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10 April Program

The Civil War in Oregon - A Double-Edged Sword by Colonel Steven Betschart

Our speaker Steven Betschart has a deep interest in the Civil War and began re-enacting twenty one years ago with the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry /20th Maine Infantry. He has risen from the rank of enlisted musician to Colonel of the Union forces and is currently the Chairman of the Northwest Civil War Council. He will come dressed in the uniform of a typical Civil War enlisted private with full gear.

The subject of his presentation will be "The Civil War in Oregon - A Double Edged Sword" which looks at the political and military situation in this state during the 1861-1865 period. In addition, he will look at the role of the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry.

Civil War on the Web

The Civil War is among the most popular subjects for Web sites. Cyndi's List of genealogy-related sites links to more than 800 about the Civil War at www.cyndislist.com/cw.html. Here are some of the other most useful starting points and indexes to Civil War online:

American Civil War Homepage
sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war

US Civil War Center
<http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/>

Washington College Civil War index
homepages.dsu.edu/janke/civilwar/civilwar.htm

Civil War Archive
www.civilwararchive.com

Civil War Resources on the Internet
www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rulib/socsci/hist/civwar-2.html

Civil War and other military mailing lists
www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_mailwars.html

National Civil War Association
www.ncwa.org

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
www.suvcw.org

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Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War
www.scv.org

United Daughters of the Confederacy
www.hqudc.org

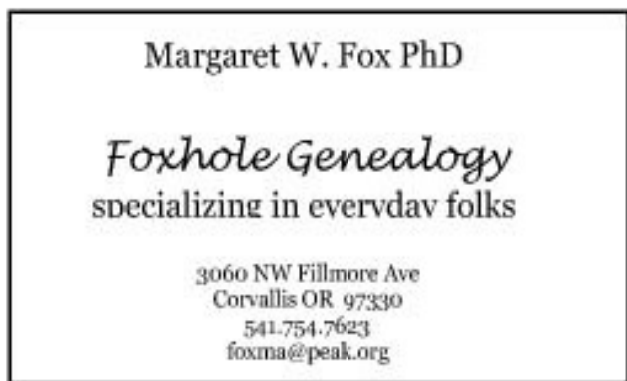
Family History IGI

The International Genealogical Index (IGI) on FamilySearch.org has a great deal of information of use to genealogists. Unfortunately, because much of it comes from undocumented patron submissions, the value varies greatly. Beneath the record in IGI entries is source information for that record. It often will say "Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church." The original submissions were microfilmed, and you can rent the microfilm through your local Family History Center. Most of them will not have any additional information, but occasionally the information is listed on family group sheets, which may give you more information on the family, or reveal the individual's source for the IGI record. In addition to patron submissions, the IGI has a large number of extracted entries. The message field for these records states that it is an extraction. In the Source Information section you will find the Batch Number, Dates, Source Call Number and Type. You may also find a Printout Call Number and Type. Most extractions begin with a C (for baptisms/christenings) or an M (For marriages). Other Batch Numbers may begin with an A, F, I, L, etc. www.familysearch.org

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Portland City Archives

The Portland City Archives is moving to a new home. The Archives, which closed on November 30, 2009 will reopen May 1, 2010 at it's new location at Portland State University. The new facility will feature 25,000 sq. ft. on the fifth floor of the new Student Recreation Center at the University. For more information about the Archives, go to their website at:
http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2009/11/Portland_city_archives_on_the.html



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

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



Danell Aukerman
228 NE Azalea Dr
Adair Village, OR 97330
danell@genealogybookshoppe.com

News From the Library

Grace Maddux, Librarian

We are in the process of creating notebooks of the Benton County marriage licenses from 1925. These are copies of the original documents and the collection contains approximately 9,000 records. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Earle Greig at 541-754-0053.

We do not have any new books at this time.

Websites for Research

1. **GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com** A blog site full of archived articles on genealogical books and authors. Check it out.
2. **<http://pilot.familysearch.org>** This is the LDS website that features new indexed data input by volunteers. The LDS is greatly enhancing research features and this is one of them.
3. **Teafor2.com** This site features cemetery tombstone photos. The project began in Texas and has expanded from there. *Reprinted from Bend Genealogical Society, Inc., Distant Voices, Vol. 17, Number 3, March 2010, page 2.*

How to Get the Most Out of Every Genealogy Record

This article was just posted on the Family Tree Magazine Website. It is a reprint from the October 2000 issue by Marcia Yannize Melnyk. It is just as relevant today.

