



NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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December 11 Program

Auction & Holiday Party

Come join in the fun of our annual Auction & Holiday Party! Besides enjoying the camaraderie of fellow genealogists and partaking in delicious food, we will be raising funds for the society's Book Fund. Bring items of nominal value for the Auction and pick up some treasures for yourself. Auction items may be edible goodies or something else with a holiday theme or not. Our own master of fun and games Ted Gump will conduct the Auction again this year.

The party part will be a potluck like we have at the June meeting. So, think of bringing a main dish, salad, appetizer or dessert.

From the desk of the President:

Just wanted to let you know about a few changes taking place in your BCGS Newsletter. As many of you know our longtime newsletter editor is taking a well-deserved retirement from publishing. Many thanks to Teri Greene for the fine work she has produced over the last nine years. Leila Crawford has taken over the task, so you will be seeing a fresh new look, I suspect. The BCGS Bylaws have been approved by the membership and take effect immediately. If you are interested in receiving a clean copy, just let me know. Under these Bylaws the executive positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer. Standing Committees have been consolidated to facilitate the various tasks which must be done to maintain the Society's viability. The committees are Finance, Publication, Library, & Audit. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these committees or would like more information before committing, just ask.

In addition, a few new policies have taken effect. You are probably already aware of the membership fee change. Yearly membership, effective from January to December, is \$15 with a digital newsletter and \$20 for those who wish to receive their newsletter by US mail. The additional fee covers the mailing costs. Along with that is a policy which has been in effect for some time: members not paid up by January 15th will be dropped from the roll. On a positive note, all members are now entitled to a 10% discount on books sold to the public by the Society. Additional policies regarding day to day operations have been approved and will be made available upon request as are both Board and General Meeting minutes.

I would like to thank the retiring members of the Board for their excellent contributions. Sandra Potter, our membership chair, will be passing the torch to Mary Jo Minor. Thank you Mary Jo for stepping up. Susan Hayes is stepping down from the Vice-President position; however, she still has several excellent programs lined up well into the new year. Gene Newcomb is retiring from Treasurer, but has agreed to serve on the Finance Committee. Thank you, Gene, for years of faithful service keeping track of the \$\$\$.

Hope to see you all at the annual Holiday auction and potluck. Good fun. Good food. Good friends. What more can you ask for?

Margaret

Website for people researching Iowa: <http://www.iowaheritage.org/>

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Research Recommendations: Genealogical Writing: Indexing Tips

By Michael J. Leclerc

Whenever you write your family history, even if it is only intended for the family, it is important to include an index. How many times in your research have you picked up a book only to find that it lacks an index? I venture that most people scan through it quickly then return it to the shelf, deeming it inefficient to spend the amount of time it would take to search the book page by page.

Introductions should be indexed, but a preface should only be indexed if it goes into depth on the subject on the work. If it is simply a discussion of how the book came to be published, do not index it. Glossaries and bibliographies are not indexed. Only index footnotes if they contain explanatory material. Do not index notes that contain only source citations. When indexing notes, include the letter *n* to indicate that the user should search in the footnotes on that page, e.g. 324n.

For more information on rules for indexing, see the Chicago Manual of Style, 16th edition, 846-49.

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The Twelve Steps for Recovering Genealogists

Provided by Linda Wiley

1. I admit that I am powerless over my Gedcom and that my life has become unmanageable.
2. I believe that there is a greater power other than genealogy and that it will restore sanity to my life.
3. I have made a decision to turn my life over to non-genealogists and hope that they will understand me.
4. I have admitted to myself and other genealogists that I am addicted to my obituary files.
5. I vow to no longer discuss "dead people" with my few remaining friends in hopes that they will remain my friends.
6. I promise to take photographs of things other than tombstones.
7. My only source of reading material will no longer be census, wills, death certificates and obituaries.
8. I will not spend family vacations in out-of-state libraries and courthouses.
9. Family picnics will no longer be held in cemeteries.
10. My family will no longer be referred to as "the alive ones."
11. My time spent on the Internet will be limited to sites other than Rootsweb.com, Ancestry.com and MyGenealogy.com.
12. I will carry these messages to other genealogists and practice these principles every day.

Source: Terrebonne Life Lines Vol 20 No 2 Summer 2001 page 163

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Graveside Groomers

Graveside care, when you can't be there

Be sure to remember your Veterans this year and schedule a cleaning before its too late. Our cleaning service starts at just \$20 and includes photos.

