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 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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From the Desk of the President
I would like to encourage members who have information or a hint that they feel is newsworthy to others to bring the data to the general meeting. We can put member comment time on the agenda. Items that were not included in our newsletter because of space issues or information such as Lyle shared in our February meeting concerning "PDF Release" could be helpful to many.

Bring your articles with you or write them down so that you won't forget during "comment time".

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Program News
February: The February program was quite a success, if you ask me. Hannah Z Allan, the Reference Assistant / Genealogist at Oregon Historical Society, gave a very lively and informative presentation on "Digitizing and Organizing Your Research Electronically**."** Attendance was above average, and attendees took the opportunity to view the Museum exhibits.

March: Getting the Most out of Census Records

• Beyond the Basics
• Importance of Census Day
• Tips for Searching Ancestors
• Expand your search to State Censuses

Presented by BCGS member, Nancy Basque

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Other Genealogical News and Events
The Gathering Ireland 2013
The Gathering is an effort to bring extended Irish families together and to promote tourism. Events will be held around the country throughout the year. Here is the link to the website for further information. http://www.thegatheringireland.com/

In conjunction with this, the National Archives is launching a new dedicated website for genealogists that now includes the 1901 and 1911 Irish censuses, tithe applotment books and soldiers' wills. More records will be added in the future. The website is http:// genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/

-- Susan

Spring Seminar
[The Genealogy Forum of Oregon] spring seminar will be held April 13, 2013.
The presenter will be Barbara Renick,

Topics:
• Newspapers: Techniques for Searching Newspapers Online
• Advanced Tools and Techniques for Census Searching
• Success with Manuscript Sources
• Library Web Sites: More than Just a Catalog

See the flyer and registration. <http://www.gfo.org/ seminar/barbara-renick.pdf>

For information on this seminar, send e-mail to gfoinfo@hotmail.com

-- GFO website

Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5, 2013
Carriage Me Back to 1918!
A somewhat historic, always enjoyable, community drama of life in a particular year in the history of Brownsville. Dressed in period costumes, local actors and actresses take on the personalities of well-known historical characters. Visitors ride in a horse-drawn carriage from the Linn County Historical Museum to the 1881 Moyer House enjoying reenactments at stops along the way. Call the Linn County Historical Museum at (541) 466-3390 for tickets or more information.

-- Calendar of Events; Historic Brownsville

Have Irish Ancestry? Research the Records in Ireland!
Donna Moughty leads a group of Irish descendants to Ireland every year to research records and possibly even walk where their ancestors walked. I know people of have taken her previous trips and they speak highly of the experience. I now see that Donna is planning another expedition this year:

> October 2013 - Genealogy Research Trip to Dublin, Ireland
> Sarasota, FL — Donna Moughty, a professional genealogist and specialist in Irish research, will again be taking a group of researchers to Ireland from October 13 - 20, 2013. The repositories scheduled on this trip include the National Library of Ireland, National Archives, General Register Office, Valuation Office and Registry of Deeds. Dublin based professionals, Helen Kelly, Paul Gorry, and Eileen O'Duill will assist participants at various locations.
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> The trip includes 7 nights accommodations (including breakfast) at Buswell's Hotel, two hours of pre-trip consultation, orientation and assistance at the research facilities, a historical walking tour of Dublin, two dinners and admission to the Back To Our Past Conference.
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> A limited number of spaces are available. For further information visit www.moughty.com.

-- Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter; posted by Dick Eastman; 13 Feb 2013

*Family History Daily has Launched
Here is a brief announcement with the major details:

> Family History Daily is bringing together family historians from many backgrounds to showcase genealogical stories, research, help and resources on a wide range of topics. Check out the site for helpful articles, expert advice, interviews and personal stories that bring attention to the great diversity of family history knowledge and resources available online. Our first articles include Family History Begins at the End of Your Comfort Zone from Geneabloggers founder Thomas MacEntee, an interview with National Genealogical

Society President Jordan Jones and a fun giveaway from Findmypast.com. We are always looking for writers who want to share their stories and expertise. Visit the site to find out how to contribute an article or become a regular blogger. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

You can read the Family History Daily free of charge at http://familyhistorydaily.com/.
-- Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter; posted by Dick Eastman; 6 Feb 2013

As a followup to Hannah's presentation on "Digitizing and Organizing Your Research Electronically" and as a continuation from the December 2012 newsletter:

* Organizing your Files
Setting Up an Organized System

1. Write the name of the husband (and his birth and death year, if known) and his wife's name and dates on the **manila folder tab**. The same husband's name and dates should appear on every piece of paper in the folder.
2. Keep the file **folders in alphabetical order** by the name of the head of the household.
3. A metal or plastic **clasp** to hold paper in the file is optional.
4. Compile and print a well-documented **family group record** to put in the folder. Ideally there would be at least one source footnote for every event on the family group. Also, you are encouraged to add custom events beyond birth, marriage, and death. For example, show events like censuses, migrations, land purchases or sales, and wills on the family group record as well.
5. Prepare a research log to put in the folder. List all the sources you searched, and describe your search strategies on this log.

Keeping the System Organized
In order to be organized, commit to start with the research already organized as you start on the family. And commit to keep it that way as you go.

*Prepare for each new search.*While looking at the family group record for the family, pick a research objective (one person in the family, and one event in that person's life) to research. Write that objective on the family research log. Select a

source you hope will document that event and write the source footnote data on the research log. Get most of the information for the footnote from the catalog of the repository where you are working. Write the footnote data on the research log BEFORE you look at the source.

> **Tip:** Do NOT change your old files to a new note keeping system all at once. Start slowly with just the one family you are researching right now. Wait to organize the file of another family until you start research on that family.

*Follow-up on each search.*To stay organized, it is important to commit to finish the paperwork and filing BEFORE the next search begins.

• if the search is negative

1. Write **nil** or Ø in the research log's results field.
2. Continue trying to document the **same event** as before, but using a different source, different jurisdiction, or different repository.
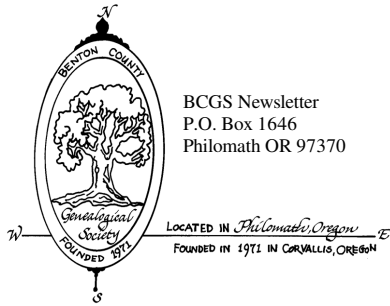
• if the search is positive

Do these nine tasks before starting another search.
1. Photocopy the source.
2. Write footnote data in the margin on front.
3. Write on back your full document number.
4. Finish your research log by filling-in your document number and summarizing the search results.
5. Transfer each piece of family history data from each new source to your family group record.
6. Cite ALL sources found for each event on your family group record.
7. Use the footnotes comment area to give a preliminary evaluation of the source.
8. Print and file the updated family group record.
9. File the source photocopy.
-- https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/ Organizing_Your_Files

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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 - 9:45 AM

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day