

# 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 County 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

Names, email and phone numbers removed for security reasons.

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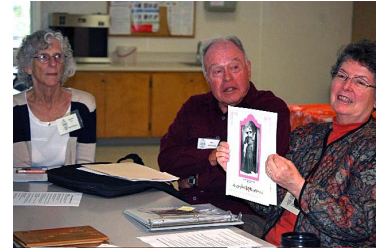
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## Program News

**October:** As you can see, members and visitors participated in small group discussions about

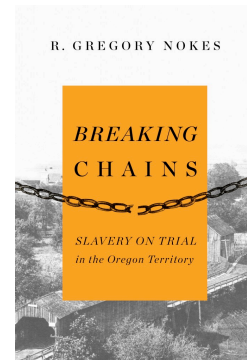


weaving family stories into the times in which they lived. Several members brought examples of their work.

**November:** Author and retired journalist, **R. Gregory Nokes**, will be reading from his book, *Breaking Chains: Slavery on Trial in the Oregon Territory*, which tells the little-known story of African American slaves brought to Oregon by early settlers. *Breaking Chains* has just gone into its second printing and has been picked as an Oregon Book Club selection by Oregon Writers' Colony.

Nokes is closer to this story than most Oregonians because he learned in recent years that one of his ancestors, Robert N. Shipley, was among those who came with a slave, whose name was Reuben Shipley. Nokes will be showing slides of people and events related to the slavery story in the Pacific Northwest and sharing his writing/research process.

Nokes did much of his research in the Benton County Historical Society Library, where there is a great deal of information on the white and black Shipleys, and on Nokes' other early ancestors.



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## From the Desk of the President

The Society's Bylaws, approved on November 13, 2010, requires that a majority of the membership vote for or against a change to the Bylaws, not a required 2/3 vote of the members as previously stipulated. A majority of the membership did not cast a vote by mail or hand delivered ballot; therefore, the proposed changes were not approved. Thank you to each of you who took the time to vote.

As we draw close to electing new officers, I would like to let those who serve with me know how much you are appreciated and how much you are needed! I am so fortunate! Thank you to those who brought refreshments, programs, and ideas to the Society; to those who faithfully fulfilled their positions; to those who volunteered in the library and in other areas; to those who sought replacements when circumstances changed their original plans. I am indebted to you for your helping in such unselfish ways. Thank you.

--Faye

## Wanted: Membership Person

Responsibilities:

- Receive information about new members from the treasurer and keep the computerized records of the Society up to date
- Add information about one year complimentary memberships from the Program Chair (Vice-President) to the membership records
- Give each person a membership number and add them to the Complete Membership List ("All Members Ever" file)
- For each new member: make a name tag and assemble a new member packet for each new membership
- Send information about new members to the President each month; send email addresses to newsletter mailing committee; print out mailing labels each month for newsletter mailing committee
- Make copies of Society brochures available at meetings and at specified locations



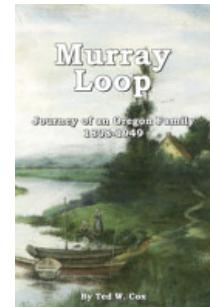
Time commitment: 2 to 3 hrs per month

Interested? Contact President Faye Abraham.

## Library News

We have some new additions to our library. The book *Crash Course in Family History* by Paul Larsen was purchased by the society in honor of member Mabelle C. Martsching who passed away this year. It's a treasure trove of up-to-date information on the many ways to locate information about your family. You'll find it on the How-To cart.

Another recent addition is the book *Murray Loop: Journey of an Oregon Family, 1808-1949* by local author Ted W. Cox. It's the true account of Alice Phedora Murray Green and her family. Much of the story takes place in Toledo, Oregon, and other small places nearby that are familiar to all of us. Ted Cox has done a well-researched and wonderful job of weaving Green's story together with local and national events, family letters, newspaper articles, and photos. Last month we had a workshop on writing family history. This is a wonderful example of how to do it right. This book will be on the Oregon shelf.



The complete set of *Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest* by Harriet Duncan Munnick is now on the reference shelf. These were a gift from Shirley and Raymond Stone in memory of Raymond, a long-time Benton County genealogist. They also donated Volumes 2 and 3 of *History of Oregon, Biographical* by Charles Henry Carey and Volumes 1 to 3 of *History of the Willamette Valley, Oregon* by Robert Carlton Clark. Many other materials were donated as well, and we are working on accessioning them. We deeply appreciate their generosity.

--Sue

## Other Genealogical News and Events



### 2014 Family History Conference

The NGS 2014 Family History Conference will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia. Mark your calendars for 7-10 May 2014.

Registration opens 1 December 2013.

Details available at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

### Daughters of the American Revolution now accepting DNA as a lineage !

The following excerpt was posted to the ISOGG Administrator's e-mail list by Katherine Borges.

FINALLY!!! The DAR has decided to join the GSMD (General Society of Mayflower Descendants), and the SAR in accepting Y-DNA for lineage proof. For those of you who don't know, DAR was actually the first lineage society to accept DNA for lineage proof back in 2004, but then reversed the policy due to politics and other reasons.



Read the announcement here:

<<http://youngblog.dar.org/dna-evidence-dar-applications-and-supplementals>>

--ORFORUM-L@rootsweb.com>; posted 5 Oct 2013 by Emily Aulicino

### Getting From Then to Now: Locating People in the Last Century

Leslie Brinkley Lawson

Saturday, November 16, 2013, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Genealogical Forum of Oregon

2505 S.E. 11th Ave., Suite B\_18

Portland, OR 97202

Learn skills to help you find those missing people in the last century, how to reassemble their lives, and how to figure out where they went and where their children are today. We'll touch on databases available on the internet, as well as other reference sources to help you find your way.



A forensic genealogist, Leslie has done genealogy research for attorneys across the United States. She has a range of

experience from proving family lines to reuniting family members, as well as proving parentage for those unable to speak due to injury or disability (dementia, Alzheimer's, schizophrenia). Leslie currently serves as the President of the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy and President of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Visit her website: [www.LawsonResearch.net](http://www.LawsonResearch.net).

--GFO; [www.gfo.org/month\\_meet.htm](http://www.gfo.org/month_meet.htm)

### World War II Spitfire Pilot Sees Video of His Crash Landing for the First Time

This video mixes a little genealogy with the living while it tells a great story. Pilot John Blyth had a problem when his Spitfire's landing gear locked in place and would not extend. After some anxious moments, Blyth landed wheels up on a grass runway. The landing was filmed by the squadron's flight surgeon, using his own movie camera.

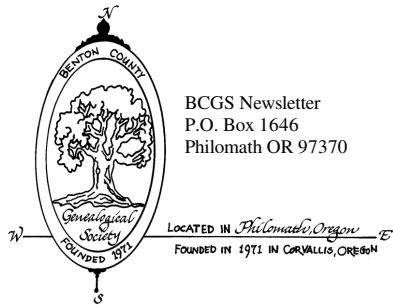


John Blyth never saw the film until recently when the flight surgeon's great-nephew found the old films and converted them to digital formats, then visited Blyth to show him the videos. The visit also was recorded.

Just watch the expression on John Blyth's face as he watches himself crash-land.

You can watch the video at [http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=ie3SrijLcUY&sns=em](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=ie3SrijLcUY&sns=em).

--Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter; posted by Dick Eastman on October 30, 2013



## Meetings

**Board Meetings** are held on Thursday prior to the General meetings. The November 2013 meeting will be held 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 November meeting will be held in the Moreland Auditorium, Benton County Museum, 1101 Main St., Philomath OR. Everyone is welcome.

Business: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Program : 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

