

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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

BCGS
 P.O. Box 1646
 Philomath, OR 97370
www.bcgs-oregon.org

From the desk of the President



As you may have noticed, Mother Nature has changed her look again and so has this newsletter again.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the audit committee for completing their task in a timely manner. They report all is well with our finances. Thank you Danell Aukerman, Sandra Potter and Jerry Butthmann. I am sure this was not easy task.

I would also like to thank member Marlene McDonald for her very interesting talk on her great great grandparents - William and Asenath Blodgett. Marlene is a wonderful writer and story teller. Thanks goes to Judy as well for being Marlene's AV person. We were glad to see so many faces at the presentation.

If you have already voted, great, I think :) and if you have not don't forget to get your vote in on or before the next general meeting, December 10. New officers will be sworn in at the January general meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the December general meeting. Bring yummy food and interesting auction items. Fun will be had by all. See you then.

Margaret



Members Marlene McDonald and Judy Juntunen

Table of Contents

From the desk of the President	1
BCGS News	2
Favorite Research Sites	2
Other Genealogy News & Events	3
Meeting times	4

Program News

December

Holiday Party -- see p.4 for details

January

World War II Re-enactor

February

TBA (good things in the works)

Library News

Although we have 2700+ items and the 166 from Damaris' generous donation, the library seems to have a limited number of resources in the following states. The states in bold have no resources. If you have suggestions, let Grace or another member of the library committee know. Before suggesting, however, please check our [webpage](#) for the list of resources we already have. You might want to check the list anyway to see if we have something you missed or perhaps a new acquisition:)

Alabama	Iowa	South Carolina
Alaska	Kansas	North Dakota
Arizona	Minnesota	South Dakota
Arkansas	Mississippi	Texas
Colorado	Montana	Utah
Delaware	Nebraska	Washington
Florida	New Hampshire	Wisconsin
Georgia	Nevada	Wyoming
Hawaii	Rhode Island	US Territories

Membership News

Just a reminder that even though membership dues are not due until Jan 1, 2012, feel free to pay now. Credit will be given for the entire 2012 year. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Publication News

Wanted:

For newsletter: genealogical related items which would be of interest to all, for example local workshops, seminars, ect; book review (including historical); website review (not a list please); a library with great genealogy room review (sic) or any genie doings you might know about.

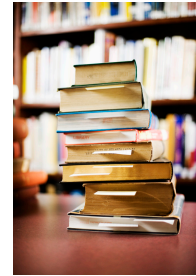
For publication committee: someone to be responsible for books sold by Society.

Contact Margaret for details.

Favorite Research Sites

Excellent Site for Upstate New York newspapers

If you had relatives from upstate New York, check out "fultonhistory" site. It's an wonderful source for old newspapers. Areas included are Rochester, Elmira, Corning, Syracuse, Rome, Albany and even some New York City area newspapers. There are also many of the small town newspapers in these areas. Contact Pat Coolican if you have questions.



State Archives

Having had the opportunity to spend some time researching in four state archives, I can say, without a doubt, they are gold mines. Not only do they have family vertical files which may never be digitized, but they also have drawers and drawers of microfilm much of which has been indexed by dedicated genealogist, thank goodness. Of course, they have plenty of books, including those indexes, but also on county histories and families. Best of all, they are staffed by folks who know what they are doing and are extremely helpful. In addition, you sometimes get to actually hold the original in your hand. Just think, a letter written 200 years ago or a muster roll from the civil war. Definitely state archives are places to visit. Check out their online catalogs and perhaps their virtual vaults. Go to <http://www.statearchives.us/index.htm> for links to state archives.

Margaret

Lutheran and Catholic churches in northern Alsace, France

I have been using a web site that I'm not sure the membership knows about. It is a collection of the images of birth, marriage, death, some confirmations, and some other records from the Lutheran and Catholic churches in northern Alsace, France. They are written by hand and are in German and Latin, and the later ones are in French and Latin. The time period I am looking at used the French Republic Calendar. Fortunately, the images are wonderful! The website is <http://etat-civil.bas-rhin.fr/adeloch/index.php>. A website that helps with the calendar is http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Republican_Calendar#Current_date_and_time. The family I am working on has two "Magdalena Hausauer" ladies from that area, born about 5-10 years apart and that was a common name there.

