



NewsLetter

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13 October Program

Marlene McDonald, Philomath Local Historian, will talk about the early history of Philomath leading up to this month's Philomath 125th anniversary.

Genesis, or In the Beginning

By Richard Cobb

First - My Grandfather and Grandmother on my Dad's side were Jack Wisdom and Emeline Brown, both of English descent (will explain later) and to them were born 15 children. I only know who 9 of them were - Jasper Wisdom, aunt Nan Wisdom, Uncle Frank wisdom, Sloman Wisdom, Martha Wisdom, Alice Wisdom, George Wisdom, (Caroline Cole's father), William Wisdom and my father James Monrow Wisdom.

As I can name them now, Mother's side was Grandpa Sam Turnbough, and Grandma Rachel Osher. Sam Turnbough was ¼ Indian - Grandma Osher was English. Grandpa Sam Turnbough was a big man and had brown eyes with black hair. The Turnboughs came to Missouri up the Mississippi River to the little trading post called St. Louis, Missouri on rafts dressed in buckskins and moccasins. From St. Louis they went west following the Missouri River as far as central Missouri. They were trappers and fur traders, many many years ago in that territory and were among the early settlers there.

We know the Wisdoms, the Browns and the Oshers originally came from England. This gives you an idea of the origin of the Wisdom Family. The proof is that I have a son, Gene, your cousin who was in South America a few years ago and when he returned was sent to Harvard University for a course of study. When he registered and filled the application for entrance, a lady registrar was helping. She saw Gene write my name on the Mother's maiden name line and said, "Wisdom, she is English, so is my Dad", "I was born in England and would you believe my own name is Ann Wisdom, and England is full of Wisdoms So you know you do have some English origin.

My Mom's brothers and sisters in the Turnbough family were Uncle Ivory Turnbough, Uncle Allen Turnbough, Uncle Hiram (Hi) Turnbough, Aunt Emma Brown, Aunt Elizabeth Peck (married Names) and Jane, my Mother.

When the Civil War came along my Dad was 12 years old (1861) and Mother was 9, however, they didn't know each other then. Her two brothers and father were called up and fought for the Confederacy. My Dad's two brothers were called and were in the Union Army. As we all know it was considered one of the bloodiest of wars in our history. I don't know Dad's two brother's war record, but Mom told me about her family's record. Uncle Ivory and Uncle Hi Turnbough were called early in the war and Grandpa was called near the end when younger boys 14 years of age and their fathers went.

Grandpa had asthma very bad so Hi and Ivory got permission to return home to help their father and see that he got to their unit but the saddest is, he never had a chance. They left by horseback and almost made it back to the Army when they stopped to let their horses drink in a little stream. All at once, gun fire was opened against them. The boys escaped but couldn't get back to him. Riddled with bullets, he was left by the little stream stripped of all cloths except underwear. Gone was his horse, saddle and saddle bags on which his initials were engraved, the boys didn't dare go back. They went on, thinking he might be lucky to come later but no one knew his fate for several days.

They said Grandpa had lain there two or three days 'till two women on horseback came through and almost stepped on his body, before they saw him. These two women took him and prepared him for burial. None of the family knew of it for many days because there was nothing left for identification, but they were told, from someone, that Grandpa had 30 bullets fired into his body, however, no other information could be obtained. The details eked out by bits. (But in the details of one Sunday later, I'll describe those days of the saddlebags and the boys).

...To be continued in next Newsletter

Program Review

By David Kribs, Program Chairman

8 September 2007 - **Show 'N' Tell** - Genealogical Experience members and friends had this summer. Bill Gleaves filled us in on his genealogy trip to Virginia, the National Archives, Jamestown, etc. He along with many others—always interesting as to how real people achieved success in their genealogical searches..

Upcoming Programs

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

8 December 2007- Christmas Party and fund-raiser Auction

12 January 2008 - Creative Memories

PAINT PARTY

Tuesday 16 Oct 07 (9a - 4p). As part of our agreement with the Museum over our continued use of the Annex we have volunteered to help maintain it. Besides donating \$500 toward fixing the roof, we agreed to paint the living room and the hall.

