



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 14 MARCH Program

Researching the Town POOR PEOPLE with our own Billee Hoornbeek. Billee has collected data and information about the treatment (and documentation) of the town poor for the last 200 years. Billee has about ½ hour of presentation. We will need your items and experiences in researching for records of the poor to help fill out the program.

Also, *how do you handle* discussions; Adoptions, step and foster children, recording and sharing information of questionable reliability, and more time allowing? Bring your solutions and questions.

### Register of Marriages and Baptisms

performed by  
Rev. John Cuthbertson  
Covenanter Minister  
1751-1791

Banished from Scotland and arriving December 1685 at Perth Amboy NJ, 95 Covenanters (another 30 died in passage) were scattered at intervals throughout NJ, PA, NY, CT, DE, and SC. Other Covenanters not all banished also came to America.

Scottish Presbyterian under the leadership of John Knox won victory in Scotland against Roman Catholicism and in 1560 the Scottish Parliament accepted the reformation in its Calvinistic form. A long conformation followed with the Episcopalians (Church of England). After the revolution of 1688 the **Presbyterian Church** of Scotland was declared. Because some believed the old covenants were not included the reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland (the Covenanters) was formed in 1743 by these descanters.

One of John Calvin's principles was that God had made a covenant (constitution) with man—do as the Biblical principles then God must in turn do as agreed. As rulers claim they rule by absolute divine right, having duties to their constituents is in conflict with their desire for absolute power—so arrived in early America the Covenanters.

In 1751, the first Reformed Presbyterian Missionary to America, Rev. John Cuthbertson an educated and licensed minister from Scotland arrived. Rev. Cuthbertson's principle Society was at Middle Octoraro, Lancaster Co PA. From here he traveled the next 40 years by horse, foot, and boat more than 70,000 miles, nearly all near or on the frontier, including the times of the French-Indian and Revolutionary Wars, continually performing marriages, baptisms, sacraments, and services.

His diaries have survived, are reproduced, and have been separately indexed as to 600 marriages, 1800 child baptisms, 5000 different families, and 500 places indexed by counties in seven states. His ministry was primarily in se PA, after a supportive part of his congregation removed to upstate NY he made frequent trips there, always ministering in PA, NJ, and other sites along the way, sidetracking into ME, DE, and CT.

#### **Look for your names in all the separate indexes.**

I have included the parts (researched separately) about their religion as it allowed me to establish more certainty about my McMillan and Park families who were latter known to have been involved with the Presbyterian Church and Home Missionary Service. Also found are many Brown's and some Ross's names know to have family associations in Canada. I find 12-15 of my direct ancestors

Book Review  
BCGS #1945 US (brown paperback in file box)

**BY DAVID KRIBS**

## Spotlight: The DeKalb History Center by Valerie Beaudrault [www.dekalbhistory.org/index.html](http://www.dekalbhistory.org/index.html)

DeKalb County, located in north central Georgia was created in 1822 from Fayette, Gwinnett, and Henry counties. Until the formation of Fulton county in 1853, Atlanta was part of DeKalb County. Decatur, home to the DeKalb History Center, is the county seat. Click on the Online Research link on the homepage to access the website's databases.

Cemetery Database: This database indexes marriage records recorded in DeKalb County for the period from 1840 to 1900 that were transcribed by Franklin Garrett in 1930 and 1931

Freedman Record: This database contains information about all free African-Americans residing in DeKalb County from 1851-1864

1821 Georgia Land Lottery for DeKalb County: This database contains records from the 1821 Georgia seven land lotteries to distribute the land ceded by the Creek Nation of Indians to the United States via the Treaty of Indian Springs (January 8, 1821).

1870 and 1910 Census Records Databases: These databases contain surname indexes to the 1870 and 1910 federal census for DeKalb County. DeKalb Confederate Database: This alphabetical database contains the names of DeKalb County's Confederate soldiers. Land Records Database: This database indexes deeds showing transfers of land recorded in the DeKalb County Courthouse from 1820 through 1903.

Superior Court Records Database (1836-1843): There was a fire at the DeKalb County courthouse in 1842 that destroyed most of the records. The minute book indexed here is the only volume of official county records that survived the fire. The volume covers all cases tried in the DeKalb Superior Court between 1836 and 1843.

Will Records Database: This database indexes DeKalb County wills for the period from August 1839 through October 1917.

