

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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13 December Program

Our annual **Christmas Party and Auction**. This event has proven fun for many of us as a way of making our annual contribution to the Society's Book Fund as well as picking up some Christmas presents for the kids.

Bring items of nominal value for the auction to be conducted by our own master of fun and games, Ted Gump. Also bring a plate of goodies, maybe something other than cookies, to be consumed with what's left unsold at the end. We are going to try a little potluck again versus sitting around eating cookies so focus on other edible things this year, actually any other items are welcome.

BCGS Library Closure

The library will be **CLOSED** December 23 and December 30 and will re-open on January 6, 2009.

Surgeon General's Family History Initiative

The importance of family histories in health care has long been known, as some diseases do run in families. Tracing the illnesses suffered by your parents, grandparents and other blood relatives can help your doctor predict disorders to which you may be at risk, and take action to keep you & your family healthy.

To this end, the Surgeon General has launched a public health campaign to encourage all American families to learn more about their family health history. When families gather for holidays, it is an easy time to gather such health information. The Surgeon General has created a computerized tool to help it easy to collect family health history.

"My Family Health Portrait" is available at < <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov/> > There is also a version that can be downloaded on your own computer that can be accessed at < <http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/download.html> >

When you are finished organizing your family history information, the tool will create and print out a graphical representation of the history, indicating health disorders that may have moved from generation to generation. This is a powerful tool for predicting any illnesses for which you should be checked. Try this out at your next family get-together!

Oregon Encyclopedia

Portland State University, OR150, Willamette University, and the Oregon Historical Society are sponsoring the gathering of materials for *The Oregon Encyclopedia*, which will commemorate the 150th birthday of Oregon's statehood in 2009. If you would like to help with this endeavor, or contribute to an article, go to <http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/>, or call (503) 725-3990 for more information.

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New Immigrants to Canada Database

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the launch of an online database, **Immigrants to Canada**. The database contains Canadian immigration records held at LAC, many of which relate to immigrants from the British Isles arriving in Quebec and Ontario; also included are references to settlers in other provinces. Through this new database, researchers can access references to lists of immigrants and other types of records created before 1865, such as declarations of aliens and names of some Irish orphans. You are invited to visit the database at

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/immigrants-canada/index-e.html.

from NEHGS

Upper-Canada Missing Friends

Names of missing relatives in North America 1850-1900. Missing Friends Project on **OliveTreeGenealogy.com** is extracting the names of those who emigrated from the UK to America or Canada and were inquired about by family in various nineteenth century newspapers.

from Sno-Isle GS

OliveTree Genealogy

Olive Tree Genealogy also has Ships Passenger Lists: <http://olivetreegenealogy.com/>

Naturalization Records: <http://naturalizationsrecords.com/>

Upper Canada Genealogy & Resources: <http://olivetreegenealogy.com/can/ont/>

from Sno-Isle GS

Worldnames

A group at University College London has launched the Worldnames Surname Profiler on their PublicProfiler.org website. The site plots 8 million names, using data that comes from electoral rolls and telephone directories around the world. Covering 300 million people in 26 countries, users can see where certain surnames originated, and where they have migrated. **www.**

publicprofiler.org/worldnames

from NEHGS

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Genealogical Forum of Oregon

The GFO in Portland has over 30,000 books including all states and many countries, Native American, a CD collection includes PERSI, SAR, NEHGS, Federal Pension 1883 and more. They also have new computers, all with Ancestry Library Edition.

The GFO is located at 1505 SE Gideon St, Portland, Oregon, 97202. Phone: 503-963-1932. Website: www.gfo.org. The Genealogical Forum of Oregon invites you to research in our library for FREE the **first Monday** of each month, otherwise non-members pay a \$5 visitor fee.

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.

