

## Benton County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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### From the Desk of the President, Ron DeYoung

By the time you get this newsletter the day will be over an hour longer than the first day of winter and by the time we meet next, a full hour and a half longer. The day's length now increases over 2 ½ minutes per day so, can a colorful spring be far ahead? My camellia bush is already blooming brilliantly pink, green, long spikes of daffodils, saffron crocuses and shy, white

hellebore greet the day as the greening grass grows once more; we are so blessed to live in Oregon!

The January general meeting began with the installation of officers, the above photograph might be titled "A thorn amidst three roses"! Many of you probably know how wonderful these people are with whom I have the privilege to serve on our society's board; as is obvious at times during our general meetings, they keep me on track or at least try! I express my sincere appreciation for Linda as secretary, Katie as VP and Lois as treasurer and the other board members, Connie, membership and Sue, librarian; thank you to the many library staffers for your kind service as well.

We have an interesting program schedule for our February meeting (see next article), please note the several articles about upcoming conferences, workshops and sincere thanks to those who sent these notices to me. Note as well the article about our programs scheduled for the coming year, the majority of which are already in place; thanks to Katie for this organization and to the several members who made these possible. I very much appreciate the combined efforts of our membership that makes our society and its offerings interesting and dynamic, we are enriched by the combined participation and varied perspectives by our various members.

On my way into the historical society this past week I noted a large number of cars parked at the Annex and, opening the door stumbled upon the large writing group that has been meeting, there was a smile on every face, a great energy and a lot of participation as well; we look forward to the upcoming writers group presentation. I'm off to the Roots Tech conference in Salt Lake City in preparation for a half day family history fair planned in Corvallis on April 16, to train as a FamilySearch volunteer, spend time at the Family History Library and with my grandson's family, returning for our board and general meetings, tired and pumped!! Hope to see you soon and remember, **article submissions are always welcomed!**



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## February Program: "Offbeat Oregon History"

note by Ron DeYoung



Thanks to a suggestion by Lyle Utt, Finn J.D. John will present a program on **February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 am** in the Methodist church meeting room, the subject is a version of Oregon history that you may not have heard as yet; his material is fascinating!

Finn's bio: *He "is the author of Wicked Portland: The Wild and Lusty Underworld of a Frontier Seaport Town (The History Press, 2012), and the editor/annotator of The John Carter Trilogy of Edgar Rice Burroughs (Pulp-Lit Press, 2014), and produces the thrice-weekly Offbeat Oregon History podcast. He writes a locally syndicated weekly newspaper column titled "Offbeat Oregon History" (<http://offbeatoregon.com>), which runs regularly in 16 community newspapers in his home state. Finn also teaches New Media Communications at Oregon State University, specializing in trans-media franchises as a venue for creative expression. He can be reached via Twitter at @offbeatoregon or by e-mail at [finn@pulp-lit.com](mailto:finn@pulp-lit.com). "*

Put this on your calendar, you will find it fascinating as well!

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## Review of the January Program: Acadian Roots, a Brief History: by Lois Courtney



On Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 29 of us began our new year with Ron DeYoung's informative and inspirational presentation about his ancestral quest to Nova Scotia. Four decades ago Ron hit a brick wall, just 4 years into his research into his DeYoung family roots. In 1975 he found records of names in the Arichat area of Nova Scotia that were close to DeYoung, but not quite. In the 1871 census he found some "Duons", one of them a Benjamin, and then a next-door family with his grandmother's surname. He knew he was getting close.

He joined the Isle Madame Historical Society and the woman who responded to his inquiries was a distant cousin! Then in the fall of 2014 he took a road trip to Arichat and began his education about the history of the Acadians that were his ancestors. Because of the Expulsion (1755) of the Acadians from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P.E.I. by the British, envious of their farms and fisheries, the Acadians have done lots of research in order to discover relatives and families lost during those times. When he talked to local folks, his surname was familiar and they could point him to the area where his ancestors had lived. One man he met showed him his DeYoung family history back to the 1600s. Ron discovered that his ancestors had first been expelled to Virginia, refused entry then to imprisonment at Bristol, England before eventually returning to Nova Scotia.

