

# BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Oregon

## Purpose

- ❖ To assist each other in genealogical research through association, inspiration, and mutual exchange and interaction.
- ❖ To encourage and provide for genealogical education.
- ❖ To cooperate with the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and the Benton County Historical Society in matters pertaining to genealogical research.
- ❖ To advocate for accurate research and careful documentation.
- ❖ To encourage the study of family history through mutual support and the exchange of information.
- ❖ To accumulate resource materials for the Society library.
- ❖ To assist in the preservation and publication of local history.

## Contact Us

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## Program News

**June:** Our annual **Potluck** was a great success. Good company; good food; good fun! What more could one ask for? A board meeting outside?



**September:** September is the time to bring us back together again and to **share our genealogical discoveries.**

## From the Desk of the President

Proposed changes to the Society's By-Laws are included with this month's Newsletter. October's Newsletter will also provide our membership with these proposed changes. Please cast your vote, and the results will be announced in the Society's November Newsletter.

I hope each of you torn down at least one research "brick wall" this summer!

--Fay

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## Library News

The Oregon Heritage Commission is offering a FREE one-day workshop on September 11 at the Benton County Historical Society museum. The workshop, from 8:30 to 4:30, will focus on basic and advanced care of collections. A catered lunch will be available for \$11.50 or you may bring your own lunch. To sign up, go to [www.oregon.gov/OPRD/hcd/ohc/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/hcd/ohc/Pages/index.aspx) and copy the sign-up form. Since our society has such a wonderful collection of books, it should be helpful in preserving what we have. And we all have materials that we want to keep in good condition, so hope to see you there.

-- Sue

## Other Genealogical News and Events

The **National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair** was held September 3 and 4, 2013.

Unfortunately, by the time you read this it will have already happened. **Fortunately**, programs were recorded and are accessible.

The What, When Who, [including downloadable handouts], How, Where, Schedule and Background information can be seen at <http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair/>. Videos are available at <http://www.ustream.tv/usnationalarchives>.

At the time of this writing, not all the lectures are available, but there are also many other choices including a list of upcoming videos you might find very interesting as well.

The **Oregon Historical Society's** current exhibits are a must see for those interested in history. That should be all of you, as history provides a context for our ancestors. A record showing a birth is exciting, but it is more meaningful when you know what was happening in that particular place and time - context.

Current exhibits include "Windows on America" June 15 - October 31, 2013 and "American Heroes: Japanese American World War II Soldiers and the Congressional Gold Medal" August 24 - September 29, 2013. Both exhibits are exceptional. Information on these and other current and upcoming exhibits are available at <http://www.ohs.org>.



## Monday Mailbox: FamilySearch vs. Ancestry.com Record Acquisition

*Dear Ancestry Insider,  
Two questions.*

*1) Does FamilySearch have the same records as Ancestry.com because there are two teams of people photographing the same materials? Or, do the different entities keep each area with some propriety, so that there are fewer duplicates?*

*2) Are there any plans to go back to some of the older records, for example, in Italy, where the first microfiche records are so poor?*

*Signed,  
bldgdiva*

Dear bldgdiva,  
[Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [FamilySearch](http://FamilySearch) have been known to swap records. That would explain why some collections are present on both websites.

For example, [according to the FamilySearch Wiki](#), FamilySearch obtained the "[Nevada, Marriage Index, 1956-2005](#)" record collection from Ancestry.com. And according to the Ancestry.com website, Ancestry.com obtained the "[Iowa, Births and Christenings Index, 1857-1947](#)" collection from FamilySearch. According to an Ancestry.com [press release](#), FamilySearch and Ancestry.com traded some U.S. census images and indexes.

Sometimes the two organizations work together on a project. At RootsTech this year, Ancestry.com's Tim Sullivan [announced](#) "our largest and most ambitious collaboration with FamilySearch, ever." The two will work together to digitize, index, and publish U.S. probate records.

Some records are present on both websites because both organizations have digitized the same microfilm. I think NARA microfilm M1509 is an example. It is published as "[U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918](#)" on Ancestry.com and as "[United States, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918](#)" on FamilySearch.org.

