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# Benton County Genealogical Society

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*The now-deserted cove where BCGS president Ron DeYoung's ancestors lived on Cape Breton Island in the 1800s. (Courtesy photo)*

>>>>By Ron DeYoung

## From the Desk of the President

**T**hanksgiving behind us, our general meeting in December will be a potluck followed by the annual auction.

Those of us here last year will remember what a fun time that was. We appreciate donations of items for the auction which should be brought that morning with you on Dec. 13, the results of which financially benefit the genealogical society. Circulated at the last general meeting was a list of items that often sell well.

Also on Dec. 13, we will have the votes counted and the election of officers announced. The installation of officers will occur at the January meeting.

Pictured above is a now deserted cove where my Acadian ancestors lived on a small Cape Breton Island in the 1800s; they returned and located here, resumed their lives as fishermen following the mass Expulsion of

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9  
10 A.M.-NOON**

### **BOARD MEETING**

Held each month on the Tuesday before the general meeting in the Philomath Community Library's meeting room. All members are welcome.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13  
10-11 A.M.**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Held the second Saturday from September through June. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the College United Methodist Church's Social Hall (1101 Main St., Philomath). Everyone is welcome.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13  
11 A.M.**

### **MONTHLY PROGRAM**

The Benton County Genealogical Society's annual potluck and auction will be staged in the College United Methodist Church's Social Hall (1101 Main St., Philomath) following the business meeting. For more information on this festive event, read "From The Desk of the President" on this page and "Holiday auction: What to Bring?" on page 3. This event represents a major fundraiser for the BCGS. Everyone is welcome.

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the Acadian people from the Maritime Provinces of Canada in the mid-1700s.

In the course of my research while on Cape Breton, I met a gentleman in a church cemetery and a woman at the local historical society, both of whom took the time to assist me. In the process, we learned that we were cousins!

When expelled from Canada, the Acadians were forcibly relocated to other countries, creating a diaspora and the great drive to find and record the location of families, friends and their descendants. Those records were meticulously maintained and made available to me by my newfound distant cousins.

This trip resulted in nearly 200 additional years of my ancestors' well-documented family history and verifies my French, M'kMaq (or Micmac) and Basque roots. The information that I have gained will keep me busy for many months to come!



Researching local Acadian history resources while there resulted in finding several now out-of-print books which I have since purchased online. These resources will permit placing these people in the times and events in which they lived, bringing them to life in the fabric of their world.

I can scarcely believe how absolutely fortunate and blessed I am. Once this is all processed, I would love to go back! Family history is such a wonderful and rewarding pastime.

## Insight on bringing our ancestors' stories alive

Norma Jean Kearsley provided great insights into how to turn our gathered family history into stories that would motivate others to learn the lives of our ancestors.



Writing with a view to the environments and times in which ancestors

lived, using "hooks," emotion and other techniques to create feelings and interest were among the many suggested writing mechanisms we can use.

Quite helpful was the suggestion to just start writing stories of an individual or family's experiences and then permitting a collection of individual stories to set a tone.

### November Program

Planning future revisions can free the family history writer from having everything "polished" and can help get us started for "the best writing involves rewriting."

Our collective thanks, Norma Jean, for your help to turn our assembled facts and data into the fabric and substance of the real people that preceded us!

— BCGS program committee

### STILL TIME TO VOTE

Please select or write in your choice for the positions listed & return to the December general meeting!

<b>BCGS Ballot</b>		
<b>President:</b>	Ron DeYoung	<input type="radio"/>
<b>(write in)</b>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>Vice Pres.</b>	Katie Ross	<input type="radio"/>
<b>(write in)</b>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Olsen	<input type="radio"/>
<b>(write in)</b>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lois Courtney	<input type="radio"/>
<b>(write in)</b>		<input type="radio"/>



The December General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13

LOCATED IN The Clatsop Oregon  
FOUNDED IN 1971 IN CORVALLIS, OREGON

# Holiday auction: What to bring?

The Benton County Genealogical Society's Holiday Auction and Potluck is coming up on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the monthly meeting. The event follows the 10 a.m. business meeting.

Members are asked to bring items for the auction. Of course, you might want to bring enough money with you to make sure to take home items you want for yourself or to give as gifts.

The holiday auction serves as an important fundraiser for the society, as well as an opportunity to find unique gifts.

In addition, don't forget to bring a food item to share for the potluck that follows the auction.

## BCGS Holiday Auction Suggested Items

- **Food (homemade items):** Breads, cookies, stollen breads, honey, jams, apple butter, wine, mixes in a jar (such as soups, chili, cookies)
- **Kitchen items:** Salt & pepper shakers, bowls, mugs (filled or not with festive items), pot holders, towels, pastry brush, package of premium coffee, Christmas cookie cutters, stamps (Rycraft)
- **Christmas/holiday:** Decorations, wall hangings, decorative storage containers, candy dish, decorative small bell, angel/small decorations, Christmas wreaths or swags (real or artificial), clock, basket of festive items
- **Books, maps, CDs, DVDs:** Genealogy, Christmas stories, decorative, children's books, photo albums
- **Fabric items:** Scarves, blankets (fleece, crochet, knitted), bags (handy carry-all), pillows
- **Surprise bag:** Filled with several wrapped small gift items)
- **Pet items:** Catnip decorative bags, photos, carvings, toys
- **Personal service:** Babysitting, genealogy research time, etc.

## >>>>THE CONFEDERATES WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL

From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (Nov. 5)

Many citizens of the Confederacy disappeared from public records at the end of the Civil War or soon thereafter.

