more states, some now receiving as many as 1,000 searches per week. Yet more are being added in April, and it is expected that all states will be searchable by sometime in May or June.

Now, instead of a researcher asking, "I can't find your search, do you have anything on Jane Smith?" the researcher can say, "I found Jane Smith via your search, and have more information I would like to contribute to the USGenWeb."

Posted by Dick Eastman

***FRIENDS COME AND GO, BUT RELATIVES TEND TO ACCUMULATE.***

### TV News Wants Your DNA Story

A reputable television news agency in the United States would like to do a story on genetic genealogy as it is occurring. In other words, they want to follow someone on their genetic journey beginning when they test and through the rest of the process. If you have not yet tested and fall into the same or similar scenario as listed below.

- An adoptee who wants to connect with their heritage and/or find their family.
- Someone who wants to discover their Native American heritage, like a Cherokee Freedman because the Cherokee Nation has just selected them as tribal members. (Need to have the NA on an all female or all male line back).
- Someone who is so back-walled that DNA may be just what they need to prove a line for a lineage society.

Please e-mail a description of your story to [isogg@msn.com](mailto:isogg@msn.com)

**From Emily Aulicino**

### Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars

- **May 19, 2007 - Heritage Expo at the Mission Mill, Salem, OR.**
- **May 28, 2007 - Memorial Day Celebration, Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, OR. 10:00 a.m.**
- June 9, 2007 - Harner County Pioneer Days

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

**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](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.

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



Stamp