Leave no stone unturned. Many types of records provide clues that are overlooked. Take what I call the "Doberman" approach to your genealogy research: Latch on to a fact and don't let go until you've gotten everything out of it. Squeezing every single scrap of information from a record as a clue to other research will pay big dividends. "Ask" every document these questions:

Why was the document created in the first place?

Am I looking at the original or a copy?

To whom does the document pertain?

How close to the original event was the document created?

Who are the witnesses, informants or other persons mentioned in the document?

Are any family relationships stated or implied?

Did the Person executing the document sign with a signature or mark?

Is the information reliable, useable, or simply a clue to further research?

What's the full citation for the document?

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Family Tree DNA

A next revolution in DNA research will be announced in mid March by FTDNA. To learn more, go to:

<http://www.familytreedna.com/landing/family-finder.aspx>

Basically, the new test is called Family Finder. By matching blocks of DNA it will identify your genetic cousins. You can locate cousins from great-grandparents, cousins from non-direct lineages and either male or female can be tested. In Dr. Bruce Walsh's short video describing this breakthrough, his final statement is "The game changes forever". You no longer need to find a male relative from which to take a DNA sample. You can do it yourself and find the genetic relationship with cousins as far back as five generations. As their website says, "With the Family Finder test you may extend the power of genetic genealogy to all of your ancestors. You can discover connections to descendants of all sixteen of you great-great-grandparents!" How exciting is this! If you wish to be notified when the Family Finder test is available you can enter and submit your e-mail address on their website.

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Membership

New Members

Scott McArthur
Dana & Jennifer Marie

Renewals

Judy Juntunen

Program Review

By Susan C. Hayes Program Chairman

Program - 13 March 2010

Preserving Your History

Presented by Scott McArthur

Scott McArthur, a retired lawyer, teacher and author from Monmouth, presented an informative and humorous talk about how to preserve your family's history. He spoke of interviewing relatives and pointed out two resources for this purpose: The Smithsonian Folklife and Oral History Interviewing Guide and About.com's "Fifty Questions for Family History Interviews". He mentioned sources to fill out a family's history such as military records, naturalization records, local history books that are familiar to many of us. He cited the Polk County Historical Society, just up the road in Rickreall, as an excellent archive of the history of his home county. He provided tips in writing and producing the final result of your research such as sending the manuscript to family members in advance of publication to avoid later problems and spending the extra money to get an ISBN number. With that, two copies of all your hard work will go to the Library of Congress.

April Raffle

The long-awaited Raffle will be held at the April meeting. Members have stepped up to donate more items for the Raffle in the past month and we thank each one of them. All funds raised will support our Society and its activities. We now have seven very nice items. Any last minute items are welcome. Let Susan Hayes (s.c.hayes@att.net or 541-752-0498) know and she will add the item to the list.

Raffle Items:

1. 1-hour plane ride with and donated by Bill Gleaves
2. 1-hour of computer time or camera help with Margaret Fox donated by Teri Greene.
3. Wooden vase made by John Martsching donated by Damaris Reynolds.
4. NEW - \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Staples donated by Betty Jo Miner and John Kuhl
5. NEW - *Pigot & Co's British Atlas - Counties of England 1840* donated by Susan Hayes
6. NEW - Basket of teas donated by Grace Maddux
7. NEW - Candelabra made by a local wood carver donated by Grace Maddux

For the best chance to win the item of your choice (1) buy lots of tickets and (2) come to the meeting. This is a first draw, first choice raffle. Winners who are not present will choose from the item(s) not taken. So, to insure you get to choose, come to the meeting and Raffle.

Gene Newcomb will be selling tickets at the meeting. \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. This is one of our few fundraising activities so please lend your support.

Upcoming Programs

8 May 2010 – Dating and Preserving Photographs by Larry Landis, OSU Archives

12 June 2010 - Potluck Picnic

Summer Break

11 September – Show 'n Tell

9 October – Overview and Tour of the OSU Archives Collection

9 November - TBA

11 December - Auction and Christmas Party

AUTOSOMAL DNA

The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation has produced an introductory video that explains autosomal DNA. You can watch the video on your computer by going to:

