

Benton County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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From the desk of the President

Hope this finds you all enjoying our balmy winter weather. Just wanted to update you on who's doing what and what else needs to be done.

Our publishing committee has been busy updating the various publications. You might have noticed this when you received your newsletter. I heard it described as "neat, simplified and modern looking." Leila has certainly outdone herself. You might want to check out our web page as well. Linda has been cleaning it up and updating where needed - not an easy task. If you have not been there lately take a look at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/>. Our brochure has been updated as well. Look for it around the county. It is printed on yellowish paper and has 1/2011 noted inside. If you run across white ones with 2010 date, please recycle. If you know of a place that could use a few, let me know.

As you might have heard we are still in need of a VP and Treasure. The board has created a Program Committee to spread the joy around. We are good to go with February & March and have plenty of ideas for other months. We just need people to actually make the arrangements. Obviously, the benefit of serving on this committee is being able to help decide on the programs. If you are interested, please contact me. As I have said before, I really enjoy the programs and hope we can continue having them.

The Finance Committee could use a bit of help as well. Taking care of the business of the society is their task. As we do not have a Treasurer, the Finance Committee is spreading around this officer's job. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me.

Remember: A Society cannot function without members stepping forward. You don't need to be an expert and you don't need to commit for the long term.

As Lily Tomlin says "I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."

As always you are invited to the next board meeting. We will meet 31 January 2011 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Philomath Community Library, 1050 Applegate St., Philomath.

BTW...look for an article written by our very own Earl Greig and Linda Olsen published in the The Bulletin of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Margaret Fox

Membership

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership and welcome to those who have recently joined. New Member packets are waiting for those who recently joined, so be sure to pick one up. Those who had not renewed by January 15 have been removed from the membership list.

Recent Renewals

Nancy Basque
Betty Birdsall
Priscilla & Garvin Crabtree
Leila Crawford
May Dasch
Grace H. Foster

Ed & Lois Goering
Ted Gump
Janice Handsaker
Denny & Peggy Haney
Dean Johnson
Judy Juntunen

Julia Lenoker
Marlene McDonald
Delno & Pat Shermer
Hilda Snyder

New

Don Ferguson
Grace Foster
Rhonda Morgan



Linda Olson and Margaret Fox were sworn in as BCGS officers by Bill Gleaves at our December 2010 general meeting

Program News

12 February Program

Roundtable Discussion Groups on Various Genealogical Topics

Gather up your questions or research tips on the genealogical topics featured in our Roundtable Discussion Group program. Eight of your fellow BCGS members have volunteered to lead the discussion tables on topics chosen as a result of the surveys circulated at recent meetings. Thanks to Danell Aukerman, Pat Coolican, Leila Crawford, Margaret Fox, Bill Gleaves, Susan Hayes, Gene Newcomb and Mary Dean Snelling for leading tables.

Discussion table topics will be Irish Research, Genealogy Software Programs, What Can I Learn From DNA Testing, English Research, Using Google for Genealogy Research, Breaking Through Brick Walls, and Locating Living Relatives. Depending on interest on the meeting day, a table on either Beginning Genealogy or Visiting the Corvallis Family History Center may be added.

You will have the opportunity to attend two tables. Each table will meet for 25 minutes. The table leader will kick off the discussion and sharing. Each leader has expertise in the topic so can help those who are just getting into that area of research, offer tips to solve your research problems, or point you toward new resources to consider. Other table participants may also be able to offer suggestions. So, it's a time for collaborating together on your research and getting to know other society members who are researching the same topic or area.

Danell Auckerman, BCGS member and owner of The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe (<http://www.genealogybookshoppe.com/>) will have archival supplies for sale.

12 March Program

Coming of Age, a talk on what the future looks like for Family Search. Keynote Address at 2010 National Genealogical Society Conference (on DVD) by Jay L. Verkler, CEO, Family Search.

January Program Review

Cataloguing, Retrieving and Identifying Photographs by Don Ferguson, Shadowsmith Photographics

Don Ferguson of Shadowsmith Photographics in Corvallis presented a very enjoyable program that demonstrated his considerable expertise and knowledge of historic photographs. He also kindly donated a Shadowsmith gift certificate to the person who could identify the country of origin of two antique cameras that he brought. Mary Dean Snelling correctly guessed that the camera was from France. Thank you, Don, for your generosity.

He introduced the concept of "photojournalism" for family history, that is, telling the story of your family through photographs for preserving and sharing historic family photos. He brought two examples, essentially large photo collages of multiple generations of a family with each photo telling some part of a person's life story.

