



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 13 June Program

#### *Genealogy Methods 2009*—followed by **Potluck Picnic**

In the years since many of us began doing genealogy new genealogical sources of information have become available. Besides what is still #1. Family and relatives; other sources are now available, #2. Libraries, #3. Family History Centers, and #4. Computers. The program will be a show and tell with the idea in producing an up to date how-to Genealogy outline including many useful computer tips and ideas.

It is planned to have a show and tell session with helpful web sites, books, and methods. The idea being to present a BCGS handout *Genealogy Methods 2009*, a draft will be passed out with the idea we can expand and improve on it. Help—get your ideas together. Some members have already brought in their lists of good useable web sites.

**Bring a dish of your choice for the Potluck.** Coffee, tea, punch, paper plates, plastic spoons, etc. will be available.

#### **Summer Break**

### BCGS Library Hours Change

**Change in Library Times:** As of **July 7**, the Library hours will change to: **1:00 PM to 3:30 PM** on Tuesdays. Remember to sign in when you use the Library so we have an accurate record of usage.

### Genealogy 2009

In 2009 there are sources for Family History information that us old timers never even dreamed of when we started out years ago.

You still need to start out filling in your Family Tree and Family Group Sheets. Start with yourself, Parents, then to Grandparents, etc., with Family Group Sheet Information you acquire as you go along

Record places and areas your ancestors were at. Also record in-law names as, particularly before 1940s relatives tended to migrate to the same geographic area. This gives you more names and places to search for.

There are four good sources for genealogy information:

- #1. Relatives are still the best source
  - a. Yourself
  - b. Second best and reliable source
    1. Mothers,
    2. Grandmothers might be even better
  - c. Other relatives
  - d. Seek out and ASK about relatives with Family History Interest
  - e. Go visit your family and the places your families have been and are— (Cemeteries).

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## Newspaper Project Updated

Another 1,000 surnames have been added to the Newspaper surname index posted online. The total events listed on this Newspaper Project is now up to 15,500. Some of the newspapers are available on CD for a modest cost.

### Looking for Benton County Residents between 1865 to July of 1925?

Anyone researching individuals who lived in Benton County between 1865 to July of 1925 may find interesting information in our Benton County Newspapers. To make it easier to locate newspaper events published about your family, our Benton County Genealogical Society volunteers have posted an updated Newspaper index online of over 15,500 events. Births, deaths, obituaries, marriages, legal references, and other items of interest such as family reunions are cited. A code beside the person's name and date of the published event indicate the newspaper where the information may be found. One of our volunteers or any researcher may use the surname index to quickly locate the newspaper articles on microfilm and make a copy.

Surnames References to Benton County Newspapers (index)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is also linked to our Newspaper Project web site.

Click on "Benton County Genealogical Society's Newspaper Project" under "Genealogical Societies"

<http://www.thebestlibrary.net/joomla/content/view/85/95>

Microfilm reels of early Corvallis newspapers are located at:

The Benton County Historical Museum, Philomath

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, Corvallis

Oregon State University, The Valley Library, Corvallis

University of Oregon, Knight Library, Eugene

Oregon State Library, Salem

For questions contact Linda Olsen, [thekeeper@ronsarchive.com](mailto:thekeeper@ronsarchive.com)

### *This and That*

Because of budget issues the Oregon Historical Society's Research Library had been closed since February 28th. It recently reopened on a limited basis. The new hours & days are Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 1-5 p.m. *Excerpted from OGS Newsletter, May 2009*

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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.

## News From the Library

Sandra Potter, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2637	OR	Oregon State Library	150 Books for Oregon Sesquicentennial (2009); Red folder
2638	CAN	Canadian Archives	Passenger Ship Manifests, Microfilm Index; Halifax, 1880-1908; St. John, 1900-08; Quebec, 1865-1980; Blue folder
2639	HT-CD	Family Tree	International Genealogy Passport
2640	OR	Benton Co.	School photos: Peoria 1925; Pine Grove 1923-24; Brown binder; Gift of Ted Gump

**Inventory** of Library holdings will take place June 30, starting at 9AM. Please let me know if you can help in the morning, afternoon, or all day. We finished in one day last year, so let's set a new record!

### Additions to Library:

**International Genealogy Passport** is a new CD which has lots of helpful information, approaches & sources, listed by country to help you find those elusive relatives. As an example, I was trying to find a passenger list for some Irish ancestors...and I found reference to a database from the National Archives that proved useful. The CD also contains an index to past issues of *Family Tree Magazines*, a Forms Starter Kit (some standard, others more unusual: Customs Lists, Passenger Lists for various years), and a *Family Tree Sourcebook*.

