



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 8 September Program

- **Show 'N' Tell** - Genealogical Experience members and friends had this summer. Come and share your own. For one, Bill Gleaves will fill us in on his genealogy trip to Virginia, the National Archives, Jamestown, etc.

#### GOOD NEWS

**BCGS Library** can remain in the Benton County Historical Annex Building where it is **Now**. All the details at our meeting on September 8th. --Bill Gleaves, President.

### The Ten Commandments For Name (From the Connecticut Nutmegger, Sept. 2006)

1. Thou shalt name your male children: Albert, James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Richard, Thomas, William.
2. Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah.
3. Thou shalt leave **NO** trace of your female children.
4. Thou shalt after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Polly, Dolly, Sukey.
5. Thou shalt **NOT** use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports and only when necessary: You may only use initials on legal documents.
6. Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled; in various ways: Hicks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks.
7. Thou shalt leave **NO** cemetery records or headstones with legible names.
8. Thou shalt leave **NO** family Bible with records of births, marriages, or deaths.
9. Thou shalt **ALWAYS** flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, ALBERT, Bart, or Alfred.
10. Thou shalt also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.

#### Old Tombstone Epitaphs

- In a cemetery in England: Remember man as you walk by, As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so shall you be. Remember this and follow me. To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone: To follow you I'll not consent, Until I know which way you went. *Source Unknown.*
- On a grave from the 1880's in Nantucket, Massachusetts: Under the sod and under the trees, Lies the body of Jonathan Pease. He is not here, there's only the pod. Pease shelled out and went to God.

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# *Program Review*

*By David Kriba, Program Chairman*

9 June 2007 – **Potluck and summer book sale.** We had a good time updating ourselves on the extensive resources in our own Library and talking genealogy, along with a dish of our own and some books to donate and to purchase for summer reading. Genealogical books were available from BCGS new and used books.

## **WHAT ABOUT YOU?**

A lot of people are like wheelbarrows...not good unless pushed.  
Some are like cycles... they need to be peddled.  
Some are like kites...not kept on a string, they flyaway.  
Some are like kittens...they are more contented when petted.  
Some are like balloons...full of wind and ready to blow up.  
Some are like trailers...they have to be pulled.  
And some are like the North Star...always there when you need them-loyal and true.  
Which are you?

## *Upcoming Programs*

**13 October 2007 - Creative Memories - Maybe The Belknap Family** - One of Benton County's earliest families - with Janice Barclay

**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 continuing **GET WELL** wished to Danell Aukerman, Jean Grube, Lee Rudisill, and Charlene Talbot. We hope you are feeling better soon.

## *Membership*

### New member

Hilda Snyder

### Renewal

Roberta Bier

Leila Crawford

Pat Rawlinson

## *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*



Danell Aukerman

228 NE Azalea Dr  
Adair Village, OR 97330

## Queries

Gene Newcomb has been in touch with Ms. Strouse. The gist of her problem is to tie **Jacob P. Hummer** of St. Joseph, Michigan with the Jacob P. Hummer who is buried in Mt. Union Cemetery. The death notices of both **Jacob and Martha Hummer** were just that, no obituaries, so they had very little information in them. What is missing is some indication of where 'our' Jacob came from, what regiment he fought with, when he got to Oregon, was he associated with the same church here as in MI, etc. Perhaps someone of our readers has some useful information, although I doubt it, since apparently no Hummer children came to Oregon.

An Ancestral File entry in **FamilySearch.org** comes to the same conclusion about a second marriage for Martha and lists her maiden name as **Allen**. It does not link the two Jacobs together.

Ms. Strouse wrote: "I believe that the marriage of Jacob and Martha was the second marriage for both. Jacob P Hummer married my g-g-grandfather's sister **Catharine Zimmerman** around 1856 and by the early 1860's they settled in St Joseph Co, Michigan, where his occupation in the census was listed as a house carpenter. He was in the 155th Indiana Infantry in the Civil War. They had three children, two boys and a girl. Catharine died in 1892 and the tombstone reads in part "**wife of Rev. J P**". (Have no idea if he was a part time preacher or what). There is no tombstone for Jacob which lead to additional research and to the possibility that Jacob remarried in Oregon. I am trying to come up with something concrete that connects the Oregon Jacob with the Michigan one.