Stone Mountain Cemetery: Click on the "Information on the Confederate Soldiers Buried in Stone Mountain Cemetery" link to view a document containing detailed information not only about the cemetery and the veterans buried there, but also a history of the town of Stone Mountain during and after the Civil War.

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## New Website for History of Oregon City

Historic Oregon City and the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center have created a new website. The new site integrates the rich educational content from the center and current information from the Historic Oregon City. "we have downloadable materials, a rich history library, a virtual collection, and several ways to interact with our professional staff," said executive director David Porter. The new website can be viewed at [www.historicoregoncity.com](http://www.historicoregoncity.com)

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## *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*



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Adair Village, OR 97330

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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***

<b>Number</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>
2623	CAN/ONT	Ontario Gen Soc	Guide to Ontario Land Registry Records
2624	RW	Prechtel	English Army & Navy Lists, compiled during the Revolutionary War; Gift of Bill Gleaves
2625	RW	Burgoyne	Diary of Lieutenant von Bardenleben; Gift of Bill Gleaves
2626	HT	Warren & Warren	Your Guide to the Family History Library (Gift of BCHS)
2627	OR	Winema DAR	Benton County, Corvallis Church Records

### **Genealogy Classes in Eugene**

Classes will be held Monday evenings beginning February 23rd for 6 consecutive weeks, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Pre-registration is suggested but not required. The six classes will be taught at the Oregon Genealogical Society Research Library, 955 Oak Alley, Eugene, OR.

What information can you find about your ancestors in marriage, birth and death records? Where to locate vital records and what info they may contain to help you in your research.

#### **Census Records**

March 16

Instructor: Stan Hultgren

Census records hold a wealth of information. Come learn where to look for them, how to read them and see what you can find out about your ancestors. What is the Soundex and how do you use it?

#### **Research resources On & Offline**

March 23

Instructor: Linda Aubrey

Where to go to find what you are looking for. Is everything online or do you need to look elsewhere? Where is elsewhere?

#### **Citing Your Sources**

March 30

Instructor: Dawn Carlile

Learn how to record your who, what, when, where and from whom you got your information. This way you have it done right and it makes you look like a professional.

#### **Series I: Beginning Genealogy Classes**

**Cost: \$30.00**

**Mail payment to:**

Oregon Genealogical Society & Research Library  
PO Box 10306  
Eugene, OR 97440-2306

Phone: 541-345-0399  
-mail: ogsinfo@comcast.net

### ***Membership - Renewals***

***Mary Yoke***

***Candy Leelaamornvichet***

## ***Program Review***

*By David Kriba, Program Chairman*

14 February 2009 a BCGS presentation on Genealogy available from the **History Detectives**. Find at <http://pbs.opb/historydetectives/diy/index.html>. Select down under "Do it Yourself Guides" to **Genealogy** where you'll likely find one of the best guides anywhere outlining how-to, or how-should we do genealogy. We also tried a *how do you handle* discussion. From the amount of discussion and ideas presented we are planning this as a regular event at meetings, time available.

## ***Upcoming Programs***

11 April 2009- Tentative- English Research  
9 May 2009- Tentative- Reenactment - Historical interpreter  
13 June 2009- Genealogy Methods 2009—**Potluck Picnic**  
\*\*\* Summer Break \*\*\*  
12 September 2009 - **Show 'N' Tell**  
10 October 2009- Tentative-German Research

## ***RAFFLE***

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**

**\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00/**

Tickets for an the upcoming raffle are on sale now and may be purchased at the February and March meetings, and prior to the April meeting.. The drawing will be held at the April meeting. Donated items include:

- Two hours computer assistance or photo restoration donated by Margaret Fox
- One hour airplane ride over Corvallis donated by Bill Gleaves
- A beautiful white afghan donated by Tonya Rawie.
- **Just added to the Raffle!** HP Scanjet 4890. This is HP's fastest photo scanner; scans photos, & slides.

**The more tickets you buy, the more likely you are to win!**

## ***Passages***

***The Benton County Genealogical Society extends their Deepest Sympathy to the families of Dr. John T. Yoke III and Robert Ward Aukerman.***

**Dr. John T. Yoke III** passed away on February 12, 2009. He and his wife Mary have been members of BCGS for many years. Dr. Yoke is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Mary Elizabeth, sons John T. Yoke IV and James Richardson, and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made in care of McHenry Funeral Home to the R. W. Psrny Scholarship Fund of the Dapartment of Chemistry of the University of Michigan; the Benton County Genealogical Society; Benton Hospice; and Catholic charities.