**Ted Gump** has donated two photos of local grade school classes. Do you recognize any of these names...take a look at the photos. Pine Grove: Cummings, Eagy, Gibson, Heinrich, Hover, Johnson, McLaren, McNeil, Mode, Nichols, Settle, Smith; Inez Smith (teacher), Peoria: Abraham, Carothers, Coleman, Hughes, Lamar, Logan, Mills, Shaw, Wade. Worsing; Nora Coleman (teacher).

## HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

**Decorative Arts from the BCHS Collection**  
**June 19, 2009 - August 22, 2009**

Decorative arts including historic porcelain, glass, silver, textiles and furniture from the BCHS & Museum collection will be on public exhibition in "Home is where the Art Is" from June 19 - August 22, 2009. Please join us! The Museum's hours are Tuesday thru Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is located at 1101 Main St., Philomath, OR.

### **National Trust for Historic Preservation** **(Submitted by Linda Van Orden from the NTHP website)**

"The National Trust for Historic Preservation is starting a national conversation about places that matter--about places where important moments of our everyday lives have taken place.

The place where your grandparents were married and the hotel where they spent their honeymoon, the train depot where community members shipped out for their tours in the armed services and the rows of bungalows that define a neighborhood's character. The drive-in movie theater you frequented as a child or a community landmark that serves up local history to elementary school students.

Too often, these places can be lost in a heartbeat -- sometimes even before we realize they will be missed. That's why NTHP launched our 'This Place Matters' campaign, to help people call attention to special places in their community before they are endangered. Because we all know the best way to save a place is to make sure it is valued in the community.

So celebrate a place you love, sound an alarm about a place that is threatened, or just start a conversation about a place that matters."

Visit: This Place Matters:

<http://my.preservationnation.org/site/R?i=TysKC5u-N6Pkswk2htgzNg/>

*Reprinted from: Oregon Genealogical Society Newsletter May 2009*

## ***Program Review***

***By David Kribs, Program Chairman***

9 May 2009 - **Orphan Trains** - An opb video presentation about some 200,000 youths from impoverished New York traveling for the most part by train to be placed with Western families during the years 1850-1926.

Plus, with the husband of our own author Charlene Joy Talbot a review of her Book, "An Orphan for Nebraska" about the fictionalized boy Kevin O'Rourke's experiences based on fact. And, our own Ed Stratton whose grandfather John Stratton came west on an Orphan Train around 1860.

## ***Upcoming Programs***

**\*\*\* Summer Break \*\*\***

12 September 2009 - **Show 'N' Tell**

10 October 2009- Tentative-**German Research** - Mary Dean Snelling

14 November 2009-- Tentative- **English Research** - Susan Hayes (Bill Gleaves assist)

12 December 2009- **Auction and Christmas Party**

## **Never Fail Soap**

5 lbs cracklings  
1 gal soft water  
1 can lye

Boil hard 20 minutes. Remove from heat and stir until thick. Perfume it if you like and pour it into molds, if you prefer. In the tub, it will do a marvelous job of washing soiled clothing.

*Reprinted from: Distant Trails,, Sweet Home Genealogical Society Newsletter, June 2007*

**Now that we have our soap, let's review how to wash clothes, as described by a pioneer woman. Note spelling.**

## ***Washing Clothes Recipe***

*From a mailing list in Oregon:*

Years ago an Alabama grandmother gave the new bride the following recipe:

This is an exact copy as written and found in an old scrapbook - with spelling errors and all.

Build fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke wont blow in eyes if wind is pert. Shave one hole cake of lie soap in boilin water.

Sort things, make 3 piles  
1 pile white,  
1 pile colored,  
1 pile work britches and rags.

To make starch, stir flour in cool water to smooth, then thin down with boiling water.

Take white things, rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, and boil, then rub colored don't boil just wrench and starch.

Take things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then wrench, and starch.

Hang old rags on fence.

Spread tea towels on grass.

Pore wrench water in flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. Turn tubs upside down.

Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with hair combs. Brew cup of tea, sit and rock a spell and count your blessings.

