

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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8 May Program

"Preservation and Interpretation of Family Photographs and Documents"

Dig out those old photos and documents from the attic or basement and bring them to the meeting on May 8.

Our speaker Larry Landis will lead a workshop to help you to identify your mystery photos and learn more about your documents. As part of the workshop, he will discuss basic preservation techniques for the care of family photographs and documents, how to identify the various traditional photographic processes and how to date and interpret historical family photographs.

So, check out your family photo collection for those unidentified photos and bring them along to see if Larry can provide some clues to help you figure out who that beautiful young woman is or who that young lad is sitting on the porch.

Mr. Landis is the University Archivist at Oregon State University and has more than 25 years of experience working with historical documents and photographs.

Remember, too, that we will be gathering in the Fireside Room of the church for both the general and program meetings this month. In June, we will be back in the Social Hall.

Special Offer for BCGS Members from Footnote.com

The Benton County Genealogical Society has collaborated with the historical records site Footnote.com to bring members a special offer for a one-year membership to this site. Until June 30, BCGS members can subscribe to Footnote.com at a 50% discount. Normally \$79.95, the all-access annual membership will cost just \$39.95. Existing members can extend their membership from their current expiration date for an additional year at this discounted price.

Go to this link to get started!

http://go.footnote.com/Benton%20County%20Genealogical%20Society_society/

Not familiar with Footnote.com? The site features digitized and searchable original historical documents, nearly 65,000,000 of them and counting. These documents include census records (1860 and 1930 complete, working on the other years), naturalization records, military service and pension records, historical newspapers and city directories. The documents span 300 years from the 1700's to the 2000's. Many of the documents are a result of Footnote.com's partnership with the National Archives to offer NARA documents online.

A unique feature of Footnote.com is that you can create an interactive Footnote page for your ancestor, contributing your own documents and photos as well as those you find on Footnote.com. This is a great way to share your findings with family and, by tagging the page as "I'm related", even discover new cousins. These member-created pages can be viewed free of charge so your cousins don't have to subscribe to "discover" you.

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If you want to try it out before becoming a member, you have some time to do it. You can sign up for Footnote.com's 7-Day Free Trial (click Get Free Access to Everything) or stop by the Corvallis Family History Center. The FHC has a membership and most staff can help you get acquainted with the site. The Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you stop by on Thursdays between 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. our own Margaret Fox can help you.

April Raffle -- A Great Success

Our annual raffle was a great success. Members donated seven very nice items for the raffle and we raised \$145.00 to support our Society and its activities.

We thank everyone who donated items and all of you who purchased tickets. A special thanks to John Kuhl who donated the Staples gift card he won back to the Society to purchase sheet protectors for the Benton County marriage certificate project.

The lucky winners were:

1. Gene Newcomb -- 1-hour plane ride with Bill Gleaves (donated by Bill Gleaves)
2. Mary Dean Snelling -- 1-hour of computer time or camera help with Margaret Fox (donated by Teri Greene)
3. Jerry Buthman -- Wooden vase made by John Martsching (donated by Damaris Reynolds)
4. John Kuhl -- \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Staples (donated by Betty Jo Miner and John Kuhl)
5. Bill Gleaves -- Pigot & Co's British Atlas - Counties of England 1840 (donated by Susan Hayes)
6. Dave Kribs -- Basket of teas (donated by Grace Maddux)
7. Georgia Prichard -- Candelabra made by a local wood carver (donated by Grace Maddux)

Writing Group Organizing

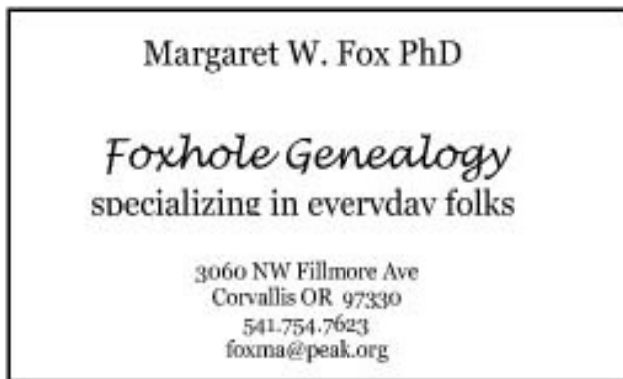
Been thinking about writing some family history? Already writing but want feedback? Not sure if anyone would find it interesting? Need a bit of encouragement? Perhaps a few suggestions?