After this trip Ron began even more extensive research, using books, maps, archives, and list serves. Part of his quest now became focused on understanding the tragic history of the Acadians. He located a 1772 ship manifest showing Pierre Duon arriving in Acadia, and Ron knew that the son listed on the manifest, Cyrien, was his family line.

Last fall, Ron made a longer trip to Nova Scotia. He spent time in the Halifax archives, in local societies, and libraries and met even more distant cousins. In addition to giving us suggestions on how to prepare for such a trip (insurance, email addresses, phone numbers, distances, priorities, opening hours) he emphasized how critical this research is for future generations: the tragic history of the Acadians and the struggles of his family over the years, are important for others to know and understand.

We were inspired by his story, and envious of the rich sources of information he uncovered and the help he got from the locals in Nova Scotia. And many of us also got a valuable history lesson about a group of people that we knew little about.



Did you get to see the impressive and tasty treats and cakes at the January gathering at the Annex? Thanks as well for those who provide the refreshments and Pegge Gee who assumed the responsibility to organize the calendar of those sharing refreshments! Yum!



**Carriage Me Back 1929:** Brownsville, Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: 10a - 3:30, Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>: noon – 4. “A somewhat historic, always enjoyable (and hysterical), community drama of life in a particular year in the history of Brownsville. Dressed in period costumes, local actors take on the personalities of well-known historical characters. Visitors ride in an open horse-drawn carriage from the Linn County Historical Museum to the 1881 Moyer House enjoying reenactments at stops along the way. For carriage ride ticket reservations call the Linn County Historical Museum (541) 466-3390. Cash or checks only - no credit cards. Skits will portray the history, attitudes and customs of 1929.

**Genealogy Classes at the Senior Center in Corvallis, by Danell Aukerman**

- Beginning Genealogy** - for those who are just starting their research  
Feb 10 - Mar 16, 1 - 2 PM in the Conference Room. \$25 if you live in the area, \$31.25 otherwise
- Intermediate Genealogy** - for those who already know the basic research techniques  
Mar 30 - May 4, 1 - 2 PM in the Conference Room. \$30 if you live in the area, \$37.50 otherwise
- Internet Genealogy Research** - prerequisite: research experience and some computer skills  
Bring a flash drive! May 19 - June 23, 1 - 2 PM in the Cyber Den. \$25 in area, \$31.25 outside

**BCGS 2016 Program Schedule**

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| February: <b>Offbeat Oregon History</b> , Finn JD John | July & August: <u>no meetings or programs</u>     |
| March: <b>RootsMagic</b> , Ann Smart                   | September: <b>“Show and tell”</b> , all members   |
| April: <b>Writing Group</b> , Sue V & Maridee          | October: <b>TBA</b>                               |
| May: <b>DAR</b> , Carla Frances, Jane Buck             | November: <b>Family Research</b> , Mary Gallagher |
| June: <b>Annual BCGS potluck</b>                       | December: <b>Holiday Auction</b>                  |



**Retirement of Family Tree Maker IS NOT HAPPENING!** This was just announced and there are **two** options for you offered by Ancestry, the parent company of FTM.

**Option 1:** stay with FTM which has been sold to MacKiev (yup, out of Kiev) who for the past 6 years has done the software development for FTM's MAC products.

**Option 2:** Switch to RootsMagic as they have formed a partnership with them to have data on either tree synch with the other.

You can read the details at the link below and I suspect FTM/Ancestry will be emailing you as well.

