

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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Heraldry – A Genealogical Perspective Presented by Jonathan Hayes

If you have an ancestor who had a coat of arms, that coat of arms could in turn give you information about his descent. Even if you don't (and most of us don't), some basic knowledge of heraldry can add to the pleasure of historical research of your ancestors' lives and times. The talk will cover basics, how to "read" a coat of arms – and a bit of scandal.

New and Free DAR Online Databases

The following announcement was written by the Daughters of the American Revolution:

After nearly a decade of scanning, indexing, and other behind-the-scenes work by DAR members and employees, the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the availability of the DAR Genealogical Research System on our public website. Here are the direct links:

http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm or www.dar.org

(and click on the Library button at the top, then the second tab in the left-hand column).

The GRS is a growing collection of databases that provide access to many materials collected by the DAR over the past 119 years. Included in this collection of databases is the GRC National Index which has been available to researchers for the past few years. There are still some kinks we're working out here and there.

When you go to the link above, you will find several tabs that will enable searching in the various databases:

Ancestor - established DAR Revolutionary War Ancestors and basic information about them with listings of the applications submitted by descendants who joined the DAR. [updated daily]

Member - limited access to information on deceased/former DAR members - not current members.

Descendants - index of generations in applications between the DAR member and the Revolutionary War ancestor. There is much 18th and 19th century information here. [ongoing indexing project]

GRC - every name index to 20,000 typescript volumes (some still being indexed) of genealogical records such as cemeteries, Bibles, Etc. This index is not limited to the period of the American Revolution at all.

Resources - In particular, the digitized DAR Library Revolutionary Pension Extract Card Index and the Analytical Index Cards.

Other information sources will be coming in the near future, mostly relating to Revolutionary War service, bibliographies, Forgotten Patriots (updates), etc. Read the introductions to these to learn why these are both important genealogical indexes. For example, the Rev. War pension index includes the names of people mentioned in those pensions that were abstracted (not just the pensioner or widow)!

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This is the Benton County, Oregon, **Gen Web Page**. From this page, you can link to our society web page, Benton County marriages, cemeteries, the newspaper index project, Benton County Bible pages, Pioneer Databases, and links to many other county, Oregon and US Gen Web pages

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/>

2010
Benton Lecture Writers Series
Writing About History

This informative and entertaining lecture series is free to members and \$5 per lecture for non-members.. Tell your friends to join the Society as an individual member for \$20 and attend all lectures free of charge.

The Benton Lectures are sponsored by the Swanson Agency and Barker-Uerling Insurance.

February 22 - Linda Crew - *Adventures in Research: Turning Historical Fact into Readable Fiction*

March 1 - Bob Welch - *Pebble in the Water: Why History Matters*

March 8 - Matt Love - *First Person Oregon History*

March 15 - Judy Juntunen - *"Found in Collection"—Family Treasures*

March 29 - John Baker - *Writing History: The Process*

April 5 - Jon Lewis - Oregon State University - *Writing About Film*

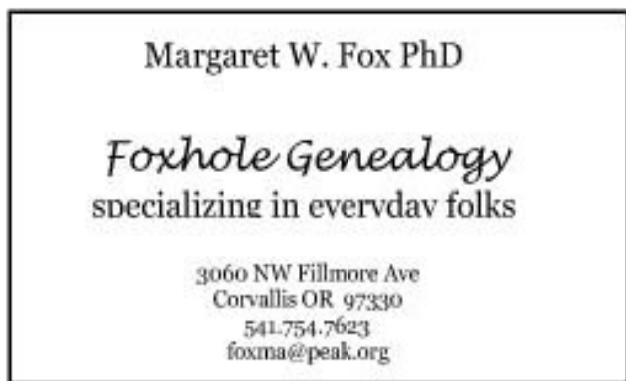
All lectures will be held in the Moreland Auditorium at the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath

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Roots Magic - genealogy software

A Roots Magic User Group meets every 3rd Saturday of odd numbered months in Hillsboro. Various topics are covered, depending on what the attendees would like. The meeting for March will be held on Saturday, 20 March, if the organizer/instructor can find someone to help since she will be out of town. The next meeting will be in May. Contact Leslie Lawson: Leslie@lawsonresearch.net to receive meeting information. If you have used Family Tree Maker (or any other software) for a long time like I have and have switched to Roots Magic, a user group is very helpful. I would be interested to know if anyone in our group also uses Roots Magic.

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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.

