



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 9 May Program

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.

### Recording Cemetery Data

December 6, 2008

**Carol Surrency of the Oregon Historical Cemeteries Assn.  
and Judy Goldmann of The Genealogical Society of Washington County**

**Preliminary groundwork** should include: Looking for the work done by others. Consult the Oregon Burial Site Guide for locations.

**Make a comprehensive list of cemeteries**, using maps, plats found at the County Land Records; consult with local mortuaries to find out who the responsible Boards or Sextons are.

**Choose a database** for all working on the project, and mount the template available from the Oregon Historic Cemeteries Commission. It can most easily be done in Microsoft Access, or Microsoft Excel.

**Create a listing**, using forms of your own or copied design. Everyone should have similar forms for uniformity. Decide if your project should include detail such as gravestone condition, photos, and the copying of inscriptions such as poetry and verse.

**Consult the caretaker**; make a friend of him or her. Ask permission to copy the records and for access to the cemetery. Look at the plat maps to understand the layout of the cemetery and map your survey accordingly. Many cemetery records have only the date of interment. Compare any previous readings with what has been done.

**On Site:** You may need a small shovel or trowel to dig away sod. Do not scrub grave markers with anything other than plain water. Marble is porous; other materials are vulnerable. Use only natural bristle brush or broom to clean off markers. A soft car-wash sponge is recommended. Application of water sometimes make hard to read inscriptions more visible.

**To Discover Additional Records:** Consult newspaper obituaries, mortuary records, any death records kept by your county, coroner records, Poor Farm records. The State Archives has death certificates 1903 - 1957. A CD has been put out by Ancestry.com entitled "Oregon Vital Records: Deaths 1903 - 1998". Solicit family records, any vertical files on cemeteries at your County Historical Society.

### Sources

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries - Kuri Gill, coordinator [kuri.gill@state.or.us](mailto:kuri.gill@state.or.us)  
A Heritage Program of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department 725 Summer St. NE, Suite C Salem, OR 97301

Oregon Historic Cemeteries Association, a Non Profit Organization [www.oregoncemeteries.org](http://www.oregoncemeteries.org)  
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## Papers of the War Department 1784-1800

<http://wardepartmentpapers.org/>

After a traumatic and devastating fire in 1800, many historians thought that early files of the United States War Department were essentially lost forever. Thankfully, the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University recently completed a decade long project to locate all the of these records and place them online here. The collection is a very important one, because during this time period the War Department was responsible for Indian affairs, veteran affairs, and naval affairs. The project was begun in earnest by Ted Crackel in the mid-1990's and it involved visits to over 200 repositories and consulting over 3,000 collections in the United States, Canada, England, France and Scotland. Now, visitors can browse through 55,000 documents, and also perform detailed searches, complete with links to digitized images of each document. Interested parties can also browse the collections by year or person of interest. In short, this an extremely valuable project that will be of interest to those with penchant for American history, and early American military history in particular.

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## *This and That*

Do you have documents in another Language? Check out this website. I think it would be especially helpful to genealogists who may have copies of records in various languages and would like to translate them. I noticed that it also allows you to translate entire websites. <http://babelfish.altavista.com/>

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## Historical Books Digitized through Family Search. Org

An addition to the notes from last month's program by Carl Taylor of the South Salem FHC. Family history books are being digitized also. On the [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org). Select Search Records, then Historical Books. You will be connected to the Family History Collection at BYU and can easily search by family name. At this point there are **32102** books in the online collection.

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## Find a Grave

If you have been searching for an ancestor's burial site, you may find it on Find A Grave. This is a resource for finding the final resting place of family. Thousands of volunteer contributors submit listings and photos. You can volunteer to enter new recorders or survey cemeteries. You can search by cemetery or name, also graves of the Famous are listed too.

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

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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.

*The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*



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*228 NE Azalea Dr*

*Adair Village, OR 97330*

*danell@genealogybookshoppe.com*

## News From the Library

Sandra Potter, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2631	MD	Baltimore & Baltimore	Co, MD, Street Map; Gift of Gene Newcomb; (oversize)
2632	US	Road Atlas,	Rand McNally (1997); (oversize)
2633	OR	Benton Co,	Bovee Funeral Home Records (July 1907-Oct 1910); red folder
2634	OR	Lockley	Conversations with Pioneer Women; ed, Helm; Red- brown PB
2635	OR	Lockley	Conversations with Pioneer Men; ed, Helm; Red PB
2636	HT	Smith	Social Networking for Genealogists, (2009); Black/tan PB

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**“Conversations...”** These two books are compilations of a series of more than 10,000 interviews that Fred Lockley did in the early 1900s. The interviews ran as daily columns in the Portland *Oregon Journal* for nearly 20 years. Mike Helm found 58 three-ring binders containing copies of the interviews in the University of Oregon Library and worked his way through them, resulting in these books.