**Robert Ward Aukerman** died February 13, 2009. He was the father of our past President Danell Aukerman. He is survived by three daughters Danell, Karen and Lori, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## **More Canadian Records**

This website has over 1000 links to databases and record transcriptions for all of Canada [www.genealogysearch.org/canada](http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada)  
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## Affiliate Membership to End in June

The affiliate membership with the Benton County Historical Society & Museum and our Genealogy Society will end in June due to lack of interest. If you are interested in joining the Historical Society and haven't done so due to cost, this is your opportunity to join for the \$10 affiliate membership fee, which is good for a year. A Historical Society membership entitles you to free lectures; special events and opportunities offered by the Society; the Historical Society's Newsletter; and more. The Museum is open Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. The person at the Museum Front Desk can assist you with your membership application and accept the affiliate membership fee and give you a receipt. If questions, please call 929-6230.

## 1890 Census Substitutes

Fire took the 1890 Census. Ancestry.com is increasing its 1890 census substitutes by adding more than 1,100 new city directories from the period and coming soon, additional state censuses.

Family History Needs You---Sites you can volunteer for:

The World Archives Project is sponsored by Ancestry.com and the FamilySearch Indexing Project is sponsored by the LDS church. All indexes created by the projects will remain on their respective sites and be accessible by the public for free. And you're invited to help by downloading the indexing software to your computer and you decide how much you want to contribute. [www.ancestry.com/worldarchivesproject](http://www.ancestry.com/worldarchivesproject) [www.familysearchindexing.org](http://www.familysearchindexing.org)

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## Obituary Database, Wakarusa Public Library, Indiana <http://www.wakarusa.lib.in.us/historical/obituaries.asp>

Wakarusa is a town in Harrison and Olive townships in Elkhart County, Indiana. It is in the north-central part of the state, not far from the Michigan border. The Wakarusa Public Library's Historical Room Collection includes an online obituary database. The records are from the late nineteenth and early to mid twentieth centuries. The database can be searched by first name and last name and searches can be limited by providing a range of dates for the deceased's birth and death. The search results are returned as an alphabetical list of full names.

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## Benton County Historical Society Presents: 2009 Benton Lectures

From the Benton County Historical Society and Museum web pages

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

All lectures will be held at the Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main Street Philomath, Oregon 97370 at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Moreland Auditorium. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m.; questions and discussion will follow the lecture. Cost is free to Historical Society members and \$5.00 to non-members.

### Monday, March 16

**Patricia Benner, Oregon State University**

**The Willamette Makes the News**

The river's history and ecology through the windows of early newspapers

### Monday, March 30

**Esther Stutzman, Kalapuya Tribal Elder**

**The Kalapuya Experience**

Lifestyles and impact of contact with pioneer culture

### Monday, April 6

**Nancy Bryant, Oregon State University**

**Dressed for the 18th Century**

Professor Emerita Bryant's famous "reverse strip tease" describes apparel in the 18th century, an era that led up to western migration

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# The Not-So-Good News from Sorenson Molecular Genealogical Foundation

By Gene Newcomb

As some of you may know by now, the latest release of DNA profiles came out at the end of last month. While their usual profile releases have included tens of thousands of new profiles, this one was for fewer than 2000. One of the directors of the Foundation said that it was mostly a clean up release and that they have accomplished their goal of collecting a certain number of samples world wide. It may be that the death of the founder has created a situation that has lead to a restructuring of the goals of the Foundation.

Here is the text of the e-mail release that I received: "SMGF is happy to announce the addition of new haplotypes and genealogical records to the Sorenson mtDNA and Y-chromosome databases. We invite you to search these updated databases to find new family connections at <http://www.smgf.org>. As a research organization, SMGF's top priorities are to protect both the privacy of our participants and the integrity of the information stored in our databases. As an added security measure, users will now be required to enter a user name and password to search the free SMGF Y and mtDNA databases. If you do not already have a user account you can create one [at the site],,"

A number of the comments that I read on line were reports of not finding any new data for the person writing the message or their families, but a couple of people did find new profiles. My suggestion is that you log-in to the site and create a user account. Then for male samples try your family name to see if there is anything on the yDNA report. For both male and female samples check the mtDNA results by trying the maiden name of someone in the exclusively female line (mother, mother's mother, mother's mother's mother, etc.). In either case there is a little branched tree on its side on the left side of each profile. If you click on that you will find a pedigree tree with the sample donor at the left marked as 'protected', but earlier family members who have birth years of over 100 years ago will be visible and you should be able to recognize your family. If all else fails, you may give me the names and I will check to see if any of our samples have been processed. My e-mail address and phone number are on the newsletter or you could send a letter to the BCGS post box requesting help.

