



BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Oregon

Purpose

- ❖ To assist each other in genealogical research through association, inspiration, and mutual exchange and interaction.
- ❖ To encourage and provide for genealogical education.
- ❖ To cooperate with the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and the Benton Country Historical Society in matters pertaining to genealogical research.
- ❖ To advocate for accurate research and careful documentation.
- ❖ To encourage the study of family history through mutual support and the exchange of information.
- ❖ To accumulate resource materials for the Society library.
- ❖ To assist in the preservation and publication of local history.

Contact Us

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Program News

February: Unfortunately, as you may recall, our February program with Wendy McKenna was cancelled due to snow — lots of it! Fortunately, we have been able to reschedule her for April.



March: the Thomas Read House

Join Jerry and Sue Bowman as they tell the story of their home, the Thomas Read House, which is celebrating its 160th birthday this year. The original part of the house was built by master carpenter Bushrod Wilson for the Reads and is one of the oldest frame houses still in use in Benton County. You will enjoy hearing the stories about this great old house and its interesting inhabitants over the years.



From the Desk of the President

We are surprisingly well into the new year; the snow is gone; the crocuses, narcissus, hellebore, snowdrops are in bloom; the fruit trees are swelling in pregnant buds of promise and also in need of pruning! The days are now over two hours longer than the first day of Winter; my matron chickens have begun laying eggs of blue and brown again as well. Spring is just around the corner, and Spring in Oregon is just gorgeous!

While I do not make annual New Year resolutions, preferring shorter ranged goals made and accomplished more frequently, I lately have been pondering the year in terms of planning which Family History or genealogy conferences to attend; we are so fortunate to have many available to consider, a few of which I include here.

The Family History and Genealogy Conference at BYU in Provo was wonderful last summer, I probably will attend again, and they are now accepting registrations <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/registration.php>

More local is the Genealogical Conference of Oregon on August 2 to be held in Eugene. [see p.2].



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On my radar too late is the National Genealogical Conference to be held this May; it seems the city's hotels were booked pretty quickly! This might be on my radar next year! <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

How about combining a cruise and a family history conference? Here are two different venues for just that! <http://www.unlockthepastcruises.com/> and also <http://www.cecruisegroups.com/genealogy-cruise-2014.html>

The point is not an endorsement of any particular seminar or conference, but just a reminder of how many are available which might give added insights or jump start our own work. Spring will come; Summer and Fall to follow, and our time here, while wonderful, is limited; advanced planning will enable us to fit into the coming year what we want most to do with 2014 and that the legacy of work might be in our families for generations. What is your goal to accomplish before the golden days of Fall?

Hope to see you at the next general meeting. Please know of the blessing it is to associate with you.

—Ron DeYoung

Library News

I would like to share with you some of the books that we have recently added to our collection through the generosity of the Raymond Stone family. It was a real pleasure to do the accession work because I had the opportunity to spend some time with each book! After each title, in parentheses, is the section of the genealogy library where you'll find them. I hope you'll take a look the next time you're in the library. If you can't locate the one you're looking for, ask one of the librarians. They'll be glad to help you.



- *The Alpine Tavern* by James Cloutier (OR-Benton)
- *Yaquina Bay 1778-1978* by Darlene Castle (OR-Lincoln)
- *Heceta House: A Historical and Architectural Survey* by Stephanie Finucane (OR-Lincoln)
- *The Cape Perpetua Story* by Jeannine A Rowley (OR-Lincoln)
- *100 Years of the Nehalem Country* by Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church (OR-Tillamook)

- *Roofs Over Rivers, A Guide to Oregon's Covered Bridges* by Nick Cockrell and Bill Cockrell (OR)
- *Pioneer Families of Oregon: Richardson, Brown, Hinton, Inman* by Lois Inman Baker (Vertical File)
- *Genealogies of Families: Richardson, Hinton, Childers, Inman, Manning, Brown* by Lois Inman Baker (Vertical File)
- *Ralls Papers: Genealogical Records* by Harriet Moore, compiler (contains a number of Benton County families) (FH)
- *History of Lake Creek Valley, Oregon* by Mary Benninger Minter ((OR-Lane)
- *Settlers in Summer Lake Valley* by Teresa Foster (OR-Lake)
- *Oregon, Marion County 1895 Census, Vol. 1* by Jean Custer et al (OR-Marion)
- *Alpine History: Special Edition* by Edna Mintonye, editor (oral histories of "old-timers" in Alpine researched and written by elementary school children as a class project) (OR-Benton)
- *Starr Genealogy and History* by Dena Alice (Starr) Myer (FH)

