

# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 11 APRIL Program

Raffle Ticket Sale and Drawings at the conclusion of the business meeting. Followed by our program *How Do You Handle Discussions*—adoptions, step and foster children, recording and sharing information of questionable reliability; bring your solutions and questions. Time allowing, continuing with when and how did you come to Oregon? What I did in the military.

### **RAFFLE**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**

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

Tickets for our upcoming raffle are on sale now and may be purchased at the April meeting prior to the drawing. 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!**

### **Rules for Teachers - 1872**

The following was found in the Crook County Genealogical Society Newsletter for January, February and March on page 2.

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the days session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teachers should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

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**He is wise who knows the sources of knowledge—who knows who has written and where it is to be found.**

**A. A, Hodge**

# 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 2** *Work Party at Fiechter House & Cabell Barn*  
10:00 a.m. – Noon, Finley Wildlife Refuge: South on 99W to mile marker 93; follow signs for Finley Refuge
- Assistance League's Tour of Homes*  
Includes – among others – historic homes: Harry & Dorothy Schoth House, 2900 NW Van Buren; and H.E. Selby Rental, 235 NW 31<sup>st</sup> St
- May 3** *College Hill West Historic District Walking Tour*  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Meet at mini-park at Arnold Way, Jackson & 27<sup>th</sup> St
- May 6** *NEW Franklin School Neighborhood & Tree Tour*  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Meet at Franklin School, 750 NW 18<sup>th</sup> St, east entrance under the pin oak
- May 7** *South Central Park Historic Neighborhood Walking Tour*  
3:00 p.m. Meet at the Arts Center, Madison & SW 7<sup>th</sup> St
- Congregational Church Interpretive Sign Ceremony*  
5:00 p.m., Congregational Church, Madison & SW 8<sup>th</sup> St  
Installation of the new interpretive sign; interior tour follows.
- May 9** *NEW Willamette Grange Hall Tour*  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m., 27555 Greenberry Rd @ intersection with Hwy 99W
- Finley Wildlife Refuge Historic Tours*  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. South on 99W to mile marker 93; follow signs for Finley Wildlife Refuge;  
11:00 a.m., Meet at Fiechter House for tours of nearby resources; Noon: Music & Bring-Your-Own-Picnic; 1:00 p.m. Refuge Interior Tour limited to 15 persons; reservations required: call 757-7236. Program concludes with ethno-biology field presentation..
- May 10 Mothers' Day**  
*OSU Walking Tour*  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Meet east side of Benton Hall, 14<sup>th</sup> St near Monroe  
Tour limited to 20 persons; for reservations 737-0540
- 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 \*\*\* To be continued in the May 2009 BCGS Newsletter \*\*\*

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*The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*



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.

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## ***News From the Library***

***Sandra Potter, Librarian***

<b>Number</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>
2628	REF	Kemp	International Vital Records Handbook, 5 <sup>th</sup> ed (2009)
2629	OR	Haskins	Benton County, Unlisted Marriages from DLC Records
2630	NEW ENG	Savage	Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Female Index to;

The “International Vital Records Handbook” is a great source for information about ordering vital records from any country in the world. It contains the necessary forms that can be copied and sent off to the appropriate agency.

The “Female Index to Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England” fills an important gap in the four volume Genealogical Dictionary (which the Library owns) done by Savage in the 1860s. Until Patty Barthell Myers compiled this “Female Index,” it was very difficult to trace females, as they were scattered throughout the four volumes, some under father’s names, some under husbands’ names. If the husbands’ names were not known, these ladies could not be found. This index lists them by maiden name and all married names.

### **Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar**

**European Immigration to America                      Why They Came and How to Find Them**

**focusing on**

**GERMANS  
SCOTS**

**HUGUENOTS  
and**

**QUAKERS  
SCOTS-IRISH**

**Speaker: Gary A. Zimmerman, PhD.**

**When: Saturday, April 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

**Registration: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Where: Williamson Hall at Rock Arbor Villa**

**2200 N.. Highway 20, Bend, OR**

**(Behind Jake’s Diner)**

**Cost: \$35.00 if registered by April 20th; After April 20 the cost is \$40.00.**

**Lunch is not provided. Bring your own or dine out. (Lunch break is scheduled).**

**Questions? Call: 541-317-8978 or 541-317-9553.**

***Membership - Renewals***

Mary Hardenbrook

# *Program Review*

*By David Kribs, Program Chairman*

14 March 2009

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 a period of 200 years.