By the way if instead of seeing names there are just numbers, click on them and it will bring up the Family Search sheet for that individual. That means that either you or some other interested party has submitted your data to the LDS church. I found that part of my family has been given to them.

If there is evidence that some of our results have been posted I will go into the details of what to do with that information in a later newsletter.

Happy DNA hunting.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY OF OREGON TRAIL EMIGRANT RESOURCES**

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society and the Oregon State Library have a long history of working together to provide Oregon citizens with research support in the area of genealogy and state history. Now WVGS volunteers Evelyn Gatlin and Sandy Graham have compiled a bibliography of resources, from the State Library collection, that contain names and personal accounts of the thousands of emigrants who traveled the Oregon Trail. This resource will be very helpful to anyone who is researching Oregon history or genealogy. The bibliography <<http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/OregonTrailBibliography.pdf>> lists 160 resources and includes manuscripts, journals, diaries, interviews, family histories and other resources. Check the online catalog <[http://catalog.willamette.edu/screens/opacmenu\\_s2.html](http://catalog.willamette.edu/screens/opacmenu_s2.html)> of the State Library for availability of any of the resources. Items that circulate can be ordered via interlibrary loan through your public library.

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clipped (and slightly edited) from "Letter to Libraries Online" (An Electronic Newsletter from the Oregon State Library.....  
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From: or-roots-bounces@listsmart.osl.state.or.us

**On behalf of Kith-n-kin**

## OGS Winter & Spring Genealogy Class Schedule

- AR 21 USING MAPS IN GENEALOGY**  
*Where to locate maps, how to read them and how they can help you in your research: Instructor Dawn Carlile*
- APR 4 PHOTOGRAPHING DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS**  
Tips and tricks for photographing documents and photos to keep in your digital archive. Instructor: TBA
- APR 11 USING TIMELINES IN GENEALOGY**  
*Creating and using timelines to assist you in your research and writing your family history. Instructor: Ferne Kellow*
- APR 18 PRESERVATION OF YOUR DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS**  
*Techniques and resources for storing and preserving your documents and books. Instructor: TBA*
- MAY 2 MILITARY RECORDS**  
*Understanding military records and where to find them on & offline. Instructor. Linda Aubrey*

**Email: [ogsinfa@comcast.net](mailto:ogsinfa@comcast.net)**

Classes are held Saturday mornings, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM, at the OGS Research Library. Cost is \$5.00 per class and is paid at the door. Plan to arrive early to register and pay. Classes will start promptly at 10:00 AM. The library is in the alley between Willamette and Oak Streets, behind the Downtown Athletic Club. Free parking is available in the Over-park parking garage above the library on Saturdays. From 10th Avenue turn North onto Oak and left into the parking garage.

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**Patriotism calls for the faithful and conscientious performance of all the duties of citizenship in small matters as well as great, at home as well as upon the tented field.**  
**W. J. Bryan**

### Informative Articles from Ancestry

"Ancestry" for January-February, 2009, has many informative articles. "Be a Fashion Detective" gives a one-page listing of common styles in different decades which just might help you establish a time period for some of your mystery photos. For instance: "1863-1873 —Triangular Silhouette The bird-cage is replaced by cone-shaped hoops. Flat-front, gored skirts and princess-line dresses eliminate unnecessary gathers around the waist." "Patient Records. Patience Required." This article give some hints about how to access hospital records, which are often considered private and difficult to get at. It suggests that using the name of the locality "+ hospital records + archives" in a search engine may yield results. In addition, try the Family History Library Catalog, as older records may have been microfilmed. "At the Top of the Class" points out that school records can be of great help in turning up birth date and place, middle names, sibling names and ages, and previous school attended. A town or county history may contain an education section with details of teachers, pupils & school officials. The District Office may have directories, family census records, lists of graduates and more. Look at the article for other great ideas to help track down details of your family.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:  
**30 March for the 11 April meeting. Cookies — Margaret Fox**  
**27 April for the 9 May meeting. Cookies — Teri Greene**  
**1 June for the 13 June meeting. Cookies — Dave Kribs**

### 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 URL see: [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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