<http://www.smgf.org/education/animations/autosomal.ispx>

Upcoming Genealogical Events

- **April 24, 2010 - GFO Spring Seminar**, Portland, OR. Ann Carter Fleming, author, lecturer, researcher, & volunteer will cover "The ABC's of Publishing Your Family History": Organizing Your Research, Designing The Layout, Developing Your Style, and Publishing The Book. Registration from 8 am - 9 am. Program ends about 3:30 pm. More information regarding seminar: <http://www.gfo.org/> or 503.963.1932
- **2010 Family History Conference, "Follow Your Ancestral Trail"**, which will be held **28 April—1 May 2010**, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Whether your family helped settle the nation, migrated across the country, stayed in the same place, or recently arrived in America, this conference has much to offer. A few examples of the Family History Conference's diverse program offerings include the *International Workshops* which will focus on researching the cultural records of other countries through lectures, research, and problem solving; the *Evening Celebration of Family History*, which will incorporate a multimedia tribute to family history, a special guest speaker, and a mini-concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; and *Ask An Expert*, where the Utah Genealogical Association will sponsor twenty minute family history consultations to registered attendees.
- **May 1 & 2, 2010 - Brownsville, OR annual celebration. "Carry Me Back to the 1930's"**. Celebration includes re-enactment of life in Brownsville during the 1930's, and a carriage ride around town. Cost: Adults \$7.00, children (11 and younger) \$3.00. For more information contact 541-466-3390.
- **May 1, 2010 - Clark County, WA Genealogical Society Spring Seminar** in Vancouver, WA. The theme is **Google and More** with Barbara Hovorka. Cost is \$40 for non-members and \$5 for lunch. Phone 360-750-5688 or go to www.ccg-wa.org
- **July 31, 2010 - Oregon Statewide Biennial Genealogy Conference** at the **Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. 2010 Summer Genealogical Festival - featuring Elizabeth Shown Mills**, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA, distinguished, internationally recognized genealogy expert, speaker, author, and researcher. There will be a dozen concurrent lectures, the popular "Ask the Experts" sessions, and a packed vendor area are scheduled for this Summer Genealogical Festival

Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

Featuring Gary Zimmerman, PhD, President, Fiske Genealogical Foundation, Seattle, WA
Historian for the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington. Member of the Pacific Northwest Historians Guild Dr. Zimmerman has taught history and family research methods at the Fiske Library in Seattle for over twelve years and is a frequent speaker at genealogical societies in Washington State. He will present an in-depth look at England, Wales, Ireland & Scotland.

When: Friday April 30, 2010

Where: Williamson Hall at Rock Arbor Villa, 2200 NE Highway 20, Bend, OR (Behind Jake's Diner)

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Registration & Hors D'oeuvres

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM "History of the British Isles"

When: Saturday May 1, 2010

Where: North Redmond Station Conference Center, 1857 NW 6th St., Redmond, OR (Next to the Sleep Inn)

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM "Records in England & Wales"

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM Break

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM "Records in Ireland & Scotland"

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Sack lunch (Ham, turkey, roast beef, vegetarian)

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM "Best Repositories"

2:45 PM - 3:30 PM Q & A and closing

All meals are included in the registration fee.

Early Registration: If received by April 26 Members \$45; Non Members \$50

After April 26: Members \$50; Non Members \$55

**WPA HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
BENTON COUNTY, OREGON
BY MARK PHINNEY**

Mrs. Etna BARCHARD [SKAGGS]

Mrs. **BARCHARD** was interviewed at her home on Allen Lane in south Corvallis. She said:
"My father, Joseph **SKAGGS**, was born in Ohio in 1829, and came to California in 1853. He mined there for several years in the neighborhood of Volcano, California, but without much success. I do not know much about his family.

"My mother, Mary **ROBESON**, came to California in 1854. Her mother's name was **BENSELL** and Grandmother **BENSELL'S** mother was named **COTTLE**. Through the **COTTLE** family we are related to Mrs. J. K. **WEATHERFORD** of Albany and to the **PARKER** family of Linn County. Grandfather **BENSELL** for years was the agency doctor at the Siletz Indian Agency. My brother still has the old saddle bags with the original medicine bottles that he used.

"My mother lost her mother when she was just a little girl. Mother was twelve when the family crossed the plains and she did all the cooking on the trip.

"My parents were married in California and my three oldest brothers were born there. There are ten living children: Charles, Royal, John, Arthur, Oren, Austin, Jesse, Addie (**WILEY**), Laura (**FOX**), and myself. In 1867 my parents came to Benton County and settled about four miles north of Summit. There father built a large one-room log cabin with a lean-to kitchen. In this house we lived until the family had increased to seven children.

"The first land father got he bought from a man named **COFFEY**. Times were sometimes pretty hard with us there. Although father managed to get hold of considerable land he was not able to get ahead enough to provide more than the bare necessities for his family. The land would raise good wheat but we were so far from market and from a mill that wheat did not pay well. Father often worked cutting brush and cradling grain for the farmers in Kings Valley and mother was left alone for long periods with her children and no neighbors but the Indians. The Indians were always friendly and mother often was so lonely that she welcomed their visits.