Join a few dedicated folks who are in the same situation. The group is just starting up, so there is no set time, place, or even content. Help us figure out which direction we should go.

Organizational meeting of the BCGS Writing Group is set for May 18 at 1:00 pm in the Annex. Coffee & tea provided.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Margaret at foxma@peak.org or 541.754.7623.

Hope to see you there.



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

Oregon Statewide Biennial Genealogy Conference

2010 Summer Genealogical Festival

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. Several dozen concurrent lectures, the popular “Ask the Experts” sessions, and a packed vendor area are scheduled for this Summer Genealogical Festival. The sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning (CML). Follow this link for complete information and to register:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/conf2010

The feature speaker is Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, ENGS, 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 and 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?

Join us for this exciting day of genealogical presentation, vendors and exhibitors, and great genealogical treasures. For more information, contact Connie Lenzen, Conference Chair or Beverly Rice, Program Chair. To sign up for an exhibit booth, contact Susan LeBlanc.

Contact Persons

- Conference Chair: Connie Lenzen connielenzen@comcast.net
- Program Chair: Beverly Rice sailaway@harborside.com
- Vendor Chair: Susan LeBlanc dsleblanc@aol.com
- Conference Registrar: MaryJean Crawford mjc2128@hotmail.com
- Call for Papers

Family History Library Classes Now Available on Internet

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

Free Classes Make Genealogy Expertise Accessible Anywhere

SALT LAKE CITY—It is rare that Marcia Covington can make the trip from her home in State College, Pennsylvania to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Now, however, people like Covington can take classes from the world-famous library without ever leaving home.

The FamilySearch Family History Library is now making its popular classes available at FamilySearch.org, which anyone anywhere in the world can access them for free at a time that is convenient for them. The classes have been offered on-site in Salt Lake City for years. Until now, attendance has been limited to those patrons who are fortunate to live in the surrounding community or happen to be visiting the library as part of a research trip. Making the classes available online allows access to many more patrons.

“Most people do family history whenever they can fit it in their busy lives or evenings, holidays, weekends, and so forth. Whether you are a beginner or experienced researcher, you can choose subjects of interest to you from the available classes and watch them anytime and anywhere,” said FamilySearch Community Services Manager Diane Loosle.

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Program Review

By Susan C. Hayes Program Chairman

Program - 10 April 2010

The Civil War in Oregon - A Double-Edged Sword Presented by Colonel Steven Betschart

Dressed as a private of the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Steven Betschart enlightened us about the sentiments of the mid-Willamette Valley citizenry during the Civil War as well as the life of a Civil War soldier in Oregon during that era.

Oregon was faced with the problem of dealing with the Native Americans both on and off the reservations and what many perceived to be a growing menace from within from a group called the Knights of the Golden Circle who were southern sympathizers. Our own mid-valley was a hot bed of these secessionist feelings. This is what Col Betschart calls the "double-edged sword". The formation of the 1st Oregon Infantry in late 1864 was in response to this perceived threat though the unit never fought, spending most of its time in garrison duty.

Col. Betschart revealed the contents of his knapsack, spreading the contents on a table at the front of the room. Some of the items inside were food (salt pork, dried peas, beef, coffee), his wife's picture, money, bullets, and tobacco. He also brought along his trusty rifle musket.

For further reading on this era in Oregon, he recommended the following books and diaries:

Fighting for Paradise by Kurt R. Nelson

A Webfoot Volunteer: The Diary of William M. Hilleary 1864-66 edited by Herbert B. Nelson and Preston E. Onstad.