It may be that we can touch up some of the paint, which we will try on the 16th. However, the base boards and the adjacent flooring need scraped, cleaned, sanded, and repainted. This likely will require reclining on the floor (a little dirty). We'll try to have sandpaper, solvent, rags, water-base paint, tape, newspapers, a tarp, painters plastic sheeting, some brushes, scrapers, etc. Be sure to wear old paint cloths— bring scrapers, rags, and brushes if you have any.

Come help awhile if you can or bring your grandkids. You can contact [davidkribs@hotmail.com] 929-6079 or Bill Gleaves.

Last Chance To Donate!

Christmas Raffle Item Sought

We are still seeking a raffle item for our Christmas program. In order to sell tickets, it is necessary that we receive a donation by November 10!

If you have an item of more than a nominal value please consider a donation right away as a possible raffle item for December (donations do qualify as charitable tax deductions).

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.

Membership

New members

Gene & Patricia Gale
.Carol Ann & Richard Lantz

Renewals

Betty Brummett
Richard Cobb
Priscilla & Garvin Crabtree
Margaret Fox
Teri Greene
Joan Mueller

Kathryn Honey
Gene Newcomb
John & Sandy Potter
Lee Rudisill
Damaris Reynolds

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.

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppo

Danell Aukerman

228 NE Azalea Dr
Adair Village, OR 97330

Queries

HENKLE FAMILY QUERY

In response to Mike Nichols' query in the BCGS 8 Sep 07 newsletter. We have the minutes of the *Henkle Family Association Western Section* in our library. Only they are from 1909 and 1919. Included are personal accounts concerning the family and the 1858 Henkle families Wagon Train ending at their settlement in Pleasant Valley (west along hwy 34 going out of Philomath). The family was active in the early affairs of Philomath and Corvallis—building a saw mill (the second in Benton County) and involved in establishing the Colleges which lead to the present Museum building and to OSU. Mainly, it appears their interest may have been to sell them some lumber—which they did.

The pamphlet has maybe 100-200 pages of what should be worthwhile information. Send us your address and some money \$15-20 and we'll copy it for 10¢ a page plus postage. You can contact [davidkribs@hotmail.com] 541-929-6079.

CAMPBELL FAMILY

I would like to know if anyone has experience with finding births from the early 1940's in the St. Mary's Catholic Church baptismal records. I have a query client that would like information on the daughters of Clarence L. and Zita L. Campbell, Karen and Cherry.

The Campbells lived in Corvallis in the 1960-1980 period and may have been here earlier. Their daughters were born in the decade after 1943, so no record from the Census is yet available. I can do the lookups if there is a chance of finding them.

I can be contacted at newcombg@cmug.com

HURD FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH

I've "rescued" an old photograph which is identified as "Mr. HURD, Aunt Ella, and John". The photograph was taken at the Novelty Studio in Santa Cruz, California, likely sometime in the 1880's with the couple appearing to be in their 30's and with a boy about 4 years old. I'm hoping to locate someone from this HURD family so that this precious old photograph can be returned to the care of family.

If you are a member of the family, or if you know someone who might be, please contact me.

Thanks,

Shelley Cardiel cardiels@comcast.net

AS LEAVES ON THE TREES JS THE LIFE OF MAN.

Homer

Grave Witching

Some persons refer to the practice as "Grave Dowsing". There are several versions of 'witching'; but some claim you can determine whether the grave is occupied by a man or woman.

Hold two pieces of L-shaped wire in each hand. Grasp them by the handles but do not hold them tightly, and aim them out in front of you. Walk across each grave and the wires will show whether it be a man or woman. If they cross, it's a man, and if they open outward it's a woman. If you decide to experiment, go to a cemetery with headstones and discover what the wires can show you.

WARNING: Some people do not believe in "witching" and the practice may not work for everyone, but it will be fun to try.

Source unknown

Reprinted from the Heritage Newsletter, Volume 21, Issue 09, page 81, September 2007.