Call Teresa for an appointment. (541) 760-9913 or go to:
www.ggroomers.webs.com

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



Danell Aukerman

228 NE Azalea Dr

Adair Village, OR 97330

danell@genealogybookshoppe.com

Spotlight: Nevada In Maps

By Valerie Beaudrault

www.delamare.unr.edu/maps/digitalcollections/nvmaps/

If your ancestors lived in Nevada you might want to visit this website. The Nevada In Maps digital map collection of the Mary B. Ansari Map Library at the University of Nevada/Reno contains several types of historic and contemporary maps. The original collection focused on topographic, geologic, and mining themes. There are also nearly fifty historic maps dating from 1750 into the 20th century. The site also includes contemporary maps of Nevada and the Great Basin area. The maps in the digital collection are primarily located in the University of Nevada Library collections at Reno and Las Vegas, the Nevada State Library, and the Nevada State Historical Society. All maps are offered without copyright or other restrictions for personal use. Click on the title link to select a collection to search. You may also search all maps by keyword or browse all maps by subject or title.

Highway Maps 1917-2005

According to the website, Nevada had "no formal plan to develop or improve or maintain roads" prior to 1917. The first four original state routes were established in 1917, and the first official state highway map was issued two years later. This original collection contains images of Nevada highway maps covering the period from 1917 through 2005.

Historic Geologic and Mining Maps and Atlases

The items in the digital collection, published by the U.S. Geological Survey, government surveys, and commercial sources, cover the period from 1848 to approximately 1950. You can view them alphabetically or by county or search them by keywords.

Historic Topographic Maps

These maps were published for the most part by the U.S. Geological Survey, covering the period from 1863 through 1966. View the maps alphabetically, chronologically, by county or state, by scale, by keyword, or via an interactive geospatial index.

Nevada History in Maps

As noted on the website, historic maps of Nevada are scarce. This digital collection contains maps that show the development of the geographical area that became the state of Nevada, covering the period from 1750 through 1950. The Nevada Historical Society, The Nevada State Library and Archives, and the Special Collections Department of Getchell Library at the University of Nevada, Reno, own these maps. Click on the 'View The Collection' link to access the maps in the collection. You may view maps by selecting an historic period, a topic, and a geographic area. Access all of the maps at once by clicking on the 'View all images in this collection' link.

Plats of Nevada State Lands 1867-1927

This digital collection contains over 3,000 survey plat maps and covers nearly all of the state's townships. The maps cover the period from 1867 to 1927.

Sanborn Maps of Nevada

This digital collection covers the period from 1877 through 1923. There are a total of 516 maps for 29 town in the collection, some of which no longer exist.

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The Bedford Cemeteries, New Hampshire

www.bedfordcemeteries.org

The Trustees of the Cemeteries of Bedford, New Hampshire have made a database of the city's cemeteries available to the public. This website is a work in progress. There are currently more than 3,300 records in the database. They date from colonial times: The Old Bedford Cemetery, The Beals Road or South Cemetery, The Joppa Hill Cemetery, The Bedford Center Cemetery. *Reprinted from Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter, Volume XXXII, Number 11, Salem, OR, November 2010*

Is This Your Aunt Alta?

By Gene Newcomb

In The Society mailbox last week there was a letter from "Santa's Helper" sent from San Diego. Inside was a 4 x 6 picture of "Aunt Alta, Mother of Robert Blodgett" as noted in pen on the back. The photo was taken in East Portland by Hayes & Hendee, jr.

The Santa's Helper bought the picture because she liked the cameo brooch Aunt Alta was wearing, but she later decided that the photo should go to its true home in Benton County. If you recognize Aunt Alta and want the picture let us know or pick her up at the Holiday Party.

Lessons In Anatomy For The Genealogist: Do Your Ears Stick Out?

One of the ways to identify persons is by the contour of their ears. The French require all ID cards to be in profile so that the ears can be clearly seen. It seems that no two individuals have the same shaped ears. Remember those old photographs you can't identify? Try looking at their ears and see if that can help.

From the PGCGS Bulletin. (Do not know what society that is) May 1998.