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe



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

Oregon Statewide Biennial Genealogy Conference July 31, 2010 - Eugene, Oregon

2010 Summer Genealogical Festival— featuring Elizabeth Shown Mills

The Genealogical Council of Oregon (GCO) announces the 2010 state-wide conference. It will be held **Saturday, 31 July 2010**, at the **Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon**. A dozen concurrent lectures, the popular "Ask the Experts" sessions, and a packed vendor area are scheduled for this Summer Genealogical Festival.

The featured speaker is Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA, distinguished, internationally recognized genealogy expert, speaker, author, and researcher.

Elizabeth Mills is often called the first lady of genealogy. She was editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly and president of both the Board for Certification of Genealogists and the American Society of Genealogists. She teaches the Advanced Research Methodology track at the Samford University Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research. Her best-known books are Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace; Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers & Librarians; and Isle of Canes.

Elizabeth's popular lectures appeal to the full range of genealogical expertise. Her four lectures for this conference are: The Elusive Ancestor: There's No Such Thing as "Too Poor to Trace" Sources & Citations Simplified: From Memorabilia to Digital Data to DNA The Identity Crisis: Right Name, Wrong Man? Wrong Name, Right Man? Okay, I Got the Neighbors - Now What Do I Do with Them?

The GCO homepage: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/>

Submitted by Mary Dean Snelling

Search Immigration History at Ellis Island.org

When the waves of immigration to USA started decades ago, Ellis Island was the first port of entry for millions of immigrants from Europe and elsewhere, who came to the United States to search for happiness and prosperity. Now, their descendants go to the Ellis Island foundation's website ellisland.org to search their past and how their ancestors came to New York City. Did you know there are 10 free websites, including ellisland.org, where you can search your family's past immigration history? Nancy Hendrickson provides the list at

<http://www.huliq.com/1/80694/search-immigration-history-ellislandorg>

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Membership

New Members

Hank & Netta Dunn

Renewals

Richard Cobb	Kay Danley
Nancy & John DeBoie	Suzanne Doerge
Margaret Fox	Teri Greene
Earle Greig	Ted Gump
Peggy & Denny Haney	Julia Lenoker
Georgia Prichard	Lee Rudisill
Mary Dean Snelling	Linda West

Art: The 4th "R": a Museum Tradition continues

Now in its 26th year, Philomath School District students in grades K-12 show off their talent in the "Art: 'The 4th "R'" exhibition opening March 5, 2010 in the Moreland Gallery at the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath.

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April Raffle

We would love to have more items to add to our Raffle to be held at the April meeting. So, if you have any items that you wish to donate to the raffle now is the time. Let Susan Hayes (s.c.hayes@att.net or 541-752-0498) know and she will add the item to the list. More interesting items, more money raised for the Society.

Tickets will be sold at the February, March and April meetings.

Upcoming Programs

13 March 2010 – Preserving Your History by Scott McArthur

10 April 2010 – Raffle; Civil War in Oregon by Colonel Steven Betschart

Raffle Items:

1. 1-hour plane ride with and donated by Bill Gleaves
2. 1 hour of Computer or camera help with Margaret Fox donated by Teri Greene.
3. A wooden vase built by John Martsching donated by Damaris Reynolds.

Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5—first draw first choice etc., anyone drawn not present is entitled to remaining picks.

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

12 June 2010 - Potluck Picnic

Summer Break - Margaret reported she believes The Family History Center has started planning another program. We should offer help and plan to attend. Their past summer sessions have proven extensive and outstanding.

11 September – Show ‘n Tell

9 October – Overview and Tour of the OSU Archives Collection

The History of the Income Tax

The history of the income tax in the United States dates back to the Revenue Act of 1861, when Congress needed to raise funds for the Civil War. The 16th Amendment to the Constitution, passed 1909 and ratified in 1913, authorized the federal government to tax individuals. The first Form 1040 was distributed that year: a simple, four-page form (including one of instructions) that you can view on the IRS website at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/1913.pdf>.

You can read more history of the income tax by the Library of Congress Business Reference Services at: http://www.loc.gov/rr/business/hottopic/irs_history.html. A more detailed account, but written in an easy-to-read style, is available from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Tracing the history of taxation from colonial times to the 21st century, it is available at: <http://www.treas.gov/education/fact-sheets/taxes/ustax.shtml>.

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Thank You

A special thank you is due to Kay Danley who made calendars and brought them to the January BCGS meeting. Many were sold for \$3 each and the proceeds totaling nearly \$50 were donated to our society. She took the photos of old barns and printed the calendars.

If you would like a calendar, contact Grace Maddux, our new librarian, to see if there are any left.

