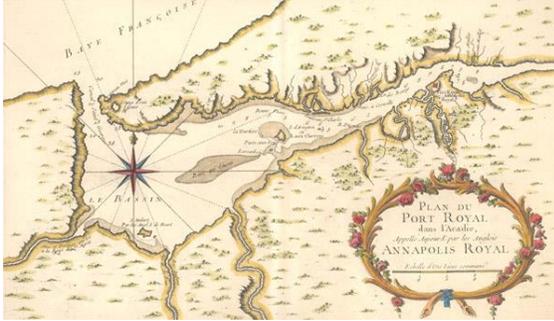


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From the Desk of the President

The Fall has arrived with its shorter days, gentle rains which replenish the earth and the lower-angled light which brings shadow, texture, contrast and beauty; it's my favorite time of year! With Fall's onset, like the geese and other migratory birds, I get the urge for going. Shortly after our general meeting I leave for a research trip in Nova Scotia and New England. This map

that dates from the 1600s of Port Royal (now Annapolis Royal) in current day Nova Scotia is where my first forebears appeared in documentation on this continent and predates the Pilgrims arrival in Massachusetts. My trip will follow their historic path through the province, found in 400 year's records which chronicle their arrival, growth, expulsion, and for some, return to their Acadia and on down through to the present day where I'll meet again with cousins whose roots stayed deeply planted.

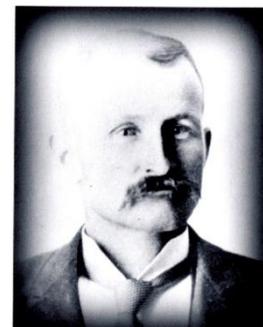
With those shorter days is the opportunity to dive back into our research with renewed incentive provided by the rains and storms to come; time as well to consider turning those dates, photos, places and snippets of information into stories, perhaps joining the writing class to hone your skills?

Here's hoping you come to our program on October 10 (see the article below); having heard this fellow's story, it will be a remarkable presentation, not to be missed. Spread the word, the program is open to everyone; I look forward to it and hope you have the chance as well! Ron DeYoung



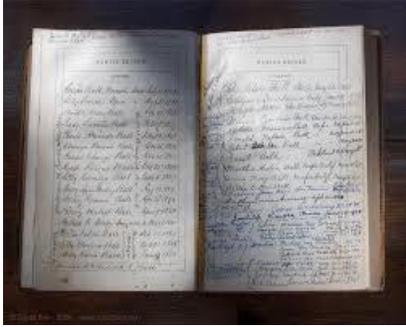
Applied DNA, Finding Family in local Corvallis History! Saturday Oct 10, 11am, Moreland Auditorium, in the Museum.

Don Anderson is a life-long Oregon resident, a musician by trade. Adopted at 7 months at a time when recorded birth information was sealed, he began searching for his birth mother in 1995. His conversion to the value of genealogy started in December, 2013, beginning with a DNA test through AncestryDNA. In October, 2014, he became a DNA administrator working with two DNA surname Projects through Family tree DNA and has extensive experience in testing with all 3 top DNA companies. If you are remotely interested in a great human interest story, the practical application of DNA analysis, the fruit of genealogical research and finding "lost" family, **do not miss this program!!** Sponsored by the BCGS.



William Macintosh





September Genealogical Program.

Our September program was an interesting and inspiring roundtable discussion of “what research successes/failures I had this summer.” 22 of us helped with comments, problem-solving and support. Some of the highlights:

Peggy had a success when she discovered a distant cousin who was an opera singer, but had a frustrating encounter trying to pry family records out of the state of Virginia, being asked to supply extraordinary amounts of personal information. Others talked about similar experiences, presumably a state effort to prevent identity thefts.

Debbie, our newest member, talked about frustrations trying to get her mother’s birth records corrected, to reflect her name, but also to correct an erroneous notation that listed her as male.

Linda brought a beautiful family tree chart she made using Roots Magic software. She also passed around two family album books she made and a book about Roots Magic. Others have used this software and were equally enthusiastic about it. She mentioned that there is a local users’ group here.

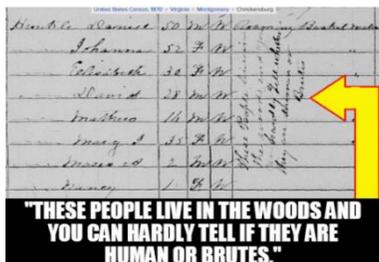
Mary Dean inspired us all with her focus on teaching her grandkids about their family history by hosting an annual “cousins’ camp” event. She brought props and photos of the tee shirts. She also recounted a trip to Missouri where she found a cemetery with family connections, and then looked through some circuit court records and found a fascinating case about an ancestor who sued a school teacher for hitting a student with a stick.