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Program Review

By Susan C. Hayes Program Chairman

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Newspaper Research: Find It In The Past, Preserve It For The Future Presented by Leslie Brinkley Lawson

Leslie, an active member of the Oregon genealogy community and frequent speaker at area genealogy societies, described numerous ways to use historic newspapers for genealogy research and how to access them.

Newspapers pre-date the recording of vital records and survived courthouse fires so are tremendous sources to document family events when other records do not exist. Small town newspapers, especially, recorded the local social comings and goings so often are a source to give you a feel for a community and your ancestors' part in it.

You can access many historic newspapers over the Internet. Footnote, World Vital Records and Genealogy Bank are three prime sources. These are subscription sites, but you can access the first two at the Corvallis Family History Center at no charge. Leslie provided tips on how to use your local library to get distant newspapers to view right here via interlibrary loan.

Leslie's handout was full of sources for accessing newspapers from every state. The University of Oregon is the primary historic newspaper archive in our state. But, before making a trip to Eugene, check out what is available at the Valley Library at Oregon State using this link:

<http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/371-Newspapers?tab=746>

Upcoming Programs

January 8, 2011 - "Retrieving, Cataloging, and Identifying Photographs" by Don Ferguson, Shawdowsmith Photographics

February 12, 2011 - Round Table Discussions on Various Genealogy Topics tables led by society members. Topics will include Irish Research, English Research, breaking down brick walls, DNA testing, Google research, computer software programs for genealogy and others.

March 12, 2011 - "Coming of Age" (a talk on what the future looks like for Family Search). Keynote Address at 2010 National Genealogical Society Conference (on DVD) by **Jay L. Verkler**, CEO, Family Search

Handouts from Program Meetings Now In Library

Handouts from the programs for 2010 are now all together in a red binder in the library. The binder contains a single copy of each handout. The handouts are for reference only and are not to be removed from the library so they are always accessible to library patrons. The binder cannot be checked out either.

Please respect any copyright restrictions noted on the individual handout and observe fair use practices before making any copy of a handout. A notice on the inside of the binder explains these copying restrictions.

Occasionally, for a short time after a meeting, extra handouts are available in the library. Just ask if you missed the meeting and want a handout.

Are You A Celtic American?

A drive is on now to raise funds to build a world class national museum that tells the story of America through the experiences of the first Irish Americans to the present day. The location will be at our nation's capital. For information:

<http://www.irishamericanmuseumdc.org/>

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Passenger Lists and Border Crossings

One of the more frustrating parts of researching our ancestors is trying to figure out when they arrived, unless, of course they were Native Americans.

This web site is a great reference for where records might be found, and remember that Ancestry.com is available at the Oregon State Library for free.

US Ports of Entry - their Immigration Records and Passenger Lists - A Genealogy Guide by Joe Beine

<http://www.genesearch.com/ports.html>

His introduction:

"Below is a list of many United States sea ports and land border ports that have published immigration records (passenger arrival lists) 1820-1957, organized by state. Included are Canadian border crossing records, which are listed under each border state, with further information in a separate section at the end of this web page. Mexican border crossing records are listed here for California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The rest are for ship passenger arrival records (and a select few for airplane passenger lists).

Click on a port name or time frame to find the available indexes, passenger arrival records and other finding aids for that port. For some smaller ports you will see these items listed directly on this page. (FHL=LDS Family History Library; NA=National Archives)."

Joe includes lots of information and links. His disclaimer is that this is not a complete list, but what is?

Joe is a professional genealogist who specializes in German research so also check out his resources for German research at

<http://www.germanroots.com/>

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Index to Historical Indiana National Guard Records Now Available Online

Researchers are now able to search historic records of thousands of Indiana National Guardsmen through the Indiana Digital Archives. The Indiana National Guard Collection indexes records of Hoosiers who served our nation from 1898 through 1940. The database includes the soldier's name, the date enlisted, and the town or county from which he or she enrolled. Soldiers who joined around the time of the Mexican Border War in 1916 or the World War I era will have additional records such as physical exams, enlistment papers, and service cards.

"The addition of this popular collection will enable users to instantly search for records online, saving them and Archives staff hours of research," said Jim Corridan, State Archivist and Director of the Indiana Commission on Public Records. "The National Guard database coupled with existing Digital Archives resources provides a useful and comprehensive collection of Indiana soldiers' records from the Civil War up to World War II."

