

# 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

**February:** A good time was had by all, as you can see in the photos.



## March: Beth

**Lambright** will come speak to our Society in the period dress of Elisabeth Fisher Hopkins, her 11th-great-grandmother and the wife of Stephen Hopkins, signer of the **Mayflower Compact**. She will tell how two pages of her family lineage (everything her mother knew of their family history) grew into over 1000 pages of genealogical data. Mrs. Lambright will also share some of the processes involved in gathering part of her documentation and part of the family stories.



Beth will bring props of some of the things her ancestors would have used in American in the 1600s. She will also let attendees know how her work cumulated in a relative publishing a book of their whole family history last year.



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**Library News**  
Check these out....

◆ Early Records of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1648-1725  
Edited by Henry S. Nourse, A.M.  
Heritage Books, Inc, 1993

“At the adjourned March meeting of the town of Lancaster [MA], 1883, it was voted ‘to appropriate five hundred dollars for publishing some of our earliest town records under the direction of the Library Committee; to be prepared by Henry S. Nourse’.”

◆ The Unpublished Roll of Honor  
Compiled by Mark Hughes  
Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1996  
“In 1865 the Quartermaster’s Department published the first volume of the Roll of Honor series. These 27 volumes were written to allow ‘comrades and friends’ to find the burial site of Union soldiers...”

◆ Genealogical Research in England and Wales, Vol. 2, 5th ed.  
David E. Gardner & Frank Smith  
Bookcraft Publishers, 1959  
A guide to genealogical resources available in Great Britain.

◆ The Art of Collecting Genealogy And History  
Addison Ford Oates  
NP, 1971

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**Publication News**



For newsletter : genealogical related items which would be of interest to all, for example local workshop, seminar, etc.; book review (including historical); website review (not a list please); a “library with great genealogy room” review or any genie doings you might know about.

Contact Margaret for further information.

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**Membership News**

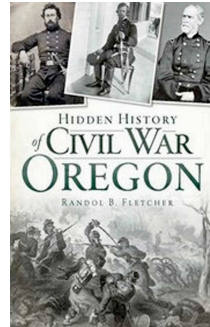
As of February we have:  
51 paid members  
4 life members  
1 complimentary member  
15 organizational members

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71 total memberships

**Book Review**

When Randy Fletcher asked for information about a Civil War general believed to be buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery, I had no idea that the



resulting discovery would pay positive dividends. Randy is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the group is compiling the names of all the Civil War veterans buried in Oregon. In Benton County, Randy and his organization helped identify and mark ten unmarked graves in Crystal Lake Cemetery. They also helped other cemetery associations

reset some of their original Civil War military markers.

We DID find the general’s grave, and his story is one of several found in Randy’s new book, *Hidden History of Civil War Oregon*. It is about men and women who served in the Civil War -- both Union and Confederate -- and are now buried in Oregon.

For most of us, today’s Civil War is the confrontation between the Beavers and Ducks, while our nation’s terrible Civil War seems far away. However, Oregon raised two Union regiments, and more than ten thousand veterans from both sides came to the state after the war.

In Randy’s book we learn that Oregon had significant Civil War ties. For example, he tells about Senator Oregon’s first Senator Edward Baker, who was killed in the Battle of Balls Bluff, and how Wyatt Earp’s brother U.S. Marshal Virgil Earp ended up being buried in Portland. Then there is the tale of two Portland men who chased and helped capture John Wilkes Booth. Yet another story that created quite a stir is local : the Long Tom Rebellion, inspired by a Confederate sympathizer.

Randy’s book is a great read, and I highly recommend it. The wonderful, well researched and written collection brings to light little known stories about Oregon’s Civil War connection.

-- Judy Juntunen

## Other Genealogy News & Events

### “The BGS Spring Seminar is Coming Up!

The Bend Genealogical Society is excited to announce our 2012 Spring Seminar, featuring **Dick Eastman**, founder and editor of ‘**Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter**.’ This nationally acclaimed genealogy resource has been on the web since 1996 at: [blog.eogn.com](http://blog.eogn.com).