Merridee went to a family reunion in Wallowa County and made more connections with relatives, sharing stories and collecting information. As an adopted child, she has found other family through DNA, including her biological father’s nephew. She has found that her two trees (adoptive and biological) cross.

Lyle had a great aunt who died, and her son updated and sent out to family a history that she’d written. He also found a needed date on a land claim, and some info on Fold3 he’d been looking for. He said he had been looking for a long time for the family connection to the name “Lyle” and was amused to discover that it might be through an Aunt Delilah who was called Lyle.

Sue has been looking for a long time for the reason for her grandmother’s sister’s death and finally located an on-line newspaper wedding announcement and a death notice that said she died of typhoid.

So some successes, some frustrations, but lots of interesting stories. by Lois Courtney



A Bit of Whimsy from a 1870 Census Record of Christiansburg, Virginia

Something suggests the census enumerator was none too favorably impressed with this poor, evidently nomadic family he encountered in his work on July 8, 1870. His opinion is recorded for posterity and is online at the following link! Graphic and information taken from Ancestry Insider of 18 Sep 2015. <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MFG5-1N7>



Our society is now on Facebook. We will do our best to post the dates of our meetings and other happenings that you might find interesting. Our page is Benton County Genealogical Society: Oregon. Stop by and like us!



Search and you will find..... *surprises!*

by Sue Vanlaere

My mother, along with her mother, was listed on the 1940 census with an unusual last name that wasn't even close to what it should have been. The census taker, I assumed, had made a mistake and crossed it out. At the time, I just let it go. I paid little to no attention to the rest of the census line other than she was sixteen, she wasn't attending school and she didn't have a job. Not unusual for the late 1930s.

After many years of procrastination, I sent for my mother and father's marriage license. I was excited to finally have it, and as I read, my mouth dropped open. In my mother's own handwriting, she had written "divorced." When my shock subsided, I pursued the name that had been written on the census and took a better look at the rest of the census line. She was listed as divorced.

Just a little research with the new information gave me the person's name she had been married to for a short time, even his picture. Someone had also started a family tree for this man with my mother's name and picture from my public tree. I also found on this tree some newspaper clippings detailing why my mother ended up being married to him. As I'm sure in many families, there had been complete silence about all this.

Lessons learned:

- 1) Don't assume. If something looks wrong, it may be correct!
- 2) If you're going to dig deeply into someone's history, be prepared for what you may find.
- 3) Use the new information to understand the life of your ancestor a little better.

It's the first of the month,



back up your files!!

Fort Hoskins Historic Park, Public Day News release (excerpt), September 1, 2015



The Alliance and the County will host a **Public Day at Fort Hoskins Historic Park** on **October 10, 10 am – 4pm**. The Commanders House and the Franz-Dunn house will be open for tours. We encourage you to bring your iPads to the events.

For a link to access the iBook, visit AFRANA’s Facebook page: Afrana-Alliance-for-Recreation-and-Natural-Areas or the website www.afrana.org “ by Carol Leslie, Secretary, AFRANA



Christmas Auction! I know, I know!.....it seems way too early but our December program is **not** far off! This is the traditional auction of items that you donate, others of which we hope you will purchase! These often are a lot of fun, last year was hilarious with Ted as auctioneer and Katie as the Lovely Assistant. This serves as a society fund raiser, an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts and trinkets or to declutter and always, to enjoy the day. The list of items below may help give an idea of what we sometimes see.

BCGS Holiday Auction Suggested Items

<p>Christmas/holiday decorations, wall hangings decorative storage containers candy dish decorative small bell angel - small decorations Christmas wreaths or swags Clock basket of festive items Books, maps, CDs, DVDs genealogy Christmas stories decorative children’s books photo albums</p>	<p>Food (Homemade items) breads, cookies, stollen breads honey, jams, apple butter Mixes in a jar - soups, chili, cookies wines Kitchen items salt & pepper shakers bowls, mugs filled or not, festive items hot pot holders, towels, pastry brush package of expensive coffee Christmas cookie cutters, stamps</p>
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Also
 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 such as baby sitting, genealogy research time etc.