Of course, record-keeping was spotty at best in the turmoil that followed the defeat of the Confederacy. If you can't find your relatives during that time, you might be tempted to say, "Oh well, he (or she) probably died in the war." Don't be so sure.

Americana is a small city about 100 miles from São Paulo, Brazil's largest city. The town was settled

by disgruntled American Confederates after their side lost the Civil War. Descendants of the original settlers still live there today, and most of them still speak English with a strong southern drawl.

After the Civil War, many families from the old South were left landless and destitute. They probably hated living under a conquering army of Yankees.

Brazilian emperor Dom Pedro II realized this group of disenfranchised Americans could be a solution to one of his problems: How to develop the sparsely-settled areas of his country.

He was especially interested in developing the cultivation of cotton, a crop well-known to the former Confederates. He provided incentives to people who knew how to raise cotton, offering land at 22 cents an acre with four years credit and passage to Brazil for thirty Yankee dollars.

Each family was encouraged to bring a tent, light-weight furniture, farming supplies and seeds, and provisions to last six months.

(Read the rest of the story and many links and references at: <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/11/05/the-confederates-who-moved-to-brazil/> — Shared by Ron DeYoung)



>>>>By Brad Fuqua, Newsletter Editor

## Treaties with tribes among newest Ancestry records

**A**ncestry.com recently added a new collection entitled, "[U.S., Ratified Indian Treaties and Chiefs, 1722-1869.](#)" This features 10,048 records with at least 64 of those directly involving Oregon tribes.

"This series of records reproduces ratified treaties that occurred between the United States government and American Indian tribes," Paula Stuart Warren of Fold3.com wrote for the Ancestry.com collection description. "Also included are related correspondence, a chronological list of the treaties and indexes by both place and tribe."

Document types include:

- Presidential proclamations: Signed proclamations by the president that affirmed the action of Congress.
- Pre-constitutional treaties: Before the United States was established, treaties were arranged between the British Crown, a colony or a state government.
- Correspondence: Letters to and from tribes, senators, local tradesmen, other local residents, missionaries and military officials while treaties were being arranged. As Ancestry.com points out, researchers may find material that includes a non-Indian ancestor.

### Oregonian makes moves to save history

Newspaper research has always played a major role in my research. Naturally, much of this probably stems from the fact that I've worked as a journalist for more than a quarter century.

Through my genealogybank.com subscription, the newspaper that I use the most for my Oregon research is the Oregonian, the state's highest-circulation newspaper based in Portland.

Last month, Mike Zacchino wrote about the Oregonian's move over the summer and the historic items that were discovered. I've been in the Oregonian's former building on Broadway in Portland and it was huge. I can only imagine what treasures were found within.

Zacchino wrote: "Newspaper people are hoarders. We keep everything – notebooks, clippings, photos, negatives, hideous swag, cookbooks, reference books, maps, typewriters. A spittoon."

I was glad to read that the newspaper donated several items to the Oregon Historical Society, including a bound volume of Morning Oregonian newspapers, 1858-1859, lead printing plates from the 1920s, an Underwood typewriter, 1918 and early jottings from editor Henry Pittock (Oregonian founder).

In addition, the newspaper continues to digitize its photo archives with a completion date estimated for November of next year. The newspaper will make them available to the public online for a fee.

*From Oregon Ancestry blog at [www.OregonAncestry.com](http://www.OregonAncestry.com)*

- Treaty negotiation expenses: Invoices and expense reports for non-Indians involving treaty negotiations.

An example of what you can find are records (senate's resolution, president's ratification) involving a treaty that dates to 22 January 1855 with the Kalapuya Indians (often referred to as Calapoopia) living in the Willamette Valley in

Oregon Territory. If you have native American ancestors from Oregon tribes, these records are worth a look.

It's also worth researching for those with non-white ancestors who may have been involved with treaty negotiations.

— *From Oregon Ancestry blog at [www.OregonAncestry.com](http://www.OregonAncestry.com)*

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Names, email and phone numbers removed for security reasons.

[www.bcgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org)

## Free Genealogy Webinars

**Wednesday, Dec. 10  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

“Researching Your North Carolina Ancestors” by J. Mark Lowe with Legacy Family Tree Webinars.  
[www.familytreewebinars.com/](http://www.familytreewebinars.com/)

**Tuesday, Dec. 16, 5-6 p.m.**

“Lost in Your Cemetery Research? Find-A-Grave Can Help Unearth Your Answers” with Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.  
<http://tinyurl.com/kam4tbk>

**Wednesday, Dec. 17,  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

“Bagging a Live One: Connecting With Cousins You Never Knew You Had” by Mark Kircher Roddy with Legacy Family Tree Webinars.  
[www.familytreewebinars.com/](http://www.familytreewebinars.com/)

**Wednesday, Dec. 17, 5-6:30 p.m.**

“Packrat or Genealogist? Effective Methods for Organizing Your Family History Research” with Lisa Alzo.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7298723471359282434>

**Thursday, Dec. 18, 5-6 p.m.**

“That First Trip to the Courthouse” by Judy G. Russell for the Florida State Genealogical Society.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1421973457548164097>

**Thursday, Jan. 8, 5-6 p.m.**

“Beginning Research Techniques: Let's Start at the Very Beginning” with Family History Library. <http://ldschurch1.adobeconnect.com/fhluscanada/>

**Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6-7 p.m.**

“Using Google Earth for Genealogy” by Lisa Louise Cooke for Illinois State Genealogical Society.  
[www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html)

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