"Mother used to make all our clothes. She sent the wool out to the mill at Corvallis to be carded and she spun and wove it herself. She got buckskin from the Indians to make breeches for the boys. She made our shoes from leather she got from the Indians. She used to make the pegs to fasten the soles by hand. Her old spinning wheel and heavy home made loom are still on the old farm. Mother used to help earn a living for the family by making buckskin gloves for one dollar a pair. This work was done by hand at first but later years she got a small sewing machine that turned with a hand crank to sew the buckskin.

"There were many wild cattle in that country when we were children. It was not safe for women and children to go too far from home. These cattle were the off-spring of cattle that had escaped from the farms and gone wild. Cam **VANDERPOOL** of Tampico, who was a friend of my father, used to find it profitable to hunt these for market. They were considered the property of any one who could take them

"The schoolhouse at first was on a hill about a half-mile west of Summit. For a time we had only three months of school. When they began having a winter term the roads were so bad we had to go on horseback and sometimes not all of us could go. Some of the teachers in the early days were: Mrs. John **DUNCAN** and her daughter, Clara; the woman who was later Mrs. Emma **GELLATLY**; Fred **MYERS** and W. B. **RISLEY**, who still lives at Alsea.

"In later years the district was divided and a new district was formed with the schoolhouse at Fern Ridge near our place. The teachers I remember at Fern Ridge were Mrs. Molly **MARKS**, Bertha **PLUNKETT (THOMPSON)**, and Mrs. Charles **KENNEDY**.

"I used to enjoy horseback riding as a girl. The roads were poor and all the young people rode horses. The girls rode with side-saddle and long, full skirts that covered us to the tips of our toes. These were not only to protect our clothes but for modesty as well. When we had no side-saddle we put on a blanket bound with a surcingle and rode just the same.

"We had parties, dances, and candy pullings. There was always some sort of services at the schoolhouse on almost every Sunday. The dances were neighborhood gatherings with large crowds, but were well behaved. There was no rowdyism, and especially no girl ever smoked or tasted liquor.

"In 1898 I married George **BARCHARD**. We have two children, Percy and Mildred (**HALL**), who live in California. All my life has been spent on farms in the Summit Community until we came to Corvallis a few months ago."

Wisconsin Research Information

Wisconsin County Histories:

Free access to more than 80 standard county histories totaling more than 56,000 pages. You can browse by county, specific accounts of nearly 500 cities and town, or discover facts about people, events and topics. Every book can be downloaded for free to your own computer as a PDF file.

Wisconsin Magazine of History:

The entire archive collection of feature articles from 1917 through 2008 is searchable.

Wisconsin Local History & Biography Articles:

15,000 historical articles on Wisconsin people and history.

Wisconsin Historical Images:

40,000 pictures of Wisconsin history.

Wisconsin Historical Collections:

10,000 pages of memoirs, interviews, and essays on Wisconsin history and archaeology, published 1855-1915.

www.wisconsinhistory.org/research.asp

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Founders Day

Saturday May 1, 2010

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Champoeg Visitor Center and Pioneer Memorial Building (Pavillion) in Riverside Day Use Area.

Sponsored By: Friends of Historic Champoeg, Oregon Draft Horse Association, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in cooperation with Oregon State Parks.

Description: Commemorates the May 2, 1843 vote at Champoeg that established the first American Provisional Government in the Pacific Northwest.

* Guest speakers and living history programs with staff/volunteers in period costume.

* Presentations by local historical societies.

* Tours of historic sites and refreshments.

* Horse Plowing Competition in field area adjacent to Oak Grove Day Use Area.

* Free admission to Robert Newell House and Pioneer Mother's Cabin Museums.

Cost: \$5.00 per vehicle parking fee.

Reprinted from SDOP News, Newsletter of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, Vol. 39, Issue 4, March 2010

The Hudson County Genealogical Society

Hudson County is located in northeastern New Jersey. Its county seat is Jersey City. Both Liberty and Ellis Islands are located in the waters of Hudson County.

Vital Records Databases:

The Bayonne Times Death Notices 1915-1945

The Hudson Observer Death Notices

The Jersey Journal Death Notices

Old Bergen Reformed Church Death, Marriage, Birth records.

Veterans: Civil War and World War I Hudson County Civil War Veterans.

World War I Casualties from Bayonne and World War I Casualties from Hudson City.

Cemetery Databases Civil War Veterans Buried in Jersey City/Harsimus Cemetery, Civil War Veterans Buried in Speer Cemetery.

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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:

26 April for the 8 May meeting. Cookies — Gene Newcomb
1 June for the 12 June meeting. Cookies — Dean Hart

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

More Member Info.

Our meetings are held on the **second Saturday, September through June**, in the Fireside Room 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 1:00 until 3:30 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: sprawlins@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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