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

AVERILL, MRS. MARTHA [ROBISON]

Mrs. AVERILL was interviewed at her home just across the Willamette River from Corvallis, in Linn County. Mrs. AVERILL'S keenest of mind is indicated in her manner, and her recollections deserve fullest confidence. She said:

My parents were Samuel and Lucina ROBISON. They came from Missouri to Oregon in 1871, when I was eleven years old. Father went first to the Applegate country in Josephine and Jackson Counties, but did not like the prospects there and went to Coos County in 1873. He followed farming, dairying, and stock-raising. Butter was packed in kegs and shipped to the San Francisco market, but the business suffered from the varying quality of farm butter. On one occasion, at a neighbor's solicitation, mother put her butter in with others to take advantage of the better prices obtained in San Francisco. Because the butter in the keg was not uniform in color the whole lot was sent back to be worked over and blended thoroughly. Potatoes come to be raised quite extensively in the Coos Bay district for the San Francisco market. "I went to school in Coos County in what is now called the Fish Trap district. It was a large district then, with a log school house on a ridge of hills. Mrs Addie PAULI and Mrs. LAMEY were some of the teachers. After a few months in California my folks moved to Bandon in the early 'nineties'. There I married William Henry Harrison AVERILL in 1892.

"My husband's father came to Oregon in 1852 and took a claim at the Riverside Community in Linn County just above Albany. The claim was on the low ground near the river and there was a scourge of malaria. There he lost a wife and several small children. He sold his place and moved to Tangent. He married a Mrs. JACK, and the children were Henrietta (step-daughter), and Alfred, Pearne, and my husband William H. H.

My husband first engaged in business at Summer Lake in the Klamath country in Eastern Oregon. There he had a store and traded with the Indians. He was the first settler at that lake, but was soon followed by his brother Alfred, and others. All the merchandise in his store he hauled from Oregon City or Portland, up the middle fork of the Willamette River along the general route of the present Natron Cut-off of the Southern Pacific R. R.

"At his farm on the west side of the lake he raised grain, garden truck and fruit. His farm was sheltered by high bluffs to the west and the cold was tempered by the lake, and he was able to raise peaches and apricots, even though the elevation is high and the winters severe.

"Mr. AVERILL came to Coos County in 1880, and there he became engaged in business in partnership with George DYER. They conducted a general merchandise store and Bandon was built on their land. We were married in 1892. My husband's children by the first marriage were Euphemia Ann, James Stevens, Lorena Alice, Edgar Francis, Harry Cleveland, and Harrison Moss. Edgar AVERILL has been president of the State Game Commission, and has for years been employed by the Federal Biological Survey, and interested in the preservation of wild life and game.

"My children are Almire Henrietta, William Samuel, Warren Lamson, Linn and Lucina. William is now Agricultural Agent for Benton County.

"In 1895 we came to Linn County and my husband farmed near Brownsville. He also built a grain warehouse and conducted a grain business in Brownsville. At that time there were almost no gardens and no clover raised in all this district. The land was being killed by continuous cropping to grain. Now it is being brought back. People are realizing that the soil value must be conserved and built up. Soon the original fertility will be brought back.

"My father's children were Arvilla Ann, John Oregon (so-called because father had long wanted to come to Oregon), George Texas, Franklin Benton, Rocky Cincinnatus, Caleb Tennessee, Price Seth, and Martha Jane, which is myself."

Reprinted from the Benton County Genealogical Society WPA Historical Records Survey

This is the **Benton County Genealogical Society** web page

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/>

Early Oregonians Database Added To State Archives Website

As a legacy to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Oregon's statehood, the Oregon State Archives announces the launch of the Early Oregonians Database on its website: <http://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs.personProfileSearch.do?earlyOregonian=true&searchReset=true>

This resource uses data from census, death, probate, and other records to help researchers find information and documents about people who lived in Oregon prior to statehood. Volunteers at the Archives have worked on this project for more than five years. The Database currently contains over 105,500 entries for individuals who lived in Oregon prior to statehood. Because of limits on available records and documentation, the project can be defined to include people living in Oregon from 1800-1860. The foundation of information in the database is based on data extracted from 1850 and 1860 censuses for Oregon. Volunteers have created profiles of individuals that capture information about their parents, spouses, and birth and death information. When possible additional information from records in the Archives holdings and other published sources have been used to provide more complete or accurate information.

Various records from the Oregon State Archives such as probate records, death certificates, and marriage records were searched to identify individuals who appeared to meet the criteria. As additional features of the database become functional, researchers will be able to view a list of records associated with a particular individual that are part of the Oregon State Archives holdings and request copies.

Despite the fact that large populations of Native Americans lived in the Oregon Country prior to 1840, documentation of those individuals is scant and not readily available. Because of this, Native Americans presented a special challenge. Currently the database includes close to 3,500 individuals of Native American descent. Information on Native Americans that lived into the twentieth century can be problematic as well. Project volunteers are beginning to work on the Indian censuses compiled for the various reservations between 1885 and 1940 with the goal of incorporating more information and individuals in the project over time.