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



Membership

Renewals

Pat Coolican
Sandra & Dan Blakely
Jim Kohl
Adele Middleton
Dona & Lew Williams
Teri Greene

New

Pat and Dean Hart

Danell Aukerman

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Adair Village, OR 97330

danell@genealogybookshoppe.com

News From the Library

Sandra Potter, co-Librarian

<u>Number</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
2597	SCO-IRE	Dobson	Scots-Irish Links 1575-1725, Part 6; White PB
2598	SCO-IRE	Dobson	Scots-Irish Links 1575-1725, Part 7; White PB
2599	VA-CD	Fam Archives	Virginia Military Records: Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812
2600	US-CD	Fam Archives	Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750-1830 (Hinshaw)
2601	FH-GRO	Groves	GROVES, A Path to Dreams Fulfilled
2602	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 8/16/1881 2/21/1890; <u>DVD</u> ; #2.2
2603	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 8/8/1905 6/25/1909; #7.2 A&B
2604	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 5/13/1911 2/21/1912; #2
2605	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 2/2/1914 2/16/1915; #4
2606	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 2/16/1915 2/19/1916; #5
2607	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 6/27/1918 12/30/1920; #4.3 A&B
2608	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 2/19/1919 12/27/1919; #9
2609	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 10/1/1920 6/18/1921; #11
2610	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 11/6/1923 5/24/1924; #16
2611	OR-CD	Benton Co.	Corvallis Gazette, weekly & daily Gazette-Times, 12/22/1924 7/24/1925; #18
2612	OR	Oregon Maps,	State & County; Brown PB; Irene Harding Collection
2613	US-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 1; US, 84 books
2614	US-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 2; US, 15 books; Regional, 32; AL, 1; CT, 22
2615	CT-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 3; CT, 9 books; DE, 1; GA, 2; IL, 1; IN, 1; KY, 1; ME, 23; MD, 15; MA, 19.
2616	MA-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 4; MA, 72 books; MI, 1; MN, 1; MO, 2.
2617	NH-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 5; NH, 20 books; NJ, 28.
2618	NY-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 6; NY, 55 books.
2619	NY-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 7; NY, 26 books; NC, 9; OH, 22; PA, 22.
2620	PA-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 8; PA, 29 books; RI, 6; SC, 26; VT, 2.
2621	VA-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 9; VA, 27 books; WV, 1; Family Histories, 62.
2622	GBR-CD	Stemmons	Genealogical Library, Disk 10; ENG, 39 books; IRE, 10; SCO, 7; CAN, 5.

There are two sets of CD's that have been added this month. First, we have many of the Corvallis Gazette-Times reels that have been copied to CD's, so that they may be searched in conjunction with the list of names that have been abstracted by BCGS volunteers. The second set, "Genealogical Library" is an interesting collection of 705 books on the 10 CD's. We will have an index of the set available in the library, and a few copies for members, at the December meeting. If you find a particular book that is of interest to you, you may order that book from the Stemmons catalog, for prices starting at about \$2.00 each. The Stemmons catalog will also be available in the library.

A **reminder** that members may check out a maximum five library books, for one month, to enable others to make use of the library's collection. Books may be returned any time the library is open. Non-members are not allowed to check out materials.

Special Recognition

Many Thanks to Susan Hayes and Billie Hoornbeek for their assistance in typing articles for the newsletter.. Your assistance is deeply appreciated.

Program Review

By David Kriba, Program Chairman

8 November 2008 - Computers and Genealogy. We had a special meeting at the Family History Library on NW Harrison Blvd in Corvallis. After the business meeting, facilitators Pat Coolican, Margaret Fox, and Sandy Blakely organized one of the most useful programs we have seen in years—a hands-on program of what's available at the Family History Center.

Available from any computer with internet access <http://familysearch.org> will get you to the extensive genealogical information at Family Search. Another good source is Heritage Quest at www.thebestlibrary.net.joomla/content/view/85/95, available from home with a Benton County OR Library Card.

Scotch and Irish Surnames

Since there are Scotch and Irish names in abundance in Kentucky, and many have only a vague understanding of the many variations, we wish to point out several of the facts of such. Although many believe that "Mac" is Scottish and "Mc" is Irish, there is no basis to this. Both are found frequently in both Scotland and Ireland. Names are also found with a "M" prefix as well. Historically this was used to denote "son of." The prefix found on some names of "O," as "O'Malley," is a prefix originally used to denote "grandson of" but in some cases more to mean "descendent of." However, these all have been carried through by some lines and become a permanent part of the surname. Many families chose to drop the prefix. Some families, particularly Irish Catholics, maintained the "O" and the "Mc" on church records, but dropped it in civil records, which again makes some confusion. Then, many of these in the 1850's began to add the prefix back onto their names. Thus, in research, one should check the name both with and without the prefixes, and with all variations. Thus, one with an ancestral line of McDonald should search "McDonald," "MacDonald," "M'Donald," "O'Donald," and "Donald." The sex of an Irish ancestor cannot always be determined just by the name, since there are found many names that could apply to either male or female. "Sidney," for example, was usually a female and "Florence" was often a male name. "Evelyn," "Winifred," "Patsy," and "Nicholas" were used for both male and female. And there are others. Caution is urged.