IIOF Cemetery Records Updated, 2007

Dorothy Brandner of Eugene, a guest at our September meeting, brought a huge notebook containing information she has collected on the Corvallis IOOF Cemetery. She donated this documentation to our Benton County Genealogical Society Library. Her care and dedication to detail is evident in the documentation and database she compiled while working closely with the IOOF Cemetery manager and using original Oddfellows records for Barnum Lodge #7 in Corvallis. In addition, Dorothy was extremely helpful in creating an up to date IOOF Cemetery index that we posted on our Benton County GenWeb cemeteries page, a very welcome addition. Many genealogy researchers will benefit from her effort.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/Cemeteries/IIOFintro.html>

DNA Kits

By Gene Newcomb

I have made inquiries about doing a group collection of cheek swabs for FREE DNA analysis by Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. The Foundation does analysis of mitochondrial DNA on all samples and Y chromosome analysis on samples from men. They will hold the sample and later plan to do even more extensive analyses of the rest of the contributor's chromosomal DNA. The donations are shielded so that no living persons can be identified. However with your knowledge of your own pedigree you can determine the mutations in your sample and compare them to others. In addition you can determine your specific haplogroup affiliations from their data. The person giving the sample for analysis is obliged to submit a four generation ancestry chart with dates of significant events and localities with the sample.

I would like to get an idea of the number of kits that I should order. You could get a kit not only for yourself but also other family members. I will be using a kit for my daughter and her husband, for instance. I will poll the people at the October meeting, but I know that not all of you will be there, so if you are interested, you may contact me by e-mail at newcombg@cmug.com or through the BCGS at P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370. If you do not have a computer, you can still participate. I or other BCGS members would be willing to get your results from the Sorenson website. I will also consult on the analysis of the data you obtain. My thought is to try to have the kits available on or before the December meeting so that they could be used for relatives visiting at Christmas. Please let me know by October 27th if you are interested.

For everyone's information only: Here's the response I got from Sorenson Foundation. I am going to write her about getting the flier to include in our newsletters.

Thanks for your interest in doing a group collection with us. We are really excited to work with you in this. Please let me know how many kits you would need and by when. What kind of group will you be collecting for? Scout group, genealogy group, family reunion or other? We have flyers that you can pass out to people to explain to them how this works. Let me know if you have any questions.

Anna Swayne Project Coordinator

Genetic Genealogy

I just wanted to share with you this article as it relates to the Northwest and Genetic Genealogy. It also shows you from the first paragraph that we have a long way to go in helping people understand Genetic Genealogy and the migration of humans. http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003893154_kistlerprize20m.html

Enjoy,
Emily Aulicino

NEW OFFICERS

It's the Society's new officer time again. Anyone interested in anything—contact our totally inept nominating committee chairman David Kribs or our totally competent President Bill Gleaves. Last year we came up with the concept of having co-officers. This has worked well as you have a chance to initially get the feel of things (especially some of our extensive genealogy resources) without the total responsibilities of office.

Please help we need you.

News From the Library

Sandra Potter, co-Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2465	HT		Family History Conference, 2007, Corvallis (white notebook); Gift of Linda Olsen
2466OR		Brandner	Benton Co, Odd Fellows/Pioneer Cemetery Records (compiled 2006-07); Gift of Dorothy L. Robinson Brandner
2467	OR-VF	Carey & Hainline	Linn Co, "Shedd"
2468	CD-CAN	Family Search	1881 Canadian Census (4 CDs); Gift of Gene Newcomb

Several items were found during inventory and have been returned to the library listings:

1328	HT-VID	Video Knowledge	Genealogist's Video Research Guides, Part IV, Missing since 2002
720	OR	Gen. For.	Portland Donation Land Claims, Index Missing since 2002.
853	US-SL	US Gov't	Catalog of 1790-1890 Fed Pop Census Data Missing since 2002
1983	MA	Galvin	Cities and Towns of Massachusetts, Historical Data. Missing since 2002
1354	CA	Siskiyou Cty H.S.	Siskiyou County Historical Soc, Vol 1, #4, Yearbook, 1949 Missing since 2002

New NARA Rates

The National Archives has published its new copying fee schedule which became effective October 1. As part of the change, a Civil War pension file up to a 100 pages will cost \$75. For each page over 100, the cost will be \$.65 per page. For the full details, including the new fee amounts and comments regarding the responses to last spring's announcement see the article in the Federal Register at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E716233.pdf>

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Websites

- **For anyone with British Isles connections....**

Forgive the cross-posting, but all of you have a delete button! <VBG>

Check out the following

http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/e-h/face.html?intcmp=docpage_box1

If the link is split, copy both parts to the Address webpage.

This is very interesting....I don't know how long it will be available, however. Some programs are removed after a few days.

