

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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11 October Program

Warren L. Evans, Board member and volunteer. Restoring, update, and operation of the Philomath *Mt Union Cemetery* on Neabeack Hill.

Mexico Vital Records

The following was written by **FamilySearch**:

The Record Search pilot has added 72 million new names to its Mexico Baptism collection online. The collection was transcribed from Mexico parish records dating from 1659 to 1905, and is not necessarily complete for any particular place or region. It also includes records from the Middle America Vital Records Index –Mexico that was published in 1999 on CD only. The newly expanded database can be searched for free at: <http://pilot.familysearch.org>. The data was transcribed by FamilySearch's impressive force of volunteer indexers worldwide (see www.familysearchindexing.org). Volunteers donate a little time each week or month transcribing select information from digital images of original source documents using FamilySearch's online indexing utility. Anyone interested in joining the global, community-based indexing initiative, or indexed, can do so at www.familysearchindexing.org

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Social Security Death Index

The Social Security Death Index is a database that all genealogists use and find a very valuable tool. Many questions arise when we use this database. Recently RootsWeb Newsletter had an article concerning this database. In 1935 President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act which provided benefits to eligible citizens. A number was given to those participating in the program. Thus we have the Social Security number. The Social Security Administration does NOT publish the master file or index. It sells the database to others who make it publically accessible and searchable. Various companies offer the index but in different forms. So all Social Security Death Indexes are not the same. What you will find on the Social Security Death Index is someone who died after 1962. Why 1962? That is the year the Social Security Administration began digitizing its records. The index may have some who are Canadiana, Mexicans and other nationalities. Some Americans who died while abroad may also be found in the index. A few who died prior to 1962 may also be found. Not all persons are listed on the Social Security database. The death may not have been reported to the Social Security Administration. The death may be too recent and not yet indexed. The person may not have participated in the Social Security program. Remember, everyone was not required to have a Social Security number until 1988. Farmers, housewives, government employees, unemployed persons, and persons under other retirement programs may not have Social Security numbers. If you do find a person you are looking for on a database, you may click on the SS-5 request letter. The SS-5 is the form the person filled out to request a Social Security number. It will contain the complete birth information as well as mother's maiden name. It will cost \$27.00 to receive a copy of this form.

*The above information is found in Volume 11, No. 18 of the RootsWeb Newsletter dated August 13, 2008/
Reprinted from the Grant County Genealogical Newsletter, Volume 14, Issue 3, September 2008.*

Celebrate Archives Month

October has been designated Oregon Archives Month - a time to celebrate Oregon's unique archival heritage. As part of a larger national recognition effort, Oregon Archives Month seeks to focus attention on the importance of records that have enduring value as well as the people and institutions who preserve them.

As part of the observation of Oregon Archives Month the Oregon State Archives is offering two workshops on Conducting Archival Research. The workshops are scheduled for October 14 and October 29 at the Oregon State Archives building in Salem. The workshops will cover basic archival research with an emphasis on Oregon resources and records. Attendees will also receive a "behind the scenes" tour of the Archives at the conclusion of the workshop.

Space is limited so please contact **Layne Sawyer at (503) 378-5198** or e-mail: **layne.g.sawyer@state.or.us** to reserve a spot at one of these two workshops.

or-roots mailing list

or-roots@listsmart.osl.state.or.us

<http://listsmart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/or-roots>

From: or-roots-bounces@listsmart.osl.state.or.us [mailto:or-roots-bounces@listsmart.osl.state.or.us] On Behalf Of Layne G SAWYER

Benton County Historical Society and Museum

The Benton County Historical Society and Museum website has been re-designed with increased research information online. New features at: **<http://www.bentoncountymuseum.org/>** includes both digital reissues of Kenneth Munford history publications and an online searchable database of Benton County business directories from 1867 through 1932. The Munford articles were originally published as part of the Horner Museum Tour Guide Series. The society plans to embellish the online articles with historic and contemporary photographs. *Pioneer Trails from Corvallis to the Coast* and *Pioneer Trails from Benton to Douglas Counties* are fun travel companions for summer drives. Included in the online database are excerpts from McKenney, Langley and Polk business directories with emphasis on Corvallis, Monroe, and Philomath. **For more information, call (541) 929-6230.**

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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.