Both companies have their own digitization teams out imaging records. (Nearly two years ago I published [maps](#) showing the locations of each organization's digitization teams at the time. Click on the maps to enlarge.) I suppose duplication could occur, but typically archives won't allow it. Handling records causes deterioration so archives don't like two entities both photographing the same records.

As to going back to retake photographs of records already on film or fiche: I suppose it could happen, but I think these organizations get more return on their investment by going after new records.

That said, I know that [FamilySearch](#) is digitizing more than 115 million images of Italian birth, marriage, and death certificates. (See "[Italian Ancestors: Making Italy Civil Registration Records Freely Searchable Online.](#)") Perhaps they will get the records you need. If you can read Italian records, I'm sure they would be happy if you would help out.



--Ancestry Insider; posted 3 Jun 12 13

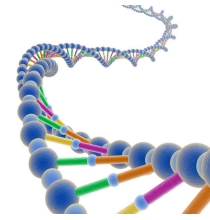
**Autosomal DNA Class**

Wednesdays, Sep 25 through October 16

If your genealogical research is plagued by missing records, ancestors who didn't always tell the truth, and other obstacles, Autosomal DNA testing may break down these brick walls. DNA doesn't lie, but it can be a lot of work to squeeze the truth out of it. If you have done Family Tree's DNA Family Finder, 23and me's Relative Finder, or AncestryDNA's test, this new series of OGS classes taught by Linda Forrest will focus on how to analyze the information contained in your test results and help you cope with all your new cousins. The class will cover a variety of topics and tools necessary to make full use of the information with a combination of lectures, demonstrations, discussions, and homework. Class attendees should have received their Autosomal DNA test results and bring them to each session, preferably on a laptop computer.

The class sessions will be held at the OGS [Oregon Genealogical Society] Library [955 Oak Alley, Eugene 541-345-0399] from 6:00 - 7:30 PM for four consecutive Wednesdays. The fee for the class series is \$24 for OGS members and \$30 for non-members.

More details will be available in the September newsletter and at the OGS Library.



If you aren't sure what autosomal DNA is and how it differs from Y-DNA or mtDNA, check out our **Introduction to DNA** class at the OGS Library on October 5th.

--OGS Newsletter; 23 Aug 2013

**Oregon Genealogical Society, Eugene Family History Seminar**  
Saturday, November 9, 2013

We have booked JoAnne Haugen, an Accredited Genealogist, as our speaker. She has been doing genealogical research for almost 40 years. Since 2000 JoAnne has successfully completed almost 1000 cases of forensic genealogical research for the US Army and Air Force Casualty Offices, finding surviving family members of MIA servicemen from WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War for DNA testing to help in the identification of remains. Additionally, she has searched for missing heirs for the Oregon Department of State Lands and has completed cases for attorneys across the United States. Previously JoAnne was the Director of the LDS Family History Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where she helped hundreds of patrons research their family histories and to resolve their genealogical problems. She earned a bachelor's degree in Education at Oregon State University.

The topics for the seminar will be announced in the next week. You will find complete details and the registration form at the OGS Library on Monday, August 12th.

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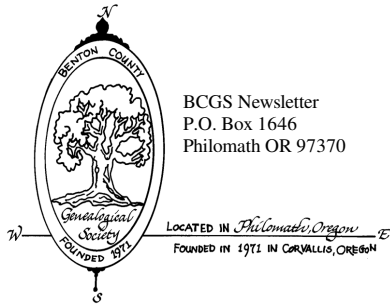
PS...Look for additional information in October BCGS newsletter. --MWF

**Proposed Changes to BCGS Bylaws**

**Instructions:** To vote, please check the appropriate box. Ballots must be received at or before the November meeting.

Approve

Disapprove



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## Meetings

**Board Meetings** are held on Thursday prior to the General meetings. The September 2013 meeting will be at the Philomath Community Library, 1050 Applegate, Philomath. All members are welcome.

Board: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Business: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Program : 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



I know I hid my ancestors  
here somewhere!