— Sue

Other Genealogical News and Events

Roots Magic Users Group

The next Corvallis Users group for Roots Magic is Sat. March 29 from 1-3 at Bill and Ann Smart's. The topic will be Research tools in Roots Magic. Please let Ann know if you are planning on attending or contact her for directions at annsmart1@comcast.net

—Ann

Genealogical Council of Oregon

2014 conference
Summer Genealogy Fest

2 August 2014
Lane Community College, Center for Meeting and Learning, 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97405

- Featuring: Thomas W. Jones
- Planning "Reasonably Exhaustive" Research
 - Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online?
 - Debunking Misleading Records
 - Will Your Family History Have Lasting Value?

Flyer and Registration available at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/>

Bend Genealogical Society

2014 Spring Seminar

April 5, 2014

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bend Golf & Country Club

Featuring Denise Levenick, The Family Curator

- Preserving the Past: Archiving and Digitizing Your Family Keepsakes
- The Paper-Less Genealogist
- Secrets in the Attic: Break Down Brick Walls with Home Sources
- Dirty Pictures: Save your Family Photos from Ruin

Registration Required – Seating is Limited
Call BGS at (541) 317-9553 for more information
Registration for available at www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs

Ancestry.com State Research Guides

I learned last week about new, free [state research guides](#) available from ancestry.com. The guides are PDF files which can be downloaded and kept on your own computer or mobile device.



“Our state research guide series includes historical background, a chronology, helpful information on census and vital record availability, highlighted collection[s] for that place on Ancestry.com, and links to important resources beyond Ancestry.com,” reads the research guide website.

I looked at the New York state guide. It does indeed contain the elements mentioned above. Besides links to all the New York collections on Ancestry.com, it contains links to other helpful websites such as the [New York State Archives](#), the [New York State Library](#), and the [Italian Genealogical Group's New York City Vital Records Indexes](#). Conspicuously absent were links to FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com's [own wiki](#). While it had a link to the Library of Congress's [Chronicling America](#) online newspaper collection, I didn't see links to the larger New York newspaper collections on [Old Fulton NY Post Cards](#) and [Northern New York Historical Newspapers](#) websites.

Currently available guides are

- [Alaska](#) (02 January 2014)
- [California](#) (08 January 2014)
- [Georgia](#) (25 November 2013)
- [Indiana](#) (12 December 2013)
- [New York](#) (14 January 2014)
- [Texas](#) (25 November 2013)
- [Virginia](#) (9 December 2013)

—Ancestry Insider; posted 23 Jan 2014

[If you receive paper copy and wish web address for these sites, contact Margaret]

Mocavo Fireside Chats Now Open to Everyone

Over the last few months, we've received overwhelmingly positive feedback surrounding our Mocavo Gold Fireside Chat series. As we start the New Year, we want to thank you for your continued support of our Free Forever mission. Today, in appreciation, we are excited to offer our Fireside Chats to the entire genealogy community for free, forever!



Every other week Chief Genealogist Michael J. Leclerc interviews leading genealogists to discuss all aspects of family history. Tune in to get free advice and helpful research tips that will take your research to the next level. You will also have the opportunity to get your very own family history questions answered by these expert genealogists during the chat.

Some of our past Mocavo Fireside Chat guests and topics have included:

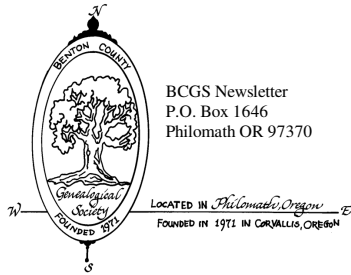
- Using photographs and images for research with Maureen Taylor;
- Exploring the world of railroad workers with Paula Stuart-Warren;
- Tracking down your ancestors with locality experts such as Dr. Michael Lacopo (Pennsylvania and Germany); Kris Rzepczynski (Michigan), and Diane Gravel (New Hampshire).

[Watch previously recorded Fireside Chats Now](#)

Mocavo; emailed 8 Jan 2014

A nice resource from the comfort of home on your schedule.

—Susan



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Meetings

Board Meetings will be held prior to the general meetings. The March 2014 meeting will be Tuesday, 4 March in the Philomath Community Library, 1050 Applegate, Philomath. All members are welcome.
Board: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

General Meetings are held on the second Saturday, September through June. The March meeting will be held in the Social Hall, College United Methodist Church, 1101 Main St., Philomath OR. Everyone is welcome.
Business: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Program : 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