“After all is said and done, people are just folks, and if you feel a real and sincere interest in them, and if you are a good asker and a good listener, you will be rewarded by getting good human interest stories.” Fred Lockley.

William M. Billyeau, pioneer of 1852: “We started with two wagons and eight oxen. We got here with one wagon, drawn by an ox and a cow.” From *Conversations with Pioneer Men*.

Mrs. Franklin Powell, pioneer of 1851: “Yes, I like music, but when I was a girl the musical instruments we practiced on were the churn, the washtub and the cradle. We didn’t have much chance to play the violin or the piano.” From *Conversations with Pioneer Women*.

These books are full of hundreds of stories, some long and some short, but all are interesting views into the lives of northwest pioneers.

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### **“Social Networking for Genealogists”**

“Social networking” doesn’t mean joining clubs or being involved in office politics, but refers to connections that can be made using computer networks. Wider availability of internet access and creation of websites with particular types of networking (e.g. posting photos) has made “social networking” possible. The internet is changing to a dynamic network filled with user-contributed content (e.g. Wikipedia, YouTube).

The first chapters of this book deal with basic social networking concepts and form the basis for understanding topics presented in the remaining chapters. These topics include blogs, photo & video sharing, wikis, podcasts, RSS feeds and genealogy-specific social networking, among others.

As a genealogist you already know about using libraries, archives, micro-film readers and so on. This book will introduce you to new tools and websites and show you how to put these powerful tools to work in your own genealogy research.

## Library of Virginia

[www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)

A large number of military records have been digitized including Revolutionary War bounty warrants, land office Military certificates, public service claims, and state pensions; Index to War of 1812 Pay Rolls and Muster Rolls; and World War 1 History Commission Questionnaires. Also available are Confederate Disability Applications and Receipts, Confederate Pensions Rolls for veterans and widows, Index to Virginia Confederate Rosters, and Index to Confederate Veterans Magazine. The pension files are filled with valuable information about births, marriages, and deaths as well as other family details. You can also find more details about an ancestor’s military service as well.

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# *Program Review*

*By David Kriba, Program Chairman*

11 April 2009 - **Raffle Ticket Sale and Drawings** at the conclusion of the business meeting. Winners were:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Dean Johnson - selected the white afghan donated by Tonya Rawie.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Potter - selected the HP Scanjet 4890 (HP's fastest photo scanner)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Danell Aukerman - selected the one hour plane ride for 3 donated by Bill Gleaves.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Teri Greene - selected two hour computer assistance or photo restoration donated by Margaret Fox  
 5<sup>th</sup> Deloras Martin - won the framed photo family tree donated by the Museum.  
 A fun time for all that raised \$ 215.00 primarily for the society's book fund.

Follow by *How do you handle* discussions—adoptions, step and foster children, recording and sharing information of questionable reliability; solutions and questions. This evolved into informative discussions of how to find adoption information, particularly before 1925.

## *Upcoming Programs*

- 13 June 2009- Genealogy Methods 2009—**Potluck Picnic**  
 \*\*\* **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**

### **CD's Now Available**

Copies of the CD's used for indexing the local Corvallis papers are available for members to check out from the BCGS library. Copies may be purchased upon request for \$10 each.

Available CD's include the following:

<b>CD#</b>	<b>Newspaper</b>	<b>Dates</b>
[CD 2.2]	Corvallis Gazette	8-16-1881 to 02-21-1890
[CD7.2]	Corvallis Gazette	08-08-1905 to 06-25-1909
[CD 4.3]	Weekly Gazette-Times	06-27-1918 to 12-30-1920
[CD 2]	Daily Gazette Times	05-13-1911 to 12-21-1912
[CD 4]	Daily Gazette Times	02-02-1914 to 02-16-1915
[CD 5]	Daily Gazette Times	02-16-1915 to 02-19-1916
[CD 9]	Daily Gazette Times	02-19-1919 to 12-27-1919
[CD 11]	Daily Gazette Times	10-01-1920 to 06-18-1921
[CD 16]	Corvallis Gazette Times	11-06-1923 to 05-24-1924
[CD18]	Corvallis Gazette Times	12-22-1924 to 07-24-1925

**Genealogy Research  
 Hours at the LDS Family  
 History Center @  
 Corvallis**

**Tuesday**  
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
**Wednesday**  
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
**Thursday**  
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