Further review and editing will result in additional entries when evidence supports inclusion in the database. If you have documentation you would like to contribute to the Early Oregonians Database, contact the Archives staff at

Early.Oregonians@state.or.us A more detailed description of the project and an FAQ are available at http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/eo_overview.html

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Family tree branches sprout online

By Mary Hyland

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Explore your family tree with help from these sites.

Root Digging 101 How to start a search for family records: www.onlinegenealogy.com

Volunteers who will help you search: <http://helplist.org>

Where are the most common locations for your Surname in the United States?: www.hamrick.com/names

Road to Epiphany True stories of discovery along the path to tracing family roots: <http://genealogytoday.com/family/stories/serendipity.html>

Coming To America Search the records at Ellis Island, NY: <http://www.ellislandrecords.org/>

Records Shop Where to find vital records in the United States: <http://vitalrec.com/index.html>

Civil War Records: www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/

Passenger Lists: member.aol.com/rprost/passenger.html

Ready, Set, Search The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' database of genealogical information: <http://www.familysearch.org/>

This site lets you create a family tree database from which you can search multiple sites: <http://www.familytreearcher.com/>

Search extensive databases for a fee: <http://www.ancestry.com/>

Tribes Od Israel Trace your Jewish ancestry around the world: www.jewishgen.org/ajgs/ <http://www.bb.org.il/>

Going Continental Where to search for world genealogical links: <http://www.worldgenweb.org/>

United States: <http://www.usgenweb.org/>

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Websites

Some favorite websites to use might include:

www.usgenweb.com

This is a starting place to visit states and the counties within the states to view records that are available.

www.familysearch.org

This is the LDS site to search for information on a person or to visit the library via Internet to see what records are available on film, microfiche or in books at Salt Lake City. Microfilm and microfiches can be rented at the local Family History Library. Books have to be viewed at Salt Lake City as do maps.

www.roosweb.ancestry.com

This is a search site for **rootsweb** and **ancestry.com**. If you enter the information in the left hand box, you will get information on rootsweb, a free website. The right hand box will take you to **ancestry.com** which is a subscription website.

www.findgrave.com

This website will let you possibly find where someone is buried as well as give you a picture of his headstone. It does not have ALL headstones or people listed. If you are lucky you may find someone you are searching for. You can also have burial information and a picture of a headstone at this website if you so desire.

www.genforum.com

This is the message board site located at **genealogy.com**. **Genealogy.com** is a subscription website but **genforum** is a freesite. You can type in a place or surname to locate other people also searching your family or locality.

www.raogk.com

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness is a website for each state or county and people who are willing to do a specific act of genealogical kindness to help you find a record or something you may want in your research but are unable to visit the area yourself. These volunteers list specific things they will do and you can NOT ask them to do more. More details available on the website. Also a place for you to volunteer to do acts of kindness if you would like to do so.

Some newspapers have websites which enable you to find obituaries for a person you are researching. Such as Clark County Nevada Review Journal located in Las Vegas. http://www.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/month_display.jsp

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Bibliography of Oregon Trail Emigrant Resources

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society and the Oregon State Library have a long history of working together to provide Oregon citizens with research support in the area of genealogy and state history. Now WVGs volunteers Evelyn Gatlin and Sandy Graham have compiled a bibliography of resources, from the State Library collection, that contains names and personal accounts of the thousands of emigrants who traveled the Oregon Trail. This resource will be very helpful to anyone who is researching Oregon history or genealogy. The bibliography lists 160 resources and includes manuscripts, journals, diaries, interviews, family histories and other resources.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/OregonTrailBibliography.pdf>

Check the online catalog of the State Library, http://catalog.willamette.edu/screens/opacmenu_s2.html, for availability of any resources. Items that circulate can be ordered via interlibrary loan through your public library. --Clipped and slightly edited from "Letter to Libraries Online", An Electronic Newsletter from the Oregon State Library, Vol. 19, Issue 3, March 2009.

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Linn County Historical Museum Trust, Inc.

The Linn County Historical Museum Trust in Brownsville, OR will be selling engraved bricks for \$100 each, etched with the names of families who came to the Willamette Valley by 1950. The Museum will be creating a "Heritage Courtyard". Contact the Linn County Historical Museum Trust, P.O. Box 563, Brownsville, OR 97327.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:
1 March for the 13 March meeting. Cookies — Bill Gleaves
29 March for the 10 April meeting. Cookies — Teri Greene
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 <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/>
Board minutes are posted here.

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.
THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!



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