<http://blog.eogn.com/2016/02/02/family-tree-maker-to-be-continued-and-with-more-options-than-ever-before/> by Ron DeYoung



**Family History Library (SLC) class webinars and online handouts**, shared by Mary Dean

Class schedules for each month of the year will be added to the Family History Library's wiki page at the following link:

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_Library)

February's classes are found here:

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/images/5/5f/2016\\_February\\_FHL\\_Class\\_Calendar.pdf](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/images/5/5f/2016_February_FHL_Class_Calendar.pdf)

Handouts for webinars should be downloaded before the webinar and are found here:

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Class\\_Handouts](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Class_Handouts)

There is a **huge** collection of downloadable files on specific topics, in a quick scan, there were several I plan to use! Ever feel stuck without the ability to break through a "brick wall"? Check out this one, maybe it should be on everyone's to do list? It is mine!

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/images/9/9d/Solving\\_Tough\\_Research\\_Problems.pdf](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/images/9/9d/Solving_Tough_Research_Problems.pdf)

Thank you, Mary Dean! (article by Ron D)



### **Tech Corner! Turn Your Smartphone into a Wi-Fi Hotspot!**

Dick Eastman · January 4, 2016

"Would you like to access the web with your laptop or tablet computer while at a library or archive or most any other location? If a wi-fi network is available, that is easy to do. However, what do you do when you are not in range of a wi-fi connection? If you have a cell phone, there is an easy answer: "tether" the cell phone. Tethering allows

sharing the Internet connection of the cell phone with other devices, such as laptops.

Be aware that not all cell phones can be tethered, but the majority of them can. If your Apple iOS, Android, or Windows Mobile cell phone does have the capability to be tethered, the process is easy.

Step-by-step instructions are available in an article by Brian Burgess in the GizMag web site at <http://www.gizmag.com/how-to-turn-your-smartphone-into-a-wi-fi-hotspot/32544>.

**Warning:** be aware that some cell phone companies charge extra for tethering while others do not. Check your cell phone carrier's web page or call their customer service department for details."

*(Ron's note: For my own cell plan it costs about \$5/day, easy to turn on or off within a few minutes!)*





## **New Books and an Invitation to Join the Writers Group!** by Sue Vanlaere

We are starting 2016 with a number of new accessions to our Library. Many of them are gifts from members. Thank you! A number of the books are about writing family history, perfect for those who are in the writing group. We meet once a month on the third Tuesday, 1-3 pm, in the Annex. Everybody welcome!

### **WRITING BOOKS:**

- Getting Ready to Write: Write Your Family History by Lynn Palermo
- Authentic Ancestors: Write Your Family History by Lynn Palermo
- Writing Family History and Memoirs by Kirk Polking (gift of Nancy DeBoie)
- To Our Children's Children: Preserving Family Histories for Generations to Come by Bob Greene and D.G. Fulford (gift of Nancy DeBoie)
- One Memory at a Time: Inspiration & Advice for Writing Your Family Story by D.G. Fulford (gift of Nancy DeBoie)
- Notes on the Kitchen Table: Families Offer Messages of Hope for Generations to Come by Bob Greene & D.G. Fulford (gift of Nancy DeBoie)
- Listening Is an Act of Love by Dave Isay (gift of Ron DeYoung)
- Old Friend from Far Away by Natalie Goldberg (gift of Sue Van Laere)

### **FAMILY HISTORIES**

- A Genealogical History of the Easter-Oster and Anderson Families from Europe to the Midwest by Richard Leon Provost
- Descendants of Roger Williams, Book V by Elsie Bushnell Williams (gift of David and Lyle Utt)
- Redfield Family by John Howard Redfield

### **MAPS**

- Atlas of the State of Illinois and Illustrations, 1876 Reprint* by Mayhill Publications, Knightstown, Indiana (gift of Raymond Stone family)
- 1872 Historical Topographical Atlas of the State of Pennsylvania, Reprint* by The Bookmark, Knightstown, Indiana (gift of Raymond Stone Family)

### **OREGON**

- At the Hearth of the Crossed Races: A French-Indian Community in Nineteenth-Century Oregon, 1812-1859* by Melinda Marie Jette (gift of Ron DeYoung)

### **OTHER** (Pamphlets for Vertical File)

- Tracing Your Ancestors in Ireland* by National Tourism Development Authority (gift of Nancy DeBoie)
- A Short History of Thetford, Vermont 1761-1870* by Charles Latham, Jr.