Membership

Renewals

Faye Abraham	Danell Aukerman
Nancy Basque	Gary Beck
Dorothy Brandner	Richard Cobb
Leila Crawford	Margaret Fox
Bill Gleaves	Kathryn Honey
Gene Newcomb	Grace Maddux & family
Georgia Prichard	Tonya Rawie
Damaris Reynolds	Lee Rudisell

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



Danell Aukerman

228 NE Azalea Dr
Adair Village, OR 97330

danell@genealogybookshoppe.com

News From the Library

Sandra Potter, co-Librarian

The following duplicate & donated books are for sale, with suggested prices:

American Soc Genealogists (1960) Genealogical Research Methods and Sources Free
Croom (1989) Un-puzzling Your Past \$1
Dibacco, Mason & Appy (1991) History of the United States \$2
Doane (1974) Searching for Your Ancestors, How and Why of Genealogy \$1
Dollarhide (2005) New York State Censuses and Substitutes \$5
Everton (1971) Handy book for Genealogists, 6th ed. \$2
Everton (1991) Handy book for Genealogists, 8th ed. \$4
Family Tree Maker (1998) Manual (version 5.0) Free
Family History Hoover Histories \$1
Herber (1997) Ancestral Trails: Complete Guide to British Genealogy & Family Histories \$2
Hiday US Census, City of Portland, 1870 \$1
Hiday US Census, Multnomah County 1870 \$1
Latham (1988) How to Find Your Family Roots \$1
Lesy (1973) Wisconsin Death Trip \$2
Linn Co. Pioneer Settlers: Oregon Territory DLC Families to 1855, Vol 7 \$1
National Archives (1983) Getting Started: Beginning Your Gen. Research in the National Archives \$1
National Survey (1976) Gazetteer of Vermont Heritage \$2
Newman (1938) Maryland Revolutionary Records (First Edition) \$10
(1980) Genealogical Helper (Sept/Oct) Free
Soc. of Genealogists, London (1977) Genealogist's Magazine (June) Free
Stevenson (1959) Search and Research, the Researcher's Handbook \$1

Also for Sale: Bulletin Board (cork on one side) 25" X 34" \$4

Schultz Bible Update: There have been some promising communications from Michigan, indicating a relationship to the Otto Schultz, Jr., family of this Bible. Otto Schultz, Sr. was married in Michigan in 1891, had four children born in Michigan and is listed in the 1900 census in Benton County, Oregon.

Special Thanks

A special ***Thank You*** to Leila Crawford for the help she has given in getting this month's newsletter out. We really appreciate all that you have done.

Upcoming Programs

Proposed Program Schedule:

8 November 2008 - Computers - Meeting and program will both be held at the Family History Center located in the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church at 4141 NW Harrison Blvd in Corvallis
11 December 2008 - Auction and Christmas Party
10 January 2009 - Tentative *The role the 'Circuit Rider' preachers played in Oregon's history and many Oregon families.*
14 February 2009 - Tentative- Tour of new Museum facilities with Mary Gallagher
14 March 2009 -
11 April 2009 -Tentative Excerpts from the History Detectives
9 May 2009 -
13 June 2009 - Genealogy Methods 2009—Potluck Picnic

Program Review

By David Kriba, Program Chairman

13 September 2008 - **Show 'N' Tell** What Genealogical Experience members and fiends had during the summer. Impromptu reports by individuals—shared genealogical experiences. A program always filled with excitement and many ideas on how others have solved genealogy mysteries.

New DNA Company Alert

The following information is being sent to you was written by a well respected Genetic Genealogist. This article is a result of other ISOGG members raising concerns about the new DNA testing being offered by an application on Facebook.

Most of you may not deal with Facebook nor MySpace, but many, many genealogists are beginning to network using these. I am on Facebook and there are hundreds of genealogists and many, many Genetic Genealogists there. As DNA is becoming a huge household word, many people are trying to cash in on DNA testing. This, in most cases, is quite harmful to those companies which are reputable. This low level of quality in service will make finding new testers a problem as over time people will become disgruntled if they buy from such places only to learn later they were fooled. These types of companies are taking advantage of people, and I urge all of you to caution others to do their homework and go with only reliable companies. Although the info below pertains to just one company, there are several others which do not have good organization or good service. We are now receiving complaints on these companies. One main one is Ancestry.com. Please educate people you know not to use companies who do not provide good service or who aren't in the DNA business with a real focus on genealogy. My friend Rebekah wrote the following and gave permission for it to be used here and anywhere else it is needed to help. If you are an Admin, please forward it to your members.

Thank you,
Emily Aulicino

Rebekah wrote: -- Familybuilder -- I shall be beginning this week's updates with a bit of unpleasantness.

A fellow DNA Project Administrator has pointed out that there is another company entering the Genetic Genealogy business. This is Familybuilder. In the past they have been the providers of family tree software for networking websites such as Facebook. Ordinarily, I would say that competition is healthy for any industry. This company plans to operate though at a standard below that of any of the companies already out there.