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### #2. Get on the Internet

- a. You can start out **simply typing the name** you're looking for into one of the various Search Engines. Also, try family name only.
- b. Try the State and County sites - assessable from our BCGS web page - **rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/**
- c. In time one of the Genealogy Computer Programs can prove helpful, in the least someplace to store Information
  1. Family Tree Maker - most popular
  2. Family.com
  3. Family Search.- most widely used
  4. The Master Genealogist (TMG)
  5. Geni - **geni.com** - Free
  6. My Heritage - **myheritage.com** - Free

**useful - INTERNET SITES - <http://www.->**

- d. **familysearch.org** - Most extensive source of genealogical information. Free at home from the Family History Library at Salt Lake
- e. **heritagequestonline.com** - Census and census information, some military records— free use at home with your library card.
- f. **ancestry.com** - paid and some parts free from home-
- g. **cyndislist.com** - recognized as the most extensive listing of genealogical web sites
- h. **footnote.com**
- i. **usgenweb.net** - USGenWeb - Links to all states - leads to most Counties
- j. **ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi** Social Security Death Index, also available through familysearch.org
- k. **familysearch.org/englSearch/frameset\_search.asp** LDS Family .Search

### #3. Books

- a. Census Records
- b. Obituaries
- c. Family Histories

### #4. Libraries

- a. Genealogy Libraries  
BCGS
- b. Public Libraries  
Particularly in the areas you're searching
- c. National Archives  
Census, Military, Land Records
- d. Museums and Historical Societies - BCHS [Family genealogies follow history.]
- e. DAR

### #5. Family History Library (FHL) and Family History Centers (FHC)

## Some West Virginia Cemeteries Not At Rest

In coal –mining country, battles over burial sites lead to court and new legislation. Small family cemeteries across West Virginia get in the way of development interests. Graves get lost as mining can make it difficult for families to gain access to burial grounds. Sometimes the land passed from one company to another, sometimes cemeteries are relocated, but more often families are losing track of where their ancestor's graves are located.

## **Websites**

- The **Seeking Michigan** website is opening up Michigan's History to information seekers. A major project is the Digitization of 1 million death records covering the years 1897-1920. Also currently included are more than 100,000 pages of Civil War documents, 10,000 photographs, WPA data and oral histories, a collaboration between the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan. <http://seekingmichigan.org/>
- **Texas Land Records Online.** Did you know you might find your ancestor's land grant online? The Texas General Land Office maintains the Land Grant Database at <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/Archives/landgrant.htm> which will let you locate your ancestor's land grant under that jurisdiction. For another great online reference for Texas research, you can check out the Handbook of Texas Online at <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online>.
- **Civil War Prison Records. Alton in the Civil War** - Nearly 12,000 Confederate prisoners were held at the Alton Military Prison. [www.altonweb.com/history/civilwar/confed/index.html](http://www.altonweb.com/history/civilwar/confed/index.html) **Gratiot Street Prison** held Confederate prisoners of war, spies, guerillas, civilians suspected of disloyalty, and Federal Soldiers accused of crimes. [www.civilwarstlouis.com/Gratiot/gratiot.htm](http://www.civilwarstlouis.com/Gratiot/gratiot.htm)  
*The above websites were Reprinted from the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter Volume XXXI Number 5, May 2009*
- **North Carolina Maps.** Description: North Carolina Maps is a comprehensive, on-line collection of historic maps of the Tar Heel State. The maps range in date from 1584 to 2000 and include at least one detailed historic map for each of North Carolina's 100 counties. <http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/>  
*Reprinted from Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter, Volume XXXI, Number 6, June 2009*

### Linn Genealogical society

Dear Genealogy Buffs,

This Linn Genealogical Society Mailing is to let you know that we recently moved the "Research Library". For many years we were located in the Linn County Court House building. Last February we moved into a beautiful research room located in the new Albany Public Library at 2450 14th Ave. SE, Albany, OR 97322.

Our private collection consists of more than 3,000 volumes, plus we have computer access to the internet. One of our major projects has been digitizing the Linn County Historical Newspapers (1895-1972). This is a wonderful resource, which we are in the process of indexing. Meanwhile, researchers can view and copy what they need.

Volunteers daily host the research room and now we can be open on weekends and one night a week to accommodate the working community. To accommodate out-of-town researchers, we will be glad to make appointments.

We are enclosing a copy of our current Publication Sales Catalog [which is now in the BCGS Library]. Yearly the obituaries from the Albany Democrat Herald are compiled and are now assembled into 40 volumes. There are several new cemetery volumes, as well as the 40 volumes containing the Oregon Donation Land Claim holder information.

Please circulate the enclosed information and encourage your members to use our resources, our volunteers are there to help. If you would like to receive our monthly *Heritage Newsletter*, which is free with each membership, contact us at the address below.