Writing, anyone? We're also starting a writing group for people who want to write some of their family histories. We had a short meeting after the potluck in June and came up with a few ideas of how to proceed. The ideas included having a short lesson on some aspect of writing family history, reading what we've written to the group (not required), and gently supporting each other to start writing.

Our **first meeting is Tuesday, October 20, from 1-3** at the Annex. Questions? Contact Sue at vanlaere@proaxis.com.



Pointers and Pitfalls: Shaking Your Family Tree, Excerpts, chapter 1, additions by Linda Olsen.

1. Begin your research with resources close at hand—your family. However, regard oral history only as a starting point, not the final word. You still need to find documentation to support the facts.
2. Primary sources are documents that were made at the time the event occurred such as birth marriage and death certificates. Secondary sources were recorded sometime after the event.
3. After you have exhausted family resources, turn to genealogical library collections and online resources to help you locate as many sources as possible.
4. After gathering data, you will need to organize it. Genealogy computer software helps organize your data and makes it easy to share data and stories.



Family History Fairs: These are free half or full day conferences on a variety of topics which are available to the public. Full day conferences often come with a free lunch to those who register online, there is even one in Spanish this fall. For a list of where these are located and to register online, go to: <https://www.lds.org/topics/family-history/host-a-family-history-fair/search?lang=eng>

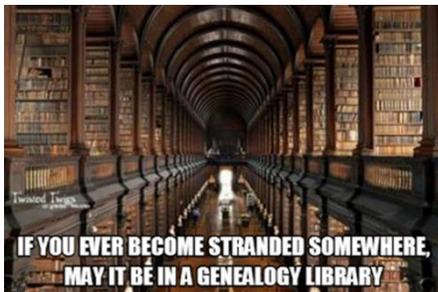
and enter your zip code to find those close to you.

Ron D



Would you like access to Ancestry, Fold3 and other subscription services for **free**? These and many others are available for use at the Family History Center, 4400 Harrison Blvd, Corvallis.

Hours: 9a-4p and 7p-9:30p, Tuesday-Thursday. Consultants are there to help!



IF YOU EVER BECOME STRANDED SOMEWHERE,
MAY IT BE IN A GENEALOGY LIBRARY

Volunteers Needed: Only a 2.5 hour monthly commitment to staff the Genealogical Library. Training and appreciation provided! A quiet place to do your own research, and to help and assist others. In order to keep the library open on its current schedule, **we really do need your help!**

Contact Lois: [541-752-0889](tel:541-752-0889) or email loiscourtney@cmug.com



From a very blessed BCGS member

I just want to thank you all for your kind thoughts, prayers, and good wishes during my recent illness and recovery.

When I first started attending meetings some 10 years ago, I was hoping to learn more about how to find my ancestors and talk genie talk with like-minded folks. I had no idea that in the years that followed I would make such close friends and actually have a BCGS health support team. I am blessed. No doubt about it.

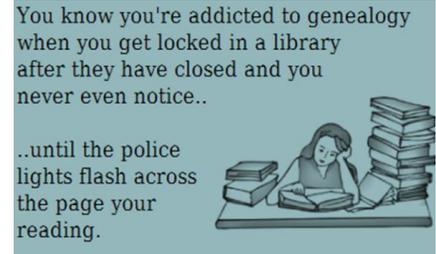
When I was beginning to give up on having a miracle happen, I got THE call. My daughter asked me what I wanted for my birthday. I said, "**lungs**." She said, "I'll get right on that." Two days later I was on a flight from Portland to Seattle. Everything fell into place. Three weeks later I'm on the road to recovery, and I look like this.

So now I am looking forward to seeing my grandsons going to middle school, sorting relatives, research trips and even attending a few BCGS meetings. Hope to see you there. Margaret Fox, "2.0"



Benton County Genealogical Board Contacts

Names, email and phone numbers have been removed for security reasons.



BCGS General Meetings held on the 2nd Saturday in the month September through June. The October 10th meeting will be at 10am in the Social Hall of the College United Methodist Church, Philomath, everyone is welcome! The program will follow at 11 am in the Moreland auditorium in the adjacent Museum. Saturday Oct 10, 11am, Moreland Auditorium, in the Museum. The program topic is **Applied DNA, Finding Family in local Corvallis History!** Invite your friends!

Board Meetings are held the Tuesday before the general meeting; in October it will be on Tuesday the 6th in the Philomath Public Library meeting room from 10am to noon. All members are invited.