

## 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 Country 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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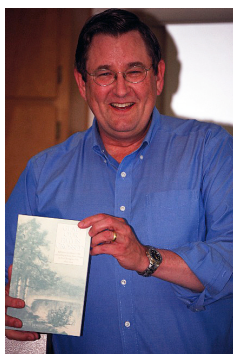


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# BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Oregon



## Program News

**May: Steven Waltz Morrison** shared stories from *Glad Our Paths Crossed: Reflections of a Doctor's Wife and Settling in Forest Grove, Oregon* by Eva Cherrington Waltz 1899-1994.

As you can see we had an interested crowd. Sandra Potter won a copy of the book in the raffle.



## June: Potluck

Our annual Potluck Picnic will be held at the annex after the business meeting. Bring a dish of your choice for the potluck. Coffee, tea, punch, paper plates, plastic spoons, etc. will be available. Reminder: refrigerator is not available.



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## Library News

**REMINDER: Inventory will be June 5th.** We'll start at 9:00 am and should be done by 3:00 pm. After the inventory, strong backs will be need to move stuff upstairs.

-- Grace

### Check these out...

#### ♦Virginia's Colonial Soldiers

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
Genealogical Publishing Co. 1998

"American military history began with the establishment of the Virginia colonial militia in the seventeenth century. Although ill-trained, it was the colony's only defense against Indian attacks and invasion by hostile powers. The records left are fragmentary and scattered, and it has always been hard to locate them and make them accessible. With the publication of this work that problem is now behind us. From research based on county court minutes and orders, bounty land applications and warrants, records of courts martial, county militia rosters, Hening's Statutes at Large, the Draper manuscripts, and manuscripts in the Public Record Office in London, we now have an authoritative register of Virginia's colonial soldiers. And it is not merely a dry catalogue of names and dates, for included are the military's "size" rolls which routinely give the soldier's place of birth, age, residence, occupation, and physical description. And sometimes this was made even more informative when the enlisting officer recorded his impressions of the soldier! Little is known of the ordinary people of colonial Virginia for they left no diaries or journals, but now we have the rare privilege of coming almost face to face with them in this remarkable book."



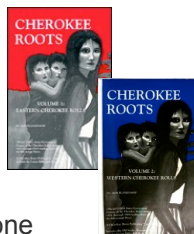
-- amazon.com

#### ♦Cherokee Roots, Volume 1 & Volume 2: Eastern Cherokee Rolls

Bob Blankenship  
Cherokee Roots, 1992

"This set contains the Official US Census Rolls of Cherokee Indians recorded between 1817-1924. Volume one covers those Cherokee living East of the Mississippi River, Volume 2 covers Cherokee who were living West of the Mississippi River. These same rolls are still used today in determining tribal enrollment eligibility, along with the 1924 Baker Roll and the Dawes Roll for Cherokee people. If you are looking for your Cherokee ancestors, this set is a MUST have!

Raven SiJohn, Managing Editor"



-- amazon.com

#### ♦Parish Lines, Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

Charles Francis Cocke  
Virginia State Library, 1960

"A compilation of records that searches out the ancestry of the parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and sees them firmly established in the structure of the Church. As the early histories of counties and parishes are interwoven, this study remains closely related to the growth of the Commonwealth and is an excellent resource for those exploring their family history and genealogy."

-- The Virginia Shop at the Library of Virginia

## Genie Doings

**Members Faye Abraham and Dennis Haney,** along with

John Baker,  
author of  
*Camp Adair:  
The story of  
a World War II*

*cantonment :  
today,  
Oregon's  
largest ghost  
town*  
received the  
Benton  
County

Preservation

Awards for extraordinary contributions in preserving Benton County's historic and cultural heritage.



## Other Genealogy News & Events

### 1940 Census News

**As of 27 May 2012** 47.4% of the 1940 US Census has been indexed. Among the states which have reached 100% and are searchable are Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Wyoming. Other states are at 100% and will made available soon. For specifics on a particular state, go to <https://www.familysearch.org/> and select this image in the top righthand corner.



**Elizabeth Shown Mills** has created a website for her book, *Evidence Explained* at <http://www.evidenceexplained.com/>. Not only does she include reviews, book content and sample text pages, but also sample quick check models and quick lessons. A copy of this book is available in our library.

The *Evidence Explained* cite can also be accessed from her *Historic Pathways* pages at <http://historicpathways.com/articles.html#EAU>. Many of the articles she has published can be found on this site including those on Natchitoches LA, Historiography and Genealogical Theory, Interdisciplinary Prospects and numerous Individual Case Studies which are sorted by ethnicity and by type of problem. She also has written articles on Professional Issues and Research Reports.

### Virginia Vital Records Update

#### "MEMORANDUM TO THE GENEALOGICAL COMMUNITY"

**FROM:** Peter E. Broadbent, Jr.

**DATE:** March 27, 2012

**RE:** Access to Virginia's Vital Records – HB 272, SB 309 and SB 310; and SB 660

Good News! Governor Bob McDonnell has now signed into law two Virginia General Assembly bills to:

1. Reduce the "closed" period for records of marriages and deaths held by the Virginia Department of Health ("VDH") from 50 years to 25 years (HB 272).
2. Make it clear that after the "closed" period ends for vital records, these records should go to the Library of Virginia like any other archival records; direct VDH to create an online vital records index which is publicly available online through a contract with a private entity at no direct cost to the Commonwealth (both Ancestry and FamilySearch have offered to do this); and specify that the index will be capable of being linked to the underlying digital documents (if those are public) by the Library of Virginia (SB 660).

These important changes in the law will become effective July 1, 2012. The change in the "closed" periods for marriage and death records should provide immediate access to more records; turning the open records over to LVA and creating an online index may take several years to implement.

Two other bills (parallel to HB 272), SB 309 and SB 310, were effectively folded into SB 660. General Assembly members have told me that the thousands of messages they received from genealogists since the Virginia Genealogical Society ("VGS") first contacted the Joint Commission on Health Care in March of last year made the difference in pushing through these bills...."

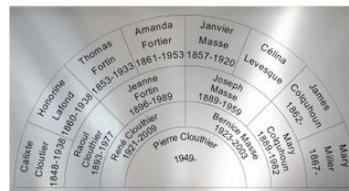
-- Virginia Genealogical Society Webpage

### "Engrave Family Trees on Metal Plaques"

I have written often about the risks of storing information on paper. Paper is fragile and is susceptible to deterioration as the years pass. Information that is printed on paper will deteriorate and disappear after a period of time. Even acid-free paper is vulnerable to moisture, mold, tearing and fire. Digitizing images solves some of these problems but also introduces new concerns.

Now one company, Progeny Software, has a new solution: a family tree, preserved forever on a metal plate, will be available centuries from now to tell the story of the family.

Centuries? This strikes me as an excellent method of preserving family tree information.



Progeny Software is a well-known company in the genealogy marketplace. You can read my many past articles about Progeny Software if you start at <http://goo.gl/u4zWWV>. Now the company's newest service allows you to upload a family tree to the company's web site, indicate the root or subject of the tree, select a size and material, select a chart style, and Progeny Software will do the rest. A number of chart styles are available. If you don't have a computerized file of your family tree, you can manually enter the names in an online form. The company will create Ancestor or Descendant trees, as you wish. Prices start at \$44.25 plus shipping. Custom sizes are available upon request.

This is a nifty service!

You can learn more at <http://treeng.com/>.

-- Eastman's Online Newsletter  
posted 21 Mar 2012

## 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