They do not plan to make money only by selling you a test and service but by selling their database built with users' DNA. "We may also sell, rent or otherwise disclose the anonymized DNA analyses of our customers and any related anonymized studies to third parties." <http://www.familybuilder.com/privacypolicy>

Their privacy policy absolves them of all responsibility for the maintenance of your privacy once they pass information on to their unnamed testing lab.

"We are not responsible, and you agree that you will not hold us liable, for any actions of such third party, including disclosure by the third party of your confidential information, the content of the analysis provided by the third party, or for any other actions taken or omitted by the third party, or for any consequences, direct or indirect resulting from actions taken by the third party." <http://www.familybuilder.com/dnatermsconditions>

We work in an environment where we already have to gain the confidence of leery relatives. I think that this blatant abuse of trust is the last thing that we need. Please read the privacy policies of any company carefully. Let your friends and relatives know that they should test at a company that is responsible and sells DNA services and not their users.

If you do not hear from me in a timely manner, just write again...I was buried in email. LOL

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orgco2/speaker/EmilyAulicino.html>

<http://genealem-geneticgenealogy.blogspot.com/>

Rebekah

Northwest Regional Coordinator and Speaker for ISOGG (<http://www.isogg.org/>)

Administrator for eleven FTDNA DNA Projects

Election of New Officers

The BCGS Board discussed and decided at the 30 October 2007 Board meeting that it would be a good idea to have co-officers for some of our positions. Although we have an active membership, our members are active in other pursuits as well. Others are overwhelmed at taking on the task of being an officer. Being a co-officer gives members a chance to help our organization as well as have time for other activities such as families, vacations, trips, and emergencies.

All positions are up for nominations. As outlined in the Benton County Genealogical Society By-laws—Duties of Officers and the duties of some positions up for election are as follows:

Co-President is to preside at all regular and special meetings of the society and to perform such other duties as necessary.

Co-1st Vice President shall be to act as Program Chairperson and to preside at the meetings in the absence of the President.

Co-Program Chairperson may need to preside at the meetings in the absence of the President

Co-Second Vice-President shall preside at the meeting in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President; to act as Hospitality Chairperson and be responsible for the refreshments at each meeting.

Co-Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Society **and/or** Board meetings; to make a report of the Society minutes at each meeting; and to handle all communications deemed necessary.

Library Assistant/Staffing will make sure there is someone to man the library every Tuesday and to assist the Librarian as needed. *Note: This position is appointed by the President and is not one of the Officer positions.

Newsletter Assistant is needed to **type** articles and information for the Newsletter Editor to place in newsletter layout.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know of someone who would be, please contact Bill Gleaves at 738-8189 or e-mail him at gleavew@peak.org. All other officers are up for re-election.

According to the **BCGS By-Laws**, a nominating committee of three is appointed by the President at the **September** meeting. Nominees shall be presented and nominations opened from the floor at the **October** meeting. Election of officers shall be held at the **November** meeting.

Installation of officers shall take place at the December meeting of the same year.

Onondaga County Public Library Local History and Genealogy Databases

www.onlib.org/dbtw-wpd/Textbase/databaselist.html

Onondaga county is located in the west central part of the state of New York. Its county seat is Syracuse. The Onondaga County Public Library Local History and Genealogy Department has produced and uploaded three databases to its website.
1855 New York State Census for Onondaga County
1865 New York State Census for Onondaga County
Onondaga County WPA Files

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Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont. Here lies the body of our Anna, Done to death by a banana. It wasn't the fruit that laid her low, But the skin on the thing that made her go.

FAMILY TREE DNA MORE ON HURRICANE IKE

As a follow-up to our letter informing you of the level of preparedness Family Tree DNA established regarding the coming of Hurricane Ike to Houston, we are coming to you now to update you on our status post-Ike.

- a) As you may know, all of our standard Y-DNA and mtDNA tests are processed at the lab in Arizona, and therefore, this processing has not been affected at all.
 - b) Also, as we advised previously, we have taken appropriate measures to safeguard and protect the data and our servers and therefore all computer systems are in place and functioning normally. You may have noticed that our web sites have been up, available, and are running normally as they were before and during the storm.
 - c) The building where Family Tree DNA's offices and Houston laboratory are located is without power, like most of Houston office buildings, and sustained damage, like so many other Houston office buildings. This means that the building will be closed for the next few days until it is ready for tenants to return. Despite this situation, several members of our staff have worked over the weekend to transfer equipment to other locations so that our normal office operations can resume on Monday, or at the latest on Tuesday, from an alternate location. All postal mail will be picked up normally at our local post office, so that kits can be checked-in and processed normally.
 - d) The coming days will allow us to have a better assessment of when our Houston lab will resume normal operations, at which point we will be back to you again with additional information about any delays in delivering results for the advanced tests that our lab processes in Houston. (Advanced panels, FGS and Deep Clade Y SNP's)
- Please forgive us if in the next few days we don't meet our standard level of customer service as to e-mails and phone calls. We will be back to normal as soon as possible. We appreciate your continued support.