It is the First of the Month, ***Back Up Your Files!!***



**Old Family Recipes Needed for our Society Web Page**  
by Linda Olsen

As you go through your boxes of treasured keepsakes, maybe you will discover a “recipe” for other purposes besides food. This recipe was lovingly shared between two sisters; however, I am not recommending that anyone actually try it. This “recipe” is an example of how my ancestors tried to care for themselves and their families without a doctor. In this case, the sister who wrote down this recipe may have followed the advice of an older woman, Sarah Jeffries, who lived at Yaquina Bay. Sarah Jeffries was known to use roots and herbs for medicinal purposes. It is part of my family history that my great aunt who lived at Newport knew her and even lived with Sarah Jeffries’ family for a time as a young woman. This “recipe” for curing biliousness was in a letter between the two sisters and dated 1910. It is meant only for your enjoyment, but after reading the ingredients, you probably would never ever want to try it anyway. It is transcribed as written.

The obituary for Sarah Jeffries is included as support for her knowledge of herbery in caring for the sick in the area surrounding Yaquina Bay. Courtesy of Chuck Moody at the Yaquina Bay Genealogical Society 2002

## Sarah A. Jeffries Passes

Sarah A. Jeffries, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Emery, in this city last Friday, April 16, at the age of 99 years, four months and ten days, was born in Tennessee December 6, 1820.

From Tennessee her parents moved to Missouri, thence crossed the plains by ox-team to Oregon in 1860, settling near Buena Vista. A few years later she married Oliver Jeffries of Yoncalla. In 1870 the family moved to Yaquina Bay, taking up a homestead just north of Newport. There were not many white settlers here at that time, of whom were Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Abbey, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bensell, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Case, Mr. and Mrs. L. Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. John Nye and a few others.

The deceased raised a family of four daughters and two sons. Of these three daughters survive: Mrs. W. G. Emery, of Newport; Mrs. M. J. Connor, of Brulay, Cal., and Mrs. Melinda Plumner, of San Diego, Cal.

While yet a girl in her southern home Mrs. Jeffries learned much of the medicinal properties of roots and herbs from an old German physician who made his home with her people. In the early days of this western coast there were neither doctors nor drug stores and Mrs. Jeffries was often sent for in cases of severe sickness. Taking her basket of herbs she would start out on foot along the lonely trails, at times going as far as Elk City. She would often remain away from home a week or ten days. Occasionally a month or six weeks of nursing and doctoring was necessary to effect a cure but once called in she never quit till, as in most cases, her patient recovered.

She remained strong and vigorous until she reached her late nineties, and cast her first vote at Nye Creek precinct when Oregon women were granted suffrage.

Since January of this year she has been bed-fast, failing rapidly during the past few weeks. Together with her husband, two sons, John and Robert, and one daughter, Mrs. S. L. Chambers, she now rests in Eureka Cemetery overlooking the old homestead where in pioneer days she helped to blaze the trails, the first step in the development of the beautiful Yaquina country.