Dorothy Brandner, Eugene

Other Genealogy News & Events

***Fold3's featured content this month is Mexican War Service Records.**

"The U.S.- Mexican War determined the southwest border of the United States as we know it today. Fighting began after the 1845



annexation of Texas and ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo on February 2, 1848. The territory gained would ultimately become the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Texas, and Colorado, with portions contributing to Wyoming and Kansas.

[Mexican War Service Records](#) contain valuable first-hand information about battles, troop movements, officers, and soldiers. While the United States had a standing army at the time, most of the soldiers who fought in the Mexican War were volunteers from various states. At present, there are five sets of records on Fold3 with information on forty-four units, and the men who served in them, from Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and the Mormon Battalion.

Muster Rolls provide details on [Promotions](#), [Payments](#), [Casualties](#), [Those killed in battle](#) and [Deserters](#), as well as [Physical descriptions](#). Unit information includes [company muster rolls](#) naming recruits, deserters, and those on special assignment; and [regimental returns](#) with battle histories and casualties. Company locations—the [National Palace Mexico](#), [Lobas Island in the Gulf of Mexico](#), and [Camp nr. Jalapa Mexico](#)—provide geographic perspectives.

Other titles on Fold3 round out the Mexican War Collection. If you're interested in a

Pennsylvania soldier, alphabetical service record abstracts in the [Pennsylvania Archives](#) match the imaged service record cards within the state's two regiments. For Mormon Battalion soldiers, you can pair service records with the [Mormon Battalion Pension Files](#).

Explore the [Mexican War Service Records](#) to learn more about the men who served in this geographically critical war."

Roots Magic Group meets

A small group of Roots Magic users have been meeting bimonthly at Ann and Bill Smart's home in Corvallis. It is a very informal gathering where we share ideas and explore different features in Roots Magic. Both Bill and Ann are experienced users, but some attendees are beginners. If you do not use Roots Magic but are interested in seeing how it works you are welcome as well. They have a huge TV screen for projection which is easy for all to see. If you plan on attending, please e-mail or call the Smarts or me to make sure the meeting date has not been changed.

Next meeting:
Saturday, February 4, 1:00PM – 3:00 PM
2113 NW Sunview Dr.
Corvallis OR

Mary Dean Snelling
snelmd@peak.org
541.745.5471

Ann Smart
annsmart1@comcast.net
541.752.1587



Members listen to "Blodgett..." presentation

*Underscored phrases in this article are hyperlinks. If you are receiving a digital copy, just point and click. If you are receiving a paper copy and wish to follow the links, contact Margaret.

Meetings

Board meetings are generally held in the Conference Room of the Philomath Branch of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 1050 Applegate, Philomath OR. All members are welcome. Contact us for date and time.

General meetings are held on the second Saturday, September through June, in the Social Hall of the College United Methodist Church, 1123 Main Street, Philomath, OR. Everyone is welcome.

Business: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

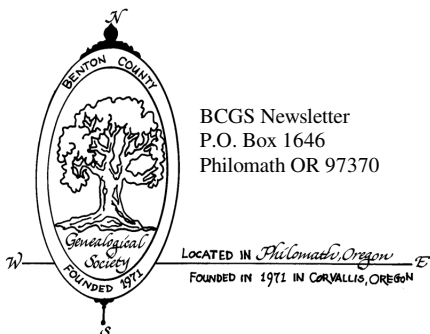
Program : 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Holiday Party

It's time for our annual December auction which is always a fun time. It's scheduled to begin at 11am. Ted Gump has agreed to be auctioneer again, assisted by Pat Coolican.



Please bring some items to sell--a reminder that food items always bring a good price. We hope to see you then. If unable to attend, please consider sending one or two auction items with another member.



BCGS Newsletter
P.O. Box 1646
Philomath OR 97370