Don also spoke about the durability of photographs today. With today's ink, prints are very stable and durable, especially when printed on archival paper. They are equal to or better than negatives.

Don joined members for coffee and cookies at the Annex to answer further questions and look at photos brought by members.



Don Ferguson of Shadowsmith Photographics

Library News

Members of the library committee are beginning to assemble the old newsletters shelved in the dining area for discard. We need more shelves for our newer collections. At a later date, the discards will be available to members for a small donation.

The BCGS Library is located in the house next door to the historical museum. The house is known as the "the annex". Our society library collection is available for members free as part of your membership. Non-members must pay a \$5 use fee. Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

The library is open every Tuesday from 1:00-3:30 pm, and the second Saturday after our program meeting. Our library is supported from dues of our membership and donations. A volunteer will be available to help you if needed.

A copy machine is available for your use. Each copy will cost 10 cents.

Please take a look at our library collection at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/booklist.html>. Your dues have helped create a fine collection of research materials.

Genealogy News and Events

The Generations Project

"What secrets run in your blood? This new reality series answers this question as it follows real people traveling the country in search of clues about their family past. As they investigate their ancestors, they begin to understand that the best way to know who you are is to know who you came from."

The Generation Project is an hour long program that started in January. This is a television program brought to viewers by byutv. Visit their website at <http://www.byutv.org/thegenerationsproject/> for additional information

Chiefs and Chief Traders: Indian Relations at Fort Nez Perce, 1818-1855, Chiefs and Change in the Oregon Country

The Genealogical Council of Oregon has announced that the OSU Press and the OSU Center For Digital Scholarships and Services are making available Theodore Stern's two-volume works, "Chiefs and Chief Traders: Indian Relations at Fort Nez Perce, 1818-1855," and "Chiefs and Change in the Oregon Country." First published by the OSU Press in the 1990's, the books have been out of print for several years. The books are free online as high resolution searchable PDF files in the press's collection in the ScholarsArchive@OSU open access repository: <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/handle/1957/18857> Reprinted from: *Oregon Genealogical Society Newsletter, Issue 175, Nov/Dec 2010*

Who Do You Think You Are?

Season 2 Premiere starts Friday, 4 February 2011

"Tim McGraw, Kim Cattrall and Lionel Richie will appear on the next season of *Who Do You Think You Are?* NBC has announced that Ashley Judd, Steve Buscemi, Vanessa Williams and Rosie O'Donnell will also be featured on the second run of Lisa Kudrow's family roots show, according to *The AP*. The series, based on the UK show of the same name, was executive produced by Kudrow and premiered on the network earlier this year. The former *Friends* actress was also one of the celebrities who traced their family history."

Source: <http://www.digitalspy.com/ustv/news>; accessed 16 Dec 2010

For more information: <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

RootsTech Conference

If you are interested in new technologies to make family history easier, RootsTech is for you! Don't miss this brand-new conference February 10-12, 2011 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The early bird registration price of \$99 is valid through Saturday, January 15.

At [RootsTech](#), family historians of all skill levels will learn technology-based solutions to accelerate their research. Here is a sampling of what you will experience at this unique conference:

- * Discover how new and emerging technologies can simplify your research
- * Learn from world leaders in genealogy and technology, including Curt Witcher, Shane Robison, Brewster Kahle, and Jay Verkler
- * Help leading-edge technology providers better understand your needs
- * Get a sneak peek at new products and services
- * Participate in hands-on workshops
- * Contribute to interactive presentations and panels
- * Take part in unconferecing (impromptu discussions driven by attendees)
- * Enjoy an out-of-this world event at the Clark Planetarium

RootsTech will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center, just a short walk from the world-famous Family History Library. Take advantage of extended Library hours on Friday, especially for RootsTech attendees.

Whether you are new to genealogy or an experienced researcher, RootsTech is the ideal place to discover the latest tools for climbing your family tree. Please visit rootstech.org to see the full list of topics and sessions.

[Register now](#) at rootstech.org:

\$99 through January 15, 2011

\$150 beginning January 16, 2011

RootsTech is sponsored by Microsoft, Dell, FamilySearch, the National Genealogical Society, **brightsolid**, Ancestry.com, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and Brigham Young University.

