

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.

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Program News

November: The November meeting was well attended. Folks heard about what is available at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, the Corvallis Oregon Family History Center, and the Benton County Historical Society.



November speakers: Librarian Charles Dunham and members Judy Juntunen & Margaret Fox



Veterans Bill Gleaves, Ellen Bartish and Ted Gump were recognized and thanked for their service.

December: Remember our December auction. Please bring items for the auction and lots of money to be sure that you take home the articles you want for yourself or to give as gifts. This is an important fund raiser for the society and a tremendous opportunity to pick up some unique gifts. See p. 2-3 for possible auction items.

And don't forget to bring something yummy to share.

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Library News

I have ordered two new books that people wanted. *Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in my DNA* by Richard Hill is his story about finding out about his roots and what he found in the DNA that helped him do it. The other is *The Winthrop fleet of 1630: An account of the vessels, the voyage, the passengers and their English homes from original authorities* by Charles Edward Banks. We do have some volumes on the Winthrop that probably go with this new one. The Library crew says Happy Thanksgiving. There are so many books on so many subjects that everyone needs to come to the library and browse on Tuesday. You might find some thing exciting.

PS ... Glad you [Margaret] recommended that book [Finding Family]. It is very good; I couldn't lay it down. Lots of good information in it.

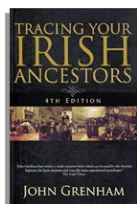
-- Grace

Check these out ...

◆Tracing your Irish Ancestors, 4/e

John Grenham

Gill & Macmillan Ltd, 2012



“The best book ever written on Irish genealogy, this new edition of Tracing Your Irish Ancestors retains the familiar structure of previous editions but is now more useful than ever. Combining the key features of a textbook and a reference book, it describes the various steps in the

research process while at the same time providing an indispensable body of source materials for immediate use.

The biggest change from previous editions is in its approach to the Internet. Online research is now an essential part of any Irish family history project, so the 4th edition serves as a directory to online records, discussing their uses and outlining research strategies. The sheer scale of the data available online makes a guide such as this all the more essential, and in the hands of a master it is indispensable.

Along with its step-by-step instructions in the location and use of traditional genealogical records, its discussion of civil records of birth, marriage, and death, as well as land records and wills, and its list of Roman Catholic parish records and source lists—all expanded, updated, and indexed—it is easily the most useful book in Irish genealogy.”

-- Genealogy.com

◆The First Seventeen Years, Virginia, 1607-1624

Charles E. Hatch, Jr.

University of Virginia Press,

December 28, 1957

“A permanent settlement was the objective. Support, financial and popular, came from a cross section of English life. It seems obvious from accounts and papers of the period that it was generally thought that Virginia was being settled for the glory of God, for the honor of the King, for the welfare of England, and for the advancement of the Company and its individual members.”



-- Foreword

Favorite Research Sites

I have found another really great place to search for publications on places and/or families. It is on a site that folks are probably already very familiar with and the best part is that it's free. Go to familysearch.org, select “Book”, then either search or advance search. Advance search lets you combine search terms or narrow types of material. Some of the listing can actually be downloaded to your computer; some not. I thought I had pretty well covered one family surname for books. Boy was I surprised. Happy reading.

-- Margaret

Link to PRONI (Public Records Office of Northern Ireland) lecture series on local history of Northern Ireland. The five part series is on families. Others in the series are listed at right. Helps to listen to better understand the Irish accent while learning a little history. They are placing future history series on their website.

http://www.proni.gov.uk/news_details.htm?newsRef=2030

-- Mary Dean

BCGS Holiday Auction Suggestions

◆Food (Homemade items)

- breads
- cookies
- honey, jams, butters
- mixes in a jar - soups, chili
- wines

◆Kitchen items

- pastry brush
- mugs with or without anything in them
- salt & pepper shakers
- hot pot holders, towels, oven mitts
- package of expensive coffee