It was long the custom (requirement) in Europe that besides registering births for purposes of taxes, public work, and the military; they were also for the poor. The parish was not required to take care of those who weren't registered at birth or were later accepted into the parish. This resulted in the keeping of long term records. Another popular way of dealing with the poor was to load them up in ships and send them to America--records of which remain from the boat manifests.

This custom of registering births was carried over to the new world particularly in New England where the towns replaced the parishes. Many of these records still exist mostly in a state of disorganization as Billee found out.

Members pointed out that there are prison, court, welfare, and intuition records concerning the poor. As a genealogist you could be lucky to have had a criminal in your past as their intuition and court records likely remain.

## *Upcoming Programs*

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 - Mary Dean Snelling**

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

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

## Small Tidbits of Interest

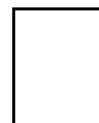
### **Museum of Funeral Customs:**

The Museum is in Springfield, Illinois.

Website: [www.funeralmuseum.org](http://www.funeralmuseum.org).

### **New Netherlands Connections:**

*New Netherlands Connections* focuses on the Dutch Colonial period in New York and New Jersey. *The New England Historic Genealogy Society* will create an electronic index to all volumes of the journal and display the associated scanned pages.



### **Midwest Genealogy Center:**

Family researcher in the Kansas City area now have a great new resource, the Midwest Genealogy Center, billed as one of the nation's largest libraries specifically for people tracing their ancestry.

*Reprinted from the WVGGS Newsletter, Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, October 2008, p. 8*

## *Passages*

*The Benton County Genealogical Society extends their Deepest Sympathy to the family of Mary Josephine Fadina who was a lifetime member of the Benton County Genealogical Society.*

# Genealogical Forum of Oregon Seminar

April 18, 2009

8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

## SITE: Milwaukie Elks Lodge

13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd

Milwaukie, Oregon

*Hosted by the*

*Genealogical Forum of Oregon*

Featuring

**Larry Jensen**  
**German Research Authority**

**Author of “A Genealogical Handbook of German Research”**

## SEMINAR FEATURES

- **Book Vendor**
- **Genealogical Treasures**
- **Other Genealogical Societies**
- **GFO Surplus Book Sale**

**Determining Places of Origin of Immigrant Ancestors**

**Use of Maps and Atlases in German Research**

**Understanding German Jurisdictions**

**Sources Used in Resolving German Research Problems**

**Registration:** See our website [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)

## Genetic Map of Europe:

The **genetic map of Europe**, which shows the genetic relationships between various European populations and which was published in *Current Biology*, “bears a clear structural similarity to the geographic map,” the *New York Times*’s Nicholas Wade writes. “The major genetic differences are between populations of the north and south (the vertical axis of the map shows north-south differences, the horizontal axis those of east-west). The area assigned to each population reflects the amount of genetic variation in it.” Finland is quite divergent, as is, to a lesser extent, southern Italy.

[http://www.mcwetboy.net/maproom/2008/08/genetic\\_map\\_of.php](http://www.mcwetboy.net/maproom/2008/08/genetic_map_of.php)

*Reprinted from the WVGS Newsletter, Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, September 2008, p. 4*

# **CARRIAGE ME BACK TO 1859 IN BROWNSVILLE, OREGON**

**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009**

**TIMES: MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 10 – 3 AND  
MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FROM 12 – 4**

**BROWNSVILLE IS CELEBRATING OREGON  
STATEHOOD. YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN  
THE CELEBRATION. COME HELP US  
REMEMBER WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE IN 1859.**

**A SOMETIMES HISTORICAL, OFTEN  
HYSTERICAL REENACTMENT OF LIFE IN  
BROWNSVILLE, INCLUDING A CARRIAGE  
RIDE AROUND TOWN.**