Volunteers Needed

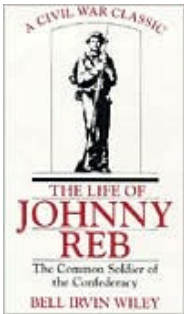
GT Newspaper Project

The last two newspaper microfilm reels to finish up the Newspaper Project have been digitized. A volunteer is needed to finish up the last newspaper microfilm reel now on CD for the BCGS Newspaper Project. This is a project you can do at home using your computer. See what has already been done by viewing this index at the Benton County Oregon Gen Web page at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> and clicking on the "Surname References to Benton County Newspapers". There are now 12 newspapers available on CDs. **Contact Linda Olsen at 541-929-3843 if you are interested.**

Librarian

A librarian is needed for 2-1/2 hours a month on Saturday after our general meeting September to June. The main responsibility is check in or check out books, file returned books, help others find the resources they need for their research and keep the library neat and in order. **Contact Grace Maddux at 541-929-5480 if you are interested.**

Book Review



The Life of Johnny Reb : the Common Soldier of the Confederacy was written by Bell Irvin Wiley and published in 1943 and reissued in 1978 and 2008 at LSU Press. Johnny Reb provides a well documented, detailed look at the every day soldier in the Confederate army. Wiley, author and editor of numerous books on the Civil War, uses manuscripts including personal letters and diaries, printed correspondence, diaries and reminiscences; regimental histories; newspapers and periodicals; pictures; and official documents to tell the story of "Johnny Reb." Chapter notes are included at the end of the book. Each chapter title signals the content -- sometimes humorous but always with sensitivity and objectivity. Wiley begins with "Off to the War," a brief overview of the average Southern man's reaction to events leading up to the opening volley of the war. Wiley goes on to cover the "Baptism of Fire" that turned volunteers into soldiers. Other chapters describe life in "Winter Quarters" with the "Bad Beef and Cornbread" then moves through "From Finery to Tatters" to the "Trials of Soul" the Confederate soldier experienced. Wiley acknowledges the wives' "who acquitted themselves most admirably." Wiley also recognizes the men who "kick[ed] over the traces" and the punishments meted out, both justly and unjustly, to officer and private alike. Wiley ponders "What Manner of Men" as he notes his conclusions of the typical Southern man. He simply wants to "give the man of the ranks, who after all was the army, something of his rightful measure of consideration."

For the genealogist or family historian who wants to add more than the dates and places of his/her Civil War Confederate Soldier's story, this book offers the details need to provide a context. Certainly a must read.

Membership Form

Benefits of Membership include: Library use during open hours, book checkout privileges, newsletter as published and voting rights at business meetings. If you have any questions please contact Mary Jo Miner at **541-753-4828**

NAME _____
(Please print – Indicate name desired on nametag)

NAME(S) of other family members _____
(List only if family membership is desired)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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I would like to receive my newsletter by: _____ E-mail _____ Regular mail (add \$5.00 to dues)

New Membership _____ Renewal _____ **DUES ENCLOSED: Single/Family \$15**

Return form with dues check to: BCGS, P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370 or bring all to our next general meeting

Benton County Genealogical Society Publications for Sale

Years ago, Danell Aukerman compiled the first book sold by the Society and she was very active in producing others. Many other dedicated volunteers have also help create and maintain copies of additional books that are on sale from through our Society. Copies of these books are available in our library and in the Benton County Historical Museum if you would like to review a copy before you buy one or just to buy a copy. Below is a listing of our books and an order form at the end. This information is also listed on our website, <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/Books.html>

Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924

Volume one of this series contains records of 4,941 marriages which were recorded in Benton County. This is an All-New extraction of marriage records and includes marriage date, county recording book and page numbers, plus some additional information of genealogical interest. The marriages records are presented in date order and are alphabetically indexed by both groom and bride surname and given name. The extraction was performed from printed copies of microfilmed Benton County Marriage Certificates and/or Marriage Licenses.

236 pages of marriage records and 59 pages of index
Price \$25.00 plus shipping charge

Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945

Volume one of this series contains records of 4,722 marriages which were recorded in Benton County. This is an All-New extraction of marriage records and includes marriage date, county recording book and page numbers, plus some additional information of genealogical interest. The marriages records are presented in date order and are alphabetically indexed by both groom and bride surname and given name. The extraction was performed from printed copies of microfilmed Benton County Marriage Certificates and/or Marriage Licenses.

225 pages of marriage records and 59 pages of index
Price \$25.00 plus shipping charge

WPA Historical Records Survey - Interviews

Benton County, Oregon - Mark Phiney

Interviews of the 'old timers' of the area, done during the period 1937 - 1940, recounting the old family stories of the pioneers as they crossed the plains on the Oregon Trail. Includes records from family bibles as available, and listings of family members with their birth dates and locations, as recalled by those interviewed. Includes an every-name index.