Bennett Greenspan, President
Max Blankfield, VP
<http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com>
"History Unearthed Daily"
713-868-1438

Message sent by Emily Aulicino

Wiki adds Resources to FamilySearch Research

Genealogical researchers have a new, easy-to-use tool providing sources for research. FamilySearch Research Wiki, which is in beta testing, is an "encyclopedia of research sources" from around the world, said Jim Greene, Wiki product manager. Greene said he hopes that within three to four months, the program will be formally released, with a link on The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' familysearch.org Web site. Until then, Wiki can be found at **wiki.familysearch.org**.

"The idea behind Wiki is let's create a community landing page where we can share knowledge, share tips and tricks, tell people what's successful, what works, what's the latest information out there". FamilySearch.org helps with genealogical research, but researchers eventually will have to look beyond it, Greene said. That is where Wiki comes in. There is a huge surge of source documents being added on the Internet every day, Greene said, coming from areas like Indexing and Record Search, both part of FamilySearch. Wiki is the place searchers can go to find out where all these different sources are located, Greene said. Greene said that, like the Web site www.wikipedia.org, anyone can share information about genealogy sources on Wiki. The community provides all of the content, he said. To edit and add content, users need to set up an account with the site. "We don't want to know about your ancestors; we don't want success stories. What we want is a list of sources and materials that are available for people to go look up their ancestors".

Once users set up an account and find a page of interest, they can choose the "watch" application and have all updates on the page e-mailed to them. Greene said that Wiki is one of the "collaborative, next-generation Internet applications" that make up Web 2.0. Other Web 2.0 applications include blogs, forums, Facebook and other social networking sites, he said.

"Wiki isn't the last place to look, but if it's the first, you'll be more successful".

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Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

Benton County Marriage Records

Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924	\$25.00
Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945	\$25.00

WPA Historical Records

Benton County Interviews	\$35.00
Bible Records and Cemetery Records	\$10.00
WPA Commissioner Journals: Probate Court A & B, 1850 - 1856	\$20.00
Benton County Church Records (398 pages + All name index)	\$35.00

Benton County Cemeteries

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 1	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 2	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 3	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 4	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 5	\$25.00
Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 6 (not indexed)	\$10.00

Add Shipping Charges **\$3.00 for 1st book, \$1.50 each additional**

ADVICE TO THE LONGHORN By Sadie Perkins

A whole lotta ya prospectors and cattle rustlers have been away from
The lady folk so long, you've plum fergot how ta act in front of 'em.
So's ah'm settin' down some rules which ya varmints better larn iffin
ya expect to make time with the women folk.

1. When visitin' a lady friend, leave the horse outside.
2. Try not ta let a month go by without takin' yur bath. Ya know the womenfolk have a way of knowin'.
3. Never drink a swig of redeye in a lady's presence ... without offerin the lady a swig first.
4. A hot poker game is no excuse fer not attendin yo' women friends diner invitation ... now mebe a hangin', but never a poker game

A new word fer you married wranglers. Ah still gets complaints from yo wives that many of yo' are still goin' ta bed with yo' boots on. Ah kin understand this is a happenin' but that's absolutely no excuse in the world fer not a takin' off yo spurs!

Iffin thars a problem you'd like answered get your school marm ta write it down few ya and send it ta me in care of this newspaper.

Reprinted from the Heritage Newsletter, Volume 22, October 2008, page 87

You have to be careful what you read and what you believe in today's world.

Just a Thought:

"All the historical books which contain no lies are extremely tedious.

Anatole France, French Writer 1844-1924.

From Tri-City Herald, 6-10-2008, Page A2

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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:
27 October for the 8 November meeting. Cookies — Leila Crawford
1 December for the 13 December meeting. Cookies — Sandi Potter
29 December for the 10 January 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

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.

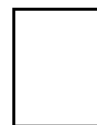
Canadian Interest Group

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. Thank You. **Pat Rawlinson**

Odds and Ends

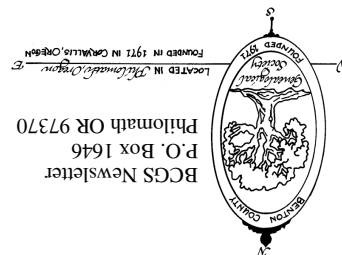
Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is **492**. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

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