The National Guard database is the second major addition to the Indiana Digital Archives this summer. In June, the online portal introduced the Indiana Civil War Soldiers Database, which includes over 213,000 individual records containing soldiers' age, muster in and out dates and location, company, regiment, and any additional notes. Both the National Guard and Civil War databases, like all records in the Digital Archives, have several search features designed to enhance the customer's experience. The People Search feature allows patrons to enter a surname and search through over 2 million records in 20 different collections in just seconds. More targeted research can be performed by choosing one of several variables and data limiters available through the "Detailed Search" option.

Search the database at this web site: <http://www.indianadigitalarchives.org/default.aspx>

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Arizona Gravestone Photo Project

<http://arizonagravestones.org>

As stated on the Arizona Gravestone Photo Project, "the mission of this family history project is to capture digital images of gravestones of our ancestors" before the inscriptions disappear with the passage of time. The searchable database contains 70,400 gravestones photo records from across the state. Researchers can browse the website by cemetery or search the database by surname and limit the search by county.

Crawfordsville District Public Library, Indiana

www.cdpl.lib.in.us/lh/

Crawfordsville, located in west-central Indiana, is the seat of Montgomery County. The library has created and gathered a large number of databases and uploaded them to the Local History and Genealogy section of its website, under the Local History link. Online resources include Cemeteries of Montgomery County (1830-1981) Masonic Cemetery Records (Crawfordsville Masonic Cemetery and Waynetown Masonic Cemetery), Veteran Cemetery Records Database, Confederate Veterans Buried in Montgomery County.

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WPA Historical Records Survey
Benton County, Oregon
by Mark Phinney

Mrs. Tom BELL

May 18,1939

Mrs. BELL was interviewed at 419 South Sixth Street, Corvallis, where she is living with her son, Roy BELL. Her mind seems unusually alert and she speaks convincingly of early days. She said: "My great-grandfather, Jacob HENKLE, came to Oregon in 1853 from Iowa. With him came his children and grand-children. Among these were William HINKLE and his wife and only daughter Caroline. Caroline, who was seven years old at the time, lived to be my mother. William HINKLE's wife was Nancy WALKER, daughter of Michael WALKER and sister of Jesse WALKER, who died a few years ago in his nineties. Grandfather HINKLE, or HENKLE, as our branch of the family spell the name, settled first on Woods Creek in this county, but after a time went to Jacksonville, in the southern part of the state, where he ran a butcher shop for a time. It was there my mother was married and I was born. "My father was James HAYES. He was born in 1838, just after his parents reached America from Ireland. He left home when a boy and by the time he was fourteen he had saved a hundred dollars. He paid this for his board across the plains, and walked and drove stock all the way. He went to Jacksonville, built himself a cabin and went to school, for he had not had any schooling before. He was employed by a man named CAVANAUGH, who sent him out on horse back to round up his stock. When he stopped one time to tighten the saddle girth, his foot slipped in the covering of leaves on the ground and uncovered some quartz specimens. These proved to be very rich in gold, and his employer gave him a half interest in the mine. This was the famous Gold Hill mine of Jackson County. "Father sold his interest for four thousand dollars, which was a large sum for a boy in those days. Father took care of his money and let it work for him. During the Civil War times he received as high as fifty per cent. At one time I know he had two thousand dollars invested in a building that returned him fifty dollars a month. Later he loaned money in Corvallis at 12 % and thought he had come upon hard times. "I was born in 1862, and in 1864 father went to Independence in Polk County, where he bought 620 acres of land. About 1866 he came to Benton County and bought the Jake MARTIN Claim where the Oak Ridge church now stands. My first schooling was at the Independent school, and John WOOD and James PRUITT were among my teachers. Later John HOMER, who was so long professor of history at Oregon State College, was a teacher there, and also his wife, whose name then was SKIPTON. "After a few years at Oak Ridge father moved to Corvallis, where I finished my schooling. I attended the district schools in Corvallis and Corvallis College, but I never completed a course at the college. "Father had a part in the organization of the Mr. WOODCOCK and others, but he soon drew out. He said he understood lending money, but the banking business was too deep for him. He seemed to have a keen money sense. Before the failure of the HAMILTON - JOB Bank, which preceded the organization of the First National, he had a feeling that all was not well. He closed out his own account and sent word to two old friends of his who owned the land where Yaquina Head Light now stands, a few miles north of Newport. "These men were Thomas BRIGGS and MAGUSSON (?) (I am not sure about that name). These men had Indian wives. It was said they were married on the sidewalk in front of the livery stable in Corvallis. Later they sent their half-breed children to St. Helen's Hall in Portland to school. "My father had three brothers, Michael, Dan, and John, but none of them came west. My father's children were Olive (myself), Cora, Belle, John, and Clyde. Cora married Ira HUNTER of Soap Creek, and Belle married a man named PHILLIPS. In 1882 I married Tom BELL of California. We have one son, Roy