### **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

- **Seattle Genealogical Society's 2009 Spring Seminar** will be held **May 16, 2009** in **Seattle, WA**. The featured speaker will be **John Philip Colletta**, presenting four sessions: **"Breaking Through Brick Walls"**, **"Lesser-used Federal Records"**, and **"How to Assemble and Write a Narrative Family History"**. Registration deadline is **May 5, 2009**. Cost \$45 For more information visit their website [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/)
- **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.
- **Sheep to Shawl - The Mission Mill Museum in Salem** will be hosting a **Heritage Expo** on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009** from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. at the museum grounds in Salem. The Expo is a celebration of area heritage and is held in conjunction with the Museum's Annual Sheep to Shawl which celebrates the history of the museum through sheep shearing, craft demonstrations, living history and entertainment. The event is free, open to the public. And a lot of fun. [www.missionmill.org](http://www.missionmill.org) *Reprinted from the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter, Volume XXXI, number 4 April 2009*

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### **MAY 2009 HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH** **This Place Matters**

Presented by Benton County & City of Corvallis Historic Resources Commissions & PreservationWORKS

- May 27 – June 8** *Historic Windows & Sustainability*  
Footwise Window, Madison & NW 3<sup>rd</sup> St
- All May** *Corvallis Library Display Main Meeting Room*  
Monroe & NW 6<sup>th</sup> St
- May 12** *NEW Children's Farm Home Tour*  
3:30 p.m., 4455 NE Hwy 20
- May 14** *Atomic Ranch Homes Tour*  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Meet at Lincoln & NW 15<sup>th</sup> St at Dixon Creek
- May 16** *Historic Downtown Corvallis Walking Tour*  
1:00 p.m. Meet at Riverfront Park Fountain, Jackson & NW 1<sup>st</sup> St  
*Avery-Helm Historic District Highlights Walking Tour*  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Meet at B Ave & SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St parking lot
- May 20** *NEW Whiteside Theatre Tour*  
3:00 p.m., Meet at Madison & SW 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Tour limited to 12 persons; for reservations call Sharon 766-6908
- May 23** *NEW Stories from the Grave at Crystal Lake Cemetery*  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Crystal Lake Cemetery, Crystal Lake Drive. Enter at south side entrance; meet at Soldier's Monument.
- May 25** *Memorial Day Ceremony at Crystal Lake Cemetery*  
10:00 a.m., American Legion Post 11 & Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 640
- May 26** *Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony*  
Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St,  
6:30 p.m. Courthouse tour; 7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Art DeMuro, Venerable Properties,  
Portland, "Preservation & Sustainability;" Awards Ceremony follows
- May 30** *Biddle-Porter House Garden Tour*  
2:00 p.m. 406 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St; Meet at driveway on Harrison Ave
- TBA** *OSU's National Register Historic District Signage Installation & Celebration*

Call Chris Bentley 766-6819 or Bob Richardson 766-6908 for more information, or visit [www.co.benton.or.us](http://www.co.benton.or.us), or City of Corvallis: Choose Planning; Historic Preservation

## **Articles on a Crime...**

### **MURDER AT ALBANY**

CORVALLIS GAZETTE

November 6, 1885

Dispatches received here yesterday from Albany announcer meager particulars of a murder in Albany, wherein Chas Campbell, of that place, met his death at the hands of W.W. Saunders of this place, formerly editor of the Benton Leader. Saunders left Corvallis Tuesday for Albany, informing a friend that he just heard from Albany, and that he had something to attend to here. Wednesday evening about 7:40 o'clock he met Campbell walking on the street with Miss Mattie Allison, when Saunders shot Campbell, the shot taking effect and his victim fell from the sidewalk, when Saunders shot a second time, but without effect. Campbell died the next morning at 6 o'clock from the effect of the shot. The assault was entirely without provocation, the dispatches so state. Saunders was arrested a few minutes after and at the time of going to press his preliminary examination was not concluded. It is reported that Saunders was to be married in a few weeks to a sister of the young lady with whom Campbell was walking at the time of the shooting.

### **THE ALBANY HOMICIDE**

CORVALLIS GAZETTE

November 13, 1885

The Albany papers last week contained the testimony of Miss Mattie Allison, Thos Monteith and C.H. Stewart before the Coroner's Jury, and the dying statement of Charles Campbell. The Coroner's Jury found that Campbell came to his death at the hands of Saunders and Miss Allison was also held as an accomplice. They were both arrested and lodged in jail, and on Thursday last week waived examination in the Justice Court and were held without bail till the next session of the Circuit Court, which meets next March. The testimony of Miss Allison Coroner's Jury is to the effect that she and Saunders had arranged a meeting with Campbell at which meeting she expected trouble, but as she says, did not suppose there would be any shooting. She also informed a third part that Saunders was going to do her a great favor that night. She says that words passed between the two men when they met, but the latter's dying statement is to the effect that not a word was passed between the two men before Saunders did the shooting. The correctness of either statement will have considerable bearing on the case. Before the case comes to trial Saunders and Miss Allison will have ample time for reflection on the enormity of the crime.