## A Cure for Biliousness

Quinine 1 dr., oil of wintergreen 1 teaspoonful, oil of peppermint 5 drops, oil of lemon 15 drops, alcohol ½ pt., water ½ pt., sulfuric acid 30 drops, mix well then add Peruvian bark finely pulverized 2 oz., rhubarb root also finely pulverized 2 oz., Simple syrup or molasses to make all 1 qt. Those who are acted upon easily by cathartics cannot have more than half of this quantity of rhubarb. Let such have it made accordingly. The object of its use is to just keep the bowels solvent not loose like diarrhea. The quinine, oils, and acid should be put into the alcohol first then the water and afterward the bark and rhubarb and then the syrup or what would be a little more palatable would be to steep the peruvian bark and rhubarb root in as little water as will answer then strain off into the mixture and steep again to get all

the strength by pressing out the second time then make up the quart with syrup as this avoids the sediment of the bark and root in taking off the medicine as some people object to taking the medicine with powders in it. It may be taken at once if well shaken or if shaken 2 or 3 times daily for a week. After that it may be taken without shaking as the strength of the Peruvian and rhubarb will by that time be attracted. Dose for adults 1 or 2 teaspoonsful 4 times daily at meals and bedtime. For a child of 12, half dose. If very bilious take full cathartic dose with (?) any medicine to move the bowels freely.

ENVELOPE POST MARKED: June 15, 1910, Newport, Oregon  
ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: Mrs O.J. Worthington  
864 Powell St.  
East Portland, Oregon

Contact information: send recipes, scanned, typed or handwritten to Linda Olsen by:

E-mail (see address in the newsletter), or  
Mail: BCGS, Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370, or  
Give me a copy at our next meeting!



## Western Institute Genealogy July 28 -29, Summer Genealogy Fest July 30

Please note this offering which was shared by several members, thank you!

There is often a group of BCGS members who carpool to Eugene for this event.

Taken from the website:

“There are two events this year and each has it's own registration page. They are individually listed under the tabs of the Summer Genealogy Fest and the Western Institute of Genealogy on

the website. [gcoconference@gmail.com](mailto:gcoconference@gmail.com). Flyers and registration pages are available to print and share. The Summer Genealogy Fest is a one-day event and encourages all levels of family historians to attend. The two-day event, Western Institute of Genealogy (WIG) has limited spaces and will fill quickly. Please note that the WIG courses are for intermediate or advanced genealogists. We will soon open up registration for non-APG members, so get your seat soon!"



### Roots Quest 2016: Family History Conference

Forest Grove, Saturday, 19 March, 2016,  
9am - 4:30pm, free, and a *free lunch!*

Pre-registration, handouts and class information will be available beginning February 15<sup>th</sup> at: [www.roots.fgos.org](http://www.roots.fgos.org)  
The conference will offer many courses in both general and specific areas of research, course handouts may be downloaded even if you do not plan to attend. This was *excellent* last year, well worth the drive. The free lunch is offered to those who pre-register online, this begins February 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Conference location: 3661 Brook Street, Forest Grove 97116

by Ron DeYoung



### Irish Research *hosted by GFO*

If you have Irish ancestry, you know how challenging this research can be! These 2 different programs recommended by Susan Hayes will present two days of strategies by speakers from the **Ulster Historical Foundation**. Saturday includes emigration from Northern Ireland, church record, census substitutes and a focus on the 18<sup>th</sup> century; Sunday presents Land Records. Cost: \$40 pre Feb 9, \$45 after. Sunday, \$20 and

\$25. Additional \$5 for non-GFO members. See details at [http://www.gfo.org/IrishSeminar\\_Mar2016.pdf](http://www.gfo.org/IrishSeminar_Mar2016.pdf) which details registration; additional costs for meals and syllabi. **Locations:** Sat: Milwaukie Center, Sun in GFO Library, Portland. Questions? [seminar@gfo.org](mailto:seminar@gfo.org)







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**BCGS General Meetings** held on the 2nd Saturday in the month September through June. The **February meeting will be on Saturday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** in the Social Hall of the College United Methodist Church, Philomath, everyone is welcome! The **program at 11 am** will be about **"Offbeat Oregon History"**, provided by Finn JD John, see article in this newsletter.

**Board Meetings** are held the Tuesday before the general meeting; in February the Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am-noon** in the Philomath Public Library meeting room, all members are invited.



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