Sincerely,

Linn Genealogical Society, 2450 14th Ave, SE, Albany, OR 97322  
Phone **541-791-1618**. [www.lgsoregon.org](http://www.lgsoregon.org) or [query4lgs@lgsoregon.org](mailto:query4lgs@lgsoregon.org)

### **Newsletter Deadline**

**Deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is 5:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the 1st Saturday of each month.**

## Upcoming Genealogical Events

- **June 18 - 20, 2009 - Fort Wayne, IN - Palatines to America 2009 National Conference, "Research with the Experts,"** will be at the **Allen County Public Library** in Fort Wayne. Featured speaker is **Annette Burgert**. Additional workshops and expert consultants are also on tap. Information and reservations are online at [www.palam.org](http://www.palam.org) or write to Ann Rodick, 211 S. Spriggs Ct., Bloomington, IN 47403-9610.
- **June 20, 2009 - Tucson, AZ - The Arizona State Genealogical Society** will hold a one-day seminar in Tucson, Arizona, focusing on locating your immigrant ancestors and their documentation. Seminar will be at the University Medical Center, 150 N. Campbell Ave., Room 2117, Tucson, AZ. Registration is \$20 for ASGS members, \$25 for non-members. Visit [www.azsgs.org](http://www.azsgs.org) for the Monsoon Madness Application.
- **June 26 - 28, 2009 - The 40th Annual Genealogy Jamboree**, sponsored by **The Southern California Genealogical Society**, will be held at the Burbank Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Burbank, California. The conference features over 100 lecture sessions by more than 55 speakers who Dick Eastman called "...a Who's Who in Genealogy." Jamboree will have nearly 70 exhibitors, and special events, including the second Blogger Summit with several notable geneabloggers. Friday night's keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Tukufu Zuberi of PBS History Detectives. Free sessions Friday morning include Librarians' Genealogy Boot Camp, two beginning genealogy sessions, and Kids' Family History Camp. A great value for the money, plus discounts for members and early registration. Check [www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com](http://www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com) for all the details. Southern California Genealogical Society, 818-843-7247.
- **The National Genealogy Society 2009 Fall Research Trip to Salt Lake City** is scheduled for **September 27 - October 3, 2009**. Space is limited to 30 attendees and the registration deadline is **June 30, 2009**, so now is the time to consider this opportunity. When compared to similar trips offered by other organizations, the NGS Research trip is the most economical. It includes seven full nights lodging, two dinners, an evening reception, and six full days of research time at the Family History Library, the world's largest archive of genealogy and family history materials with access to more than two million rolls of microfilm, hundred of thousands of microfiche, and over 300,000 books. In addition, you will have two experienced researchers—Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG and Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG, FNGS - to guide you and give you the individual attention you need. The rate for this entire guided research trip, including a shared room at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel for 7 nights, is \$645 for members and \$705 for non-members. Single room rates are \$1025 for members and \$1085 for non-members. For more details and to register online, go to [www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/research\\_trips](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/research_trips)

*The above events were "Originally published in UpFront with NGS, The Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society."*  
[http://www.NSGSgenealogy.org/cs/upfront\\_with\\_ngs](http://www.NSGSgenealogy.org/cs/upfront_with_ngs)

- **DAR Lineage Workshop.** There will be a **DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Lineage Workshop on July 11, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in room 102 of the Oregon State Library. Ruby Pantalone (Anna Maria Pittman Chapter Registrar), Karen Farwell (Chemeketa Chapter Registrar) and Shirley O'Neill (Oregon State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Chairman) will help individuals with their lineage back to the American Revolution. Be sure to bring your Pedigree Chart, family groups sheets and any other information you think might help with finding your Revolutionary War Ancestor. If you have any questions, please call Ruby Pantalone: 503-393-8334.  
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- **Federation of Genealogical Societies "Passages Through Time"** is the **Federation of Genealogical Societies FGS/AGS 2009 Conference** to be held **September 2 - 5 in Little Rock, Arkansas**. Visit the website. [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) for more information.
- **WSGS Annual Conference. The Washington State Genealogical Society 2009 Conference** will be held in **Spokane, WA September 11-13, 2009**, hosted by Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. The Keynote Speaker will be Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak. For more information, check out the websites:  
**WSGS:** [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs)  
**EWGS:** [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs)  
Call **509-344-8888** or toll free **800-899-1482** for reservations and mention WSGS Conference for listed rates. Conference brochure is available at the BCGS Library. *Excerpted from WSGS Newsletter June 2009*

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:  
**31 August for the 12 September meeting. Cookies — Bill Gleaves**  
**28 September for the 10 October meeting. Cookies — Leila Crawford**  
**2 November for the 14 November meeting. Cookies — Dean Johnson**

### Membership Information

Names, email and phone numbers have been 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 URL [www.bcgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org)**

### More Member Info.

Our meetings are held on the **second Saturday, September through June**, in the NE Dining Hall 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 12:30 until 3:00 PM and after meetings on Saturdays.** Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

### Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: [sprawlinson@proaxis.com](mailto:sprawlinson@proaxis.com). Thank You. **Pat Rawlinson**

### 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.

**THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!**



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