"There is a **Martha Harris** listed in the 1880 census for Benton Co., Oregon as the wife of **B F Harris**. The only other person in the household was a boarder.

"The mention of the son in the death notice may be one of Jacob and Catherine's children as the 1900 and 1910 censuses indicated Martha had no children (I have found all three of Jacob and Catharine's children in the 1900 census (in Michigan, Indiana, and South Dakota), one son and the daughter in the 1910 census, and the daughter in the 1920 census)."

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Mike Nichols or Gresham, OR is looking for information about the Henkle Association, Hi would like to know where the record are and any other information about the Association he can get.

## *Upcoming Events*

**September 29, 2007—Seattle Genealogical Society Fall Conference—Guest Speaker: Hank Z. Jones, FASC.**

**October 6, 2007—The Genealogical Forum of Oregon** is sponsoring their **Oregon Fall Seminar and Fair** from **9 am to 3:30 pm** at the **Milwaukie Elks Lodge**, 13121 SE McLaughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, OR. The speaker will be **Paul Milner**, a specialist in **British Isles** research. Driving directions and a description of Mr. Milner's topics are provided in the seminar flyer at: <http://www.gfo.org/edu/oct2007sem.pdf>

**October 8-12, 2007—Salt Lake City, UT—7th Annual British Institute**, holding a week of study in the areas of British Isles, at the FHL. Website: <http://www.isbgfh.org>

**October 27, 2007—Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society Fall Seminar.** Featured Speaker: **Barbara Vines Little**, President of NGS.

## *Now Online*

The list of genealogy periodicals available at Oregon State Library listed by state or general area is now online at the WVGS web site at:  
<http://oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml>

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# News From the Library

Sandra Potter, co-Librarian

Library News-- Summer Edition

Inventory was conducted in June and, with the help of efficient volunteers Ted Gump, Ken & Julie Beilman, Bill Gleaves, Leila Crawford, Damaris Reynolds, Nancy Basque, Dave Kribs and Janice Barkley, it went very well. We turned up about a half-dozen books that had been "lost" for several years but there are still a few that have not yet been found. There may be some duplicates available to members, after one more "look around" to make sure the records are correct. Thanks to Susan Hayes for her generous donation of 79 issues of the Seattle Genealogical Society publication which has allowed us to complete our collection of this periodical. Thanks also to Ted Gump, Gene Newcomb, and Hilmer Schmidt for their recent donations of periodicals.

Number	Category	Author	Title
2453	F	H Bonne & Shaup	Shaup Family History 1773-1993; blue HB
2454	FH	Wells	Wells Chronicles; Green notebook
2455	OR	N. Lincoln	North Lincoln County, Vol. 1, Pioneer & Hist. Assn.
2456	New Eng	Titcomb	Early New England People (Ellis, Pemberton, Willard, Titcomb, Sewell, Longfellow); Red PB; gift of Damaris Reynolds
2457	NH	Whittemore	In the Shadow of the Manadock, Cheshire Co.; Tan PB; gift of Damaris Reynolds
2458	PA	Dunaway	Scotch-Irish in Colonial Pennsylvania; Black HB; gift of Damaris Reynolds
2459	FH	Carter & Parks	Carter: Some descendants of Rev. Thomas C. of Woburn, MA-1635; Green PB; gift of Damaris Reynolds
2460	OR	Springer	A History of Philomath College (Benton Co); blue PB
2461	NY	Central NYGS	Six Generation Ancestor Tables - Book 1; White PB; Irene Harding Collection
2462	NY	Central NYGS	Six Generation Ancestor Tables - Book 2; White PB; Irene Harding Collection
2463	NY	Central NYGS	Six Generation Ancestor Tables - Book 3; White PB; Irene Harding Collection
2464	NY	Central NYGS	Six Generation Ancestor Tables - Book 5; White PB; Irene Harding Collection
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2550	ME	MCR	Maine Locality Catalog (3 fiche)
2551	CAN	MCR	Canadian Census Listings, 1666-1891 (2 fiche)
2552	MA	MCR	Leicester, MA, Vital Records to 1850
2553	OK	MCR	Oklahoma Locality Catalog (2 fiche)