Reprinted from "Kin Hunters" (Kentucky) Newsletter, Vol. 4, #1 (1990). Submitted by Richard Cobb.

Upcoming Programs

10 January 2009- Tentative Tour of new Museum facilities with Mary Gallagher

14 February 2009- Tentative- Excerpts from **the History Detectives**

14 March 2009- Researching the TOWN POOR PEOPLE with our own Billee Hoornbeek. Billee has collected data and information about the treatment (and documentation) of the town poor for the last 200 years. Billee has about ½ hour of presentation. We will need your items and experiences in researching for records of the poor to help fill out the program.

Confusing Definitions

Alias: Usually meant illegitimacy. Surnames of father and mother were joined.

Senior or Jr.: Did not necessarily refer to father and son. If two men in the town had the same name, the older was "Senior" even if they were not related. In earlier times, a father might have done the same in naming his sons.

Niece: Could refer to any female relative, but usually a granddaughter.

Nephew: Could be an illegitimate son, but usually a grandson.

Cousin: Might be a nephew or niece.

Brother: Could refer to an adopted brother, also could mean an in-law or lodge, or church brother.

Domestic: A wife would be called a domestic because she was "at home".

Gentleman: A male with an independent income – a pensioner.

Inmate: Someone who did not own real estate on which he resided, not one in prison.

Crazy: Usually mean a person who was ill or in general poor health, not necessarily mental illness.

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Using Domestic Names from the US Board on Geographical Names

The Board on Geographical Names, BGN, is a service of the US government and is meant to provide access to information about geographical locations. One small part of BGN, Domestic Names, contains more than two million physical and cultural features located throughout the US and its Territories. For more details see the Wikipedia articles on Board of Geographical Names (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Board_on_Geographic_Names).

The list of Domestic Names has several uses. I've used it for years to provide the county name to associate to the city and state name for facts I enter in my genealogy program. I've used it to find historic locations although it doesn't always have the name I desire. It also has the ability to show the location you found on a digital map such as Google Maps, USGS maps or Mapquest.

Access BGN at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>. Choose "Search Domestic Names". On the Query Form enter your desired location as the "Feature Name". You can further limit the search by specifying the State, State and County, and/or choosing a Feature Class (or select multiple feature classes). Click "Send Query" to get a screen of first 15 matches (if it redisplay the query screen, click "Send Query" again). Entering "Richland" returns 851 locations in several states including AR, GA, IA, IL, and WA so it is often best to limit your queries to a specific state. Searching for Richland limited to Washington state results in 19 matches. Each match reports the name of the feature, latitude, longitude and the name of the USGS map where it will be found.

Check out the available features classed – there are about 60 different features classes including school, airport, cemetery, populated place, post office, lake and river. Searching on "Cemetery" in Benton County, WA results in 5 cemeteries.

Clicking on one of the feature names brings up another screen with more detail about that location including a citation for the entry and the entry date. It also includes a box labeled Mapping Services. Choosing a mapping tool will let you view a map based on the latitude and longitude provided.

The Domestic Names on the BGN site are actively expanded. In the last 2 months the count for Richland went from 769 to 851 and that for Richland, in Washington from 16 to 19.

Check BGN out! Use it to provide details on geographic locations for you family history.

For a similar service for Canadian geographical features and other locations outside the US visit the Wikipedia page for Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_Names_Information_System and use the links in the External Links section.

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RAFFLE

We will begin selling tickets for an upcoming raffle in early 2009 at our December meeting: Items donated so far are your choice of either 2 hours computer help or 2 hours genealogy research from Margaret Fox, and from Bill Gleaves a one hour airplane ride over Corvallis, and possibly, from Tonia Rawie a beautiful white afghan. These items are of a greater value than our normal auction items. The drawings will be announced and held at later dates after we have sold enough tickets to cover the significant value of these donations.