The Spring Seminar events will include a social evening with Dick on Friday, April 20th, and an all-day seminar on Saturday, April 21st. Topics include:

- **The ORGANIZED Genealogist** – Learn how to hone your organization skills
- **CLOUDY with a chance of Genealogy** – Learn about Cloud computing
- **MOCAVO** – Internet search engine comparison: Mocavo vs. Google
- **CONSERVATION** – Keeping up with Technology

“Registration is required, and the fee - \$80 - includes all events, meals and materials. Registration form available at [www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs](http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs).

NOTE: Early registration ends April 13th. Registration fees increase after that date ... We hope you ... can join us for this exciting and informative event! All questions about the Seminar should be sent via e-mail to: [bgs@bendbroadband.com](mailto:bgs@bendbroadband.com); or call BGS at (541) 317-9553.”

-- BGS email

### 2012 Sweet Home Genealogical Workshop

“The 2012 [sic] Workshop will be March 16 and 17, at our Library Building. Our topics for Friday are scheduled to be Using Spreadsheets, and DAta Bases for Genealogy given by Ardys Vaughn, Tony Farquar from the U. S. Forsety [sic] Department and James Morales, Benton County Clerk. A class on Beginning Genealogy will follow the last class on Friday (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.). The Library will also be available [sic] for research at this time. Our Saturday speakers will be Trish Mace giving a Travelogue on Scotland, James and John Alexander speaking on the Sons of the Almerican Revolution Linage [sic] Society and the Decendants [sic] of the Signers of the Decaration [sic] of Independence LIneage Society, and Sue Chenowith Healy on Researching Native American Ancestry...”

See Margaret for Registration Form  
-- Distant Trails SHGS, Winter 2012

### Spring Seminar - Saturday, March 31

The **Oregon Genealogical Society's** Spring Seminar will host Kim A. Davis, a third generation genealogist. as speaker.

The following lectures are planned:

#### Where Exactly Did They Live? Why Should I Care?

Genealogy and Geography. Learn the importance of knowing the geographical and geopolitical location of your families, as well as where and how to research the information for your specific locations of interest.

#### Building A Census History

A practical approach to finding your families on each existing census is an essential tool in genealogy, yet often difficult to practice. Learn why census histories are important; how to find missing people you thought were not recorded; and how to analyze the information contained on each census.

#### Researching Your Families On The Internet

This class provides some tools and information needed to use the Internet as an index and finding aid for primary sources. It also provides suggestions on utilizing the Internet for background research to place families in historical context of their period and location.

#### "Interesting" Ancestors: Identifying and Dealing With The Black Sheep in the Family

Class covers how to find and properly identify the "Black Sheep" in your family, including ethical treatment in the family narrative.

Seminar will be held at the Living Hope Church, 2801 West 18th Avenue, Eugene, OR



February Newsletter corrections:  
Volume 27 Issue 2  
Garvin Crabtree studied WWII artifacts

## Meetings

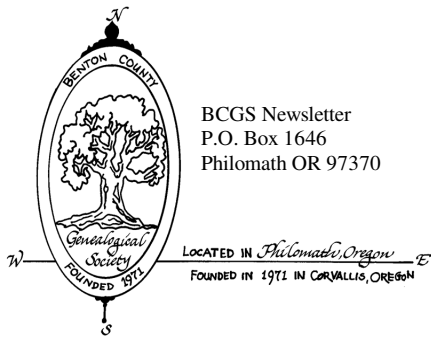
**Board meetings** are once a month, September through June. The March meeting will be 9:00 AM in the Annex, 1101 Main Street, Philomath, OR. All members are welcome.

**General meetings** are held on the second Saturday, September through June, in the Social Hall of the College United Methodist Church, 1123 Main Street, Philomath, OR. Everyone is welcome.

Business: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM  
Program : 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



SHH!! Be very, very quiet,  
I'm hunting forebears



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