## Corvallis Newspaper Project

The Benton County Genealogical Society Newspaper Project list that is posted on our Benton County web site is now also displayed at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library web site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

This index lists the names of individuals published in Benton County newspapers between 1865 to 1925. Beside each name is the date and newspaper title for a researcher to easily locate the information on microfilm. The microfilm reels are available at the Benton County Historical Museum and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Researchers may also find microfilm reels at Oregon State University, The Valley Library; University of Oregon, Knight Library, Eugene; and Oregon State Library, Salem.

Six volunteers are currently reading microfilm copies of Benton County newspapers. We need just one more volunteer in order to finish-up this long term project. Call Linda Olsen at 929-3843 if you are interested in volunteering.

See what has already been done by viewing the Benton County Oregon Gen Web page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/> and clicking on the "Surname References to Benton County Newspapers"

Linda Olsen

# In Memoriam

The Benton County Genealogical Society wishes to express Deepest Sympathy to the families of Wayne Anderson, Ralph Batchelor, and Kenneth Munford.

## OBITUARY

### Ralph Norris Batchelor

**Ralph Norris Batchelor** of Corvallis passed away peacefully on July 10th at his son's home in Lebanon. He was 94. He was born in Chapin, Michigan to Charles E. Batchelor and Amy Ramsey Batchelor. He married Virgie Lynette Powell on May 10, 1941, in Creswell.

Ralph was employed by the American Plywood Association. He was a World War II veteran and helped to found the Linn, Benton and Oregon ARC's. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Elks, and a life member of the Eugene Yacht Club.

He enjoyed sailing, skiing, photography and traveling.

Ralph was preceded in death by his beloved wife Virgie; son Ralph, Jr. "Skeeter"; sister Hazel Welch; and brother Miles Batchelor.

Survivors include daughter Lynette Batchelor; son Jon and wife Ellen Batchelor; daughter Neonta and husband Michael Bell; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made in Ralph's name to Meals on Wheels, Benton Hospice Service, and Dial-A-Bus, c/o Twin Oaks Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 14275 Riverside Drive, Albany, OR 97321.

## Websites

- Edythe, in our group, sent this for those of you who have ancestors that came to America in the last two centuries.  
Alas, all of mine came before 1839!  
Enjoy,----- Emily Aulicino

I'm not sure if you have this site for references. It was given to me the other day, while shopping. It is really a great site for folks with European ancestors, it was not helpful to my search however.

**findmypast.com:** Family History, Passenger Lists, Ancestry, Family.

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- A Fun Website: [www.sonsanddaughtersofnewbury.org](http://www.sonsanddaughtersofnewbury.org)
- **Oregon:** [arcweb.sos.state.or.us](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us) takes you to the **Oregon State Archives site** (<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/genealogy.htm> to go directly to the genealogy section). This will tell you what vital records are available at the county and state level. Also, the Oregon Historical County Records Guide includes maps, county and office histories, scenic images, and a comprehensive descriptive inventory of selected records for each of Oregon's 36 counties. The Oregon Historical Records Index is a searchable index access to surname and other entries compiled from a selected list of records held by the Oregon State Archives.
- **Washington:** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx) takes you directly to searching the Digital Archives at the Washington State Archives. With 24,069,239 preserved online, you can search the returns for Washington's first election in 1854, vital records, naturalization records, and military records.
- **Ancestry.com:** An important point that was pointed out to the volunteers and staff at the training session at Ancestry.com on June 12 was that it is important to look at specific databases, not just do a general search from "Home". By searching the databases with a general subject, then selecting ones that are appropriate to your search, you may find what you are looking for. Using Jim Wilhite's information on when his ancestor should have come from Norway, the passenger list for Jim's ancestor and his family was found fairly easily

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

**2 October** for the **13 October** meeting. **Cookies—Gene Newcomb**  
**30 October** for the **10 November** meeting. **Cookies—Dave Kribs**  
**27 November** for the **8 December** meeting. **Cookies—Betty Brummett**

## 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!**

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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