**PRICES: ADULTS, \$7.00, CHILDREN \$3.00**

**FOR TICKET RESERVATIONS CALL  
(541) 466-3390**

**WHILE IN BROWNSVILLE, BE SURE TO  
STROLL THROUGH TOWN AND ENJOY OUR  
SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS.**

## **Stories from the Grave - a family affair at the Crystal Lake Cemetery**

**May 23, 2009**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Meet at the Soldiers' Monument**

**Whose life was it? Where are they buried? Use the clues, hear the stories, figure it out and win a one year family membership to the Benton County Historical Society and Museum and a behind the scenes tour of the collection facility.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Saturday, May 23, 12:30 - 3:30 to tell/read a brief story graveside or help direct traffic at the Historical Preservation Month event "Stories from the Grave - a family affair at the Crystal Lake Cemetery." Folks who have a family member buried at CLC are encouraged to volunteer and share his/her story. Interested? Contact Margaret at [foxma@peak.org](mailto:foxma@peak.org) or 754.7623.**

## Using Domestic Names from the US Board on Geographical Names

The Board on Geographical Names, BGN, is a service of the US government and is meant to provide access to information about geographical locations. One small part of BGN, Domestic Names, contains more than two million physical and cultural features located throughout the US and its Territories. For more details see the Wikipedia articles on Board of Geographical Names ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Board\\_on\\_Geographic\\_Names](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Board_on_Geographic_Names)).

The list of Domestic Names has several uses. I've used it for years to provide the county name to associate to the city and state name for facts I enter in my genealogy program. I've used it to find historic locations although it doesn't always have the name I desire. It also has the ability to show the location you found on a digital map such as Google Maps, USGS maps or Mapquest.

Access BGN at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>. Choose "Search Domestic Names". On the Query Form enter your desired location as the "Feature Name". You can further limit the search by specifying the State, State and County, and/or choosing a Feature Class (or select multiple feature classes). Click "Send Query" to get a screen of first 15 matches (if it redisplayes the query screen, click "Send Query" again). Entering "Richland" returns 851 locations in several states including AR, GA, IA, IL, and WA so it is often best to limit your queries to a specific state. Searching for Richland limited to Washington state results in 19 matches. Each match reports the name of the feature, latitude, longitude and the name of the USGS map where it will be found.

Check out the available features classed – there are about 60 different features classes including school, airport, cemetery, populated place, post office, lake and river. Searching on "Cemetery" in Benton County, WA results in 5 cemeteries.

Clicking on one of the feature names brings up another screen with more detail about that location including a citation for the entry and the entry date. It also includes a box labeled Mapping Services. Choosing a mapping tool will let you view a map based on the latitude and longitude provided.

The Domestic Names on the BGN site are actively expanded. In the last 2 months the count for Richland went from 769 to 851 and that for Richland, in Washington from 16 to 19.

Check BGN out! Use it to provide details on geographic locations for you family history.

For a similar service for Canadian geographical features and other locations outside the US visit the Wikipedia page for Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic\\_Names\\_Information\\_System](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_Names_Information_System) and use the links in the External Links section.

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### ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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|-----------|---|
| 4/26/1607 | English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, VA, on an expedition to establish the first permanent settlement in the Western Hemisphere. (They later settled at Jamestown.) |
| 8/14/1848 | The Oregon Territory was created.   |
| 12/1/1904 | The Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis closed after seven months and 20 million visitors.   |

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### Oregon Historical Society New Hours

Beginning Thursday, April 2, 2009 the new hours for the OHS Research Library will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are glad to be able to establish these new hours and appreciate the patience of our members and the public while board and staff planned operations under our new economic realities. Veteran OHS libarar staff and volunteers will be ready to serve the public.

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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 April for the 9 May meeting. Cookies — Teri Greene**  
**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 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!**

Stamp

The two digits behind your name on the mailing label are:  
 S=Single; F=Family; E=Exchange.  
 Number is last of year 9=2009  
 L9 is Charter Honorary Life Member

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