From Emily Aulicino

- This website includes a number of small town newspapers from almost every state and the information varies by newspaper. http://www.smalltownpapers.com/list_main.htm

From Marlene Walen

- On another website is a list on which you can download actual copies of death certificates from Missouri.

<Http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>

From Jim Willhite

The last two websites were reprinted from The WVGS Newsletter, Vol. XXIX, No. 10, October 1007.

- **Georgia**

www.georgiaarchives.org takes you to the Georgia Archives. Clicking on the Virtual Vault logo then takes you to Georgia's Virtual Vault, a searchable digital database. It includes maps, photos, wills, Confederate Army records, Pension Applications, Colonial Will books, and many more resources.

Reprinted from WVGS Newsletter Volume XXIX, Number 8, August 2007.

CLASSES OFFERED

Greetings folks!

Some of you may be getting this a second or third time depending upon which classes you attend and on what email lists. There was an interested lady in the last GFO DNA Interest Group meeting who wanted to come to the Woodstock class, but I didn't get her name or email, if anyone remembers her and can provide that information. Thanks! I just wanted all of you to know that IF our Woodstock writing class is larger than the one I am teaching downtown this fall, then we will have a guest speaker for one session. If the Woodstock class is smaller than the Elm Court Loaves & Fishes, then the speaker will be there. The speaker is George Sidline who was born in Japan just before WWII and was raised there during WWII. He has written these memories and is published. I'm sure you will greatly enjoy him. He was in The Oregonian a few weeks ago, if you saw the article.

My classes are as scheduled:

Writing Your Memoir Ages 18 & up

Tuesday 12:30-2:30 pm 10/23-12/11

Emily Aulicino

503-771-4130

aulicino@hevanet.com

Call Woodstock Community Center at **503-823-3633** on Monday from 3:30-8:30 pm or Wednesday 5-8:30 pm.

OR

Call Mt. Scott Community Center 503-823-3183, any time during normal business hours.

Another Class:

Writing Your Memories class

Elm Court Loaves & Fishes

1032 SW Main, on the corner of SW 11th & Main.

Wed. October 24 - Dec. 12, 1- 3 pm.

Open for registration August 13

Email www.portlandparks.org or people can call the reservation center **503.823.2525** and register over the phone with a credit card.

Another Class: NOTE: You must be a member of the MAC Club or know someone who is and come as their guest.

“Memoing” My Memories

A Simple Technique for Writing Childhood and Family Stories

Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC) in Portland, OR

Wednesdays, Oct. 31 – Nov. 14, 3 weeks

10 a.m. – noon; **Cost:** \$30

Quick Register MEXXX

Everyone would love to find a journal or diary of their ancestors. Where's yours? Many people neglect recording their own history and that of their immediate family. Many do not have the time to start or know where to begin. This class will provide a format for genealogists and non-genealogists to easily write memoirs for their family and descendants. Preserve those precious memories before they disappear! Class instruction provided by Emily Aulicino.

Please **let anyone you know about these classes**. Those who know me, know that I'm greatly interested in getting EVERY-ONE to write their family stories and memories. It is most important for our descendants...not just our children.

Thanks so much for all your kind support,

Emily

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

<http://genealem-geneticgenealogy.blogspot.com/>

Northwest Regional Coordinator and Speaker for ISOGG (<http://www.issog.org/>)

Administrator for ten FTDNA DNA Projects

PEOPLE ARE JUST AS HAPPY AS THEY MAKE UP THEIR MINDS TO BE.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Lane County Vital Records

As of April 2nd, Lane County community members are able to get their birth and death certificates from the Vital Records' new location at the M274 Lane County Public Health Annex Building, 135 E. Sixth Avenue in Eugene. The phone number for birth certificates is 541-682-4052, and for death certificates call 541-682-4640.

Birth certificates can be obtained online at:

www.lanecounty.org/HHS_Admin/OnlineBirthCertificates.ht

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NEW JUNCTION CITY HISTORY

A History of Junction City, Oregon by OGS member Linda Van Orden is now available at the OGS Library in Eugene. Linda 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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2008 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 2500 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, 2008. 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 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 2007 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

Individual Membership \$ 12

Family Membership \$ 15

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

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:
29 October for the **10 November** meeting. **Cookies—Dave Kribs**
26 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. 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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Number is last of year; 7=2007
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