In the Corvallis Gazette in March of 1886 there is a short notice that the Circuit Court will be meeting and that it would be to the benefit of Mr. Saunders and Miss Allison to have their cases tried early.

There are many missing issues of the paper from that period until the end of 1886. The next mention of the case is found in the New York Times.

### **A CONDEMNED MURDERER'S ESCAPE**

NEW YORK TIMES

July 7, 1886

Albany, Oregon, July 6---W.W. Saunders was convicted on Sunday night of murder in the first degree for killing Charles Campbell in November last, and was remanded to the county jail to await sentence on Wednesday. Yesterday morning it was discovered that the prisoner had effected his escape. During his confinement he had sawed off the bolt heads of the back of his cell and substituted dark wooden heads, which so closely resembled the iron ones that the jailer did not suspect the difference. It was therefore little trouble Saunders, having once gained the corridor, to make his escape. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for his recapture. The Sheriff and a posse are in pursuit.

There are again many missing issues.

CORVALLIS GAZETTE

December 3, 1886

A brief notice of a stay of execution for one W.W. Saunders.

There are no further mentions of the case as there are only scraps of the papers until 1889.

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## **[GCRA] WWI Red Cross Records**

From this week's Avotaynu newsletter for Jewish genealogy --

Massive Collection of WWI Documents Discovered

A British historian has discovered a collection of an estimated 20 million records of World War I casualties in the basement of the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland. The records deal with the capture, death, or burial of servicemen from over 30 nations drawn into the conflict; personal effects, home addresses and grave sites. All were passed to the International Red Cross by the combatants. Volunteers logged in the information by hand before sending it on to the soldiers' home countries. The Red Cross hopes to have the archive online by 2014, 100 years after the start of World War I. Additional information can be found at [http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/uk\\_news/7940540.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/uk_news/7940540.stm)

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Besser a Glatze als gar koine Hoor!

*Submitted by Dorothy Brandner*

## **King Folk Reunion**

**Saturday, June 27, 2009**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Kings Valley Charter School  
39088 Kings Valley Highway  
(in the Gym at back of school)**

**The morning session is a workshop. Please bring King family material to share. Pictures are especially wanted and may be scanned to our CD. (See info. in the King Folk newsletter) Perhaps you will discover a new relative, or be able to assist someone else with their research. A copy machine will be available to use free of charge. Coffee and donuts are provided.**

### **Potluck Lunch at Noon**

**Please bring a main dish and one other item of your choice (desert, salad, or munchies). Bring your own table service. Coffee, soda pop, and boiled water will be provided. There is refrigeration in the kitchen but only a small microwave for reheating.**

### **Business Meeting at 1:30 pm**

**For more information contact Vice-President Earle Greig, [egreig@pioneer.net](mailto:egreig@pioneer.net) or call 541-754-0053 or Secretary, Patricia Plunkett Holler at: [Lightandtruth@msn.com](mailto:Lightandtruth@msn.com)**

## A LIST OF POPULAR WEBSITES FOR YOUR PERUSAL

ProGenealogists Inc. has a list of the 50 most popular genealogy websites compiled by Kory L. Meyerink. It is a clickable list of all kinds of sites, some free, others fee. It includes things that I was familiar with like CyndisLlist and Ancestry, but others which I haven't visited yet. There are brief descriptions of the kind of material you might find and a dollar sign on those that charge a fee. You can find the list at [www.progenealogists.com](http://www.progenealogists.com) and put "50 most popular" in the search box in the upper right side of that page and you will be lead to the site.

*Submitted by Gene Newcomb*

W.W. Saunders Murder case

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This is the last mention found of the murder case of WW Saunders.

**December 3, 1886, Corvallis Gazette newspaper**

"The Saunders Case -- The time for hearing the appeal of W. W. Saunders has been set for December 9th. A Stay of execution has not yet been granted, but probably will be in a few days, if not by Judge Bu?, then by some other circuit judge in the state. When this is granted, it insures Saunders a few months further lease on life at least; he will have to be re-sentenced in June should the Supreme Court affirm the decision of the lower court..

*Billee Wilson Hoornbeek*

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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:

**1 June for the 13 June meeting. Cookies — Dave Kribs**  
**31 August for the 12 September meeting. Cookies — Bill Gleaves**

### 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.

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