408 pages and 49 pages of index
Price \$35.00 plus shipping charge.

WPA Historical Records Survey - Bible and Cemetery Records

Benton County, Oregon

Mark Phiney

Bible Records includes interviews of the 'old timers' of the area during the period 1937 - 1940, recounting the old family stories of the pioneers as they crossed the plains on the Oregon Trail. Also includes records from family bibles as available, and listings of family members with their birth dates and locations, as recalled by those interviewed.

Cemetery Records includes historical information concerning many of the small cemeteries in Benton County. Also included are listings of some of the burials in some of the small cemeteries.

Bible Records - 47 pages plus an index
Cemetery Records - 48 pages plus an index
Extracted records from 31 pioneer family bibles
Price \$15.00 plus shipping charge.

WPA Historical Records Survey - Commissioners Journals

Benton County, Oregon

Mark Phiney

Commissioners Journals, also known as Probate Journals A and B, include a record of the official business transacted by Benton County between 1850 and 1855. There are 391 different surnames included in the records.

Commissioners Journals

222 pages plus an index
Price \$20.00 plus shipping charge.

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Benton County Church Records

Histories of most Benton County churches, their founders, and some congregation records

398 pages plus an all name index
Price \$30 plus shipping and handling

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions Vol. 1

Includes Alsea, Armstrong, Blodgett, Claremont, Emerick, Henderson, Hendrix/Lobster Valley, King Family, Kings Valley, Lone Fir, Mays/Strouts, Pleasant Valley, Powell, Summit, Wren.

173 pages plus 22 pages of index
Price \$25.00 plus shipping charge.

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions Vol. 2

Includes Crystal Lake Cemetery

228 pages plus 34 pages of index
Price \$25.00 plus shipping charge.

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions Vol. 3

Includes Alpine, Bellfountain, Monroe, Mount Union, Oakridge, Reeves/Edwards, St. Rose, Winkle Buttes - Irwin, McBee and Winkle Burying Grounds.

278 pages plus 39 pages index
Price \$25.00 plus shipping charge.

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions Vol. 4

Includes Gingles, Locke, North Palestine, Oddfellows, Ridders, Robinson, St. Mary's, Zion Lutheran, Camp Adair removals to Polk County, Vacated Cemeteries and Burials on Private Lands

221 pages plus 31 pages of index
Price \$25.00 plus shipping charge.

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions Vol. 5

Includes Oaklawn Cemetery

270 pages plus 55 pages of index
Price \$25.00 plus shipping charge.

Benton County Cemeteries Index

Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5

222 pages
Price \$25.00 plus shipping charge.

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions Vol. 6

Military Personnel Buried in Benton County
Names alphabetized in each cemetery

Not indexed
Price \$10 plus shipping charge

Benton County Pioneers - by Shirley O'Neil

A study of the Inhabitants Listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Benton County, Oregon

Price \$30 plus shipping charge

Polk County Pioneers - by Shirley O'Neil

A study of the Inhabitants Listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Polk County, Oregon

Price \$30 plus shipping charge

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Philomath, Oregon**

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Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945. _____ @25.00 _____

WPA Historical Records

Benton County Interviews _____ @35.00 _____
Bible Records & Cemetery Records. _____ @15.00 _____
Benton County Commissioners' Journals _____ @20.00 _____
Benton County Church Records _____ @30.00 _____

Benton County Cemeteries

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions Vol. 1 _____ @25.00 _____
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Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5 _____ @ 25.00 _____
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions Vol. 6 _____ @ 10.00 _____

Benton County Pioneers - by Shirley O'Neil _____ @ 30.00 _____
Polk County Pioneers - by Shirley O'Neil _____ @ 30.00 _____

Subtotal _____

Add Shipping Charges: \$4.00 for 1st book, \$1.50 for each additional _____

BCGS Members will receive a 10% discount _____

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**Benton County Genealogical Society,
P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370**

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County Genealogical
Society or BCGS. Federal TAX I.D. #93-0898391**

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Membership Information

Names, email and phone numbers removed for security reasons.

Board meetings are held in the Philomath Public Library conference room at 1050 Applegate, Philomath, Oregon. Our next board meetings date is Monday, 28 Feb 2011 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

General meetings are held on the second Saturday, September through June, in the dining hall of the College United Methodist Church, on the east side of the Benton County Historical Museum, in the 1100 block of Main Street, Philomath, Oregon. Our business meeting is at 10:00 a.m. with the program starting at 11:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be Saturday, 12 February 2011.



Happy Valentines Day

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