- ◆ Christmas/holiday
 - Christmas cookie cutters, stamps (Rycraft)
 - decorations - bells, angels, santas, butter knives
 - wall hangings
 - decorative Christmas storage containers, candy dish
 - Christmas wreaths or swags (real or artificial)
 - Clock
- ◆ Books, maps, CDs, DVDs
 - genealogy
 - Christmas stories
 - children's books
 - photo albums
- ◆ Fabric items - scarves, blankets (fleece, crochet, knitted), bags (handy carry-all), pillows
- ◆ Surprise bag (filled with several wrapped small gift items)
- ◆ Pet items - catnip decorative bags, photos, carvings, toys
- ◆ Personal service such as baby sitting, genealogy research time etc.

-- Linda

FYI...

I thought that since many of us will be making New Year's Resolutions, the following might be helpful. Some of us are very organized with our family history files; some of us not so much. Below is a little help:

"Organizing Your Files

A simple system for organizing family history files, key filing principles, and links to alternative filing system descriptions.

There are as many ways to organize your file as there are researchers. Each person develops his [or her] own system over time. The purpose of this article is to suggest a simple system that can be adapted to a wide variety of situations as your experience grows.

Value of Organizing Your Files

Being organized helps you to better collate sources, compare them, evaluate them, identify discrepancies, and make reasonable conclusions. Well-documented family group records are the best source of ideas for research objectives. Up-to-date family group records also help you judge the reliability and fit of newly discovered sources with what you already know. The main value of organized research logs is to show all the sources you have searched, and help you recall your search purposes and strategies. Good logs help you resume research after a pause, and avoid re-using sources already tried. Too many negative

searches on a research log show it is time to search in a different way. Being well organized saves you time, and it contributes to better research and results.

Organizing Principles

- **Organize and document AS YOU GO!** Before you start research have a research log and well-documented family group record in hand. After research do not lay your head on your pillow until you have finished your paper work and filing.
- **Hierarchy of research goals.** Have an overall goal to share your research findings with others. There under have a goal to research a cluster of families—usually families that settled near each other. There under have a goal to thoroughly document the events in one of those families before starting research on the next family. Have a goal to **understand** that family, and why they behaved as they did. There under have an objective to document one event at a time in one person's life in that family. If the first search fails, continue with that objective with different sources, jurisdictions, or repositories. Don't give up until you find a source to document the selected event or exhaust all the possibilities trying.
- **Study families in community context.** Get to know the kin and neighbors and the roles they played in your ancestor's family.
- **Research the easiest events first.** What you learn from easier documents will help you find more difficult to locate sources.
- Do NOT reorganize the way described below until you pick up research on a family—no mass reorganization of all files at once.
- Do not be discouraged if your filing system is not perfect. We get better with experience.

Easy System: One Family = One File Folder

This system is based on creating one file folder for each family you research.

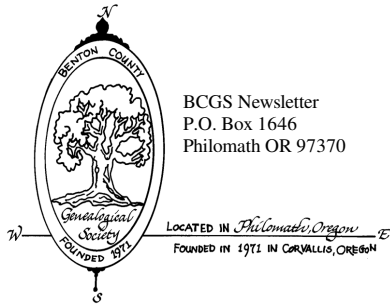
One Family consists of a father, a mother, and their children.

One File Folder (a manila file folder) contains:

1. family group record (required)
2. pedigree chart (optional)
3. maps of family settlements (optional)
4. [research log](#) (required)
5. [photocopies of source documents](#) (required) in order by your document number."

-- https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Organizing_Your_Files

[to be continued....]



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Meetings

Board Meetings are held prior to the General meetings in the Annex, 1104 Main St., Philomath OR. All members are welcome.
Board: 9:00 AM - 9:45AM

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

Membership News



Just a reminder that even though membership dues are not due until Jan 1, 2013, feel free to pay now. Credit will be given for the entire 2013 year.

Thank you to those who have already paid.