Museum Exhibition

November 12-January 8, 2010

Philomath Open Studios - artist members of Philomath Open Studios showcase their work at the Museum this holiday season. A reception for the artists will be held on Friday, December 10, 2010 from 5-7 PM. This show compliments the studio tours, open to the public on the weekends of November 13 and 14, 20 and 21, 2010. The Museum is a great place to start your studio tour with an overview of all participating artists' work. For a map of the open studios, go to

<http://www.philomathopenstudios.com/> .

Benton County Museum, 1101 Main Street, Philomath, OR 97370. Phone 541-929-6230

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Genealogy Events

The Genealogical Council of Oregon has announced that the OSU Press and the OSU Center For Digital Scholarships and Services are making available Theodore Stern's two-volume works, "Chiefs and Chief Traders: Indian Relations at Fort Nez Perce, 1818-1855," and "Chiefs and Change in the Oregon Country." First published by the OSU Press in the 1990's, the books have been out of print for several years. The books are free online as high resolution searchable PDF files in the press's collection in the ScholarsArchive@OSU open access repository: <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/handle/1957/18857>

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Enjoy The Benefits of Membership In The Benton County Genealogical Society

NAME _____

First Name

Middle/Maiden Name

Surname

(Please print – Indicate name desired on nametag)

NAME(S) of other family members _____

(List only if family membership is desired)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by: E-mail Regular mail (add \$5.00 to dues)

New Membership **DUES ENCLOSED:** Single/Family \$15

Renewal Cash Check No. _____ Date _____ Donation to BCGS _____

I am interested in volunteering to help in the society

Dues are due before January 1st each year.

Mail application with your dues to: Benton County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370

Membership

Membership News--Reminder to renew your membership for 2011– those not paid by January 15 will be removed from the mailing lists!

Renewals

Danell Aukerman
Susan Hayes
Jeanne Lane
Dana Marie
Lee Rudisill
Mary-Dean Snelling

Earle & Vangie Greig
Janice Barclay
Jerry Buthman
Richard Cobb
Nancy & John DeBoie
Margaret Fox

New Members

Beverly Whitmore

Stagecoach Travel,

Rather bumpy and uncomfortable, was the best available way of going cross-country in many areas until the railroad eventually became the principal means of travel. In 1877 the Omaha Herald, interested in advising its readers who were to be the first time travelers, published a list entitled, "Hints for Plains Travelers".

"The best seat inside a stagecoach is the one next to the driver. If a team runs away, sit still and take your chances. If you jump, nine times out of ten you will be hurt. Don't smoke a strong pipe inside especially early in the morning, spit on the leeward side of the coach. Don't swear, or lop over on your neighbor when sleeping. Never attempt to fire a gun or pistol while on the road; it may frighten the team. Don't discuss politics or religion. Don't grease your hair before starting or dust will stick there in sufficient quantities to make a respectable 'tater' patch. A person shouldn't wear tight fitting boots, shoes or gloves, and if the driver asks him to get out and walk, he should do so without complaining. If the weather turns cold, he must not drink hard liquor or he will freeze."

There were three classes of stagecoach service in the old west. Let the horses come to a steep hill, and the driver shouted, "First class passengers, stay where you are; second class passengers, get out and walk, and third class passengers, get out and push!"

Taken from Richland Crossing, A Portrait of Texas Pioneers, by Walter Clay Dixson, Peppermill Publishing Co., Fort Worth, Texas, 1994, pg 211.

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Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:

3 January 2011 for the 8 January 2011 meeting.

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 www.bcgs-oregon.org

More Member Info.

Our meetings are held on the **second Saturday, September through June**, in the Fireside Room 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 1:00 until 3:30 PM and after meetings on Saturdays. Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

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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