Paper Saving

Paper was an expensive item in the 1700s and a few sheets might cost a day's wages. When someone did splurge and buy a sheet or two, he usually had a lot to write. Only one side of the paper was smooth enough to write on (remember those quill pens and sometimes lumpy ink), so letters started at the very top of the page; when full the paper was turned upside down and continued writing between the lines already written. It required keen vision to read and understand everything that was crowded into a letter.

I hope during this election time we will all remember these wise words: "I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend."

Thomas Jefferson

Reprinted from Distant Voices newsletter, Bend Genealogical Society, Vol. 15, No. 6, September 2008.

Websites

- **New OGS Website** —Work on designing a new website for our organization is progressing. Everyone will be informed when it has been completed. Watch for it to be posted on the front page of the newsletter.
New email: ogsinfo@comcast.net
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- Have you visited the website for **The National Archives and Records Administration** lately? They have done a wonderful job of increasing the amount of information available to researchers online. Visit www.Archives.gov today and browse through all of the other sections as well. You can jump right to the genealogy section by visiting: www.Archives.gov/genealogy
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Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

Benton County Marriage Records

Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924	\$25.00
Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945	\$25.00

WPA Historical Records

Benton County Interviews	\$35.00
Bible Records and Cemetery Records	\$10.00
WPA Commissioner Journals: Probate Court A & B, 1850 - 1856	\$20.00
Benton County Church Records (398 pages + All name index)	\$35.00

Benton County Cemeteries

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 1	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 2	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 3	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 4	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 5	\$25.00
Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 6 (not indexed)	\$10.00

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Melora Scanlon, Marketing Assistant, Genealogical Publishing Company

*There is a copy of the catalog in the BCGS Library.

2009 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 3000 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, 2009. 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 is 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 2009 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

Individual and Family Memberships \$15

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

In order for our society to provide you with more and better research material, we are asking you to provide us with the areas you are researching (cities, counties, states, countries) _____

Please provide us with the surnames that you are researching so that we can better assist you with your research (optional) _____

Upcoming Genealogical Events

- **January 10 - 18, 2009—Irish Genealogy Conference on board the Independence of the Seas, Royal Caribbean , Eastern Caribbean Cruise International.** Speakers include Valerie Adams, Public Record Office of Northern Ireland; Mary Ellen Grogan, TIARA, Boston; George B. Handran, Boston (Griffith's Valuation Specialist); Michael J. Leclerc, New England Historic Genealogical Society; and Gregory O'Connor, National Archives of Ireland. Cost: Pricing begins at \$900 per person for the cruise and \$75 for the conference. For cruise info. visit the TIARA (The Ancestral Irish Research Association) website at <http://www.tiara.ie>. For questions contact Mary Ellen Grogan at megrogan@ixx.netcom.com
- **May 13 - 16, 2009—NGS Conference in the States, Raleigh, NC.** "The Building of a Nation, From Roanoke to the West" will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center, 2 East South Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. (919)833-1120 or <http://cwp.marriott.com/rdumc/ngsconference> to make reservations. The conference rate is \$124 plus tax per night per room. Additional conference hotels in Raleigh are the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, (919) 834-9900 or www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/index/html and the Clarion Hotel StateCapitol, (919) 832-0501 or www.raleighclarion.com
- *Originally published in UpFront with NGS, The Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society. [Http://www.NGSgenealogy.org/html](http://www.NGSgenealogy.org/html) UpFront with NGS Volume 9, Number 9-1 September 2008.*

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:
29 December for the 10 January meeting. Cookies — Bill Gleaves

Membership Information

Names, email and phone numbers removed for security reasons.

**Dues are \$15.00 for single and families per calendar year.
Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.
Web page URL www.bcgs-oregon.org**

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

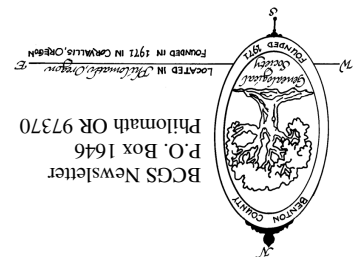
Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is **492**. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

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