All Quiet on the Yamhill edited by Gunter Barth

The Civil War in Oregon by Royal A. Bensell

More on the Civil War in Oregon: Northwest Civil War Council

Our April speaker Steven Betschart is the Chairman of the Northwest Civil War Council, a non-profit organization made up of people with a strong interest in the Civil War. The group holds events in Oregon throughout the year, including battle re-enactments. To check out the schedule for 2010, go to the group's website at <http://www.nwcwc.org> and click the link for Events. The next event is the Keizer Iris Festival on May 21-23 where the NCWC will have exhibits and participate in the parade. The next battle re-enactment will be the 4th of July weekend also in Keizer.

Upcoming Programs

12 June 2010 - Potluck Picnic

Summer Break

11 September – Show 'n Tell

9 October – Overview and Tour of the OSU Archives Collection

13 November - Newspaper Research: Find It in The Past; Preserve It for the Future by Leslie Brinkley Lawson

11 December - Auction and Christmas Party

Membership

New Members

Steve Betschart
Deborah Pyke.

Renewals

King Folk Reunion

**Saturday, June 26, 2010
9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Kings Valley Charter School
38840 Kings Valley Highway
(in the Gym at back of school)**

The morning session is a workshop. Please bring King family material to share. Pictures are especially wanted and may be scanned to our CD. (See info. in the King Folk newsletter) Perhaps you will discover a new relative, or be able to assist someone else with their research. A copy machine will be available to use free of charge. Coffee and donuts are provided.

Potluck Lunch at Noon

Please bring a main dish and one other item of your choice (desert, salad, or munchies). Bring your own table service. Coffee, soda pop, and bottled water will be provided. There is refrigeration in the kitchen but only a small microwave for reheating.

Business Meeting at 1:30 pm

For more information contact Vice-President Earle Greig, egreig@pioneer.net or call 541-754-0053 or Secretary, Patricia Plunkett Holler at: lightandtruth@msn.com

**** Please come in the morning and not overwhelm us at noon. We are set up and ready to go by 9:00 am. The morning is the time to have your photos scanned to our CD's, to purchase reunion T-shirts and other materials, to share information with other King family researchers and to look through our Historian David Trask's fabulous family notebooks. Our potluck lunch begins at noon followed by our annual business meeting.**

Oregon Genealogical Society: Spring Genealogical Seminar

May 22, 2010 in Eugene, OR. "Research Strategies--Tracking Your Families", "Getting from Then to Now: Locating People in the Last Century", "Valuable Hidden Sources", "Newspaper Research: Find it in the Past; Preserve it for the Future". ogsinfo@comcast.net Brochure available at the Reference Desk at OSL
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Annual Heritage Expo

Mission Mill Museum, now part of the Willamette Heritage Center will host a Heritage Expo on the museum grounds on **Saturday, May 15th**, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Held in conjunction with the Museum's annual **Sheep to Shawl Festival**. Music, sheep shearing, children's activities, textile demonstrations, living history, plant sale and much more!

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Narcissa Whitman: Lady At The Crossroads

At **2:00 PM on Sunday, May 16** at the Lakeside Center of the Mennonite Village at **2180 54th Ave SE in Albany**, Karen Hass will portray Narcissa Whitman, wife of medical missionary to the Cayose Indians Marcus Whitman. Narcissa was one of the first two white women to cross the continental divide while traveling on what would become the Oregon Trail. By proving that women could make the trip and by bringing a wagon. America's Westward migration was started.

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

Ross BARCLAY
May 1939

Mr. **BARCLAY** lives about twelve miles south of Corvallis and about one-half mile east of the West Side Pacific Highway. He is a prosperous farmer and is interested in the preservation of information about the early days. His knowledge is limited by the fact that, although his father came to Oregon in 1850, Ross was not born until 1878. He said:

"My father, James E. **BARCLAY**, came with his brother William to Oregon in 1850. They crossed the plains by ox team and suffered no severe hardships. Father and a companion were scouts for the train, picking the camping places and killing meat. Uncle William, who was 22 years older than father, had seven children ranging in age from six months to thirteen years. His wife died on the plains but the thirteen year old girl mothered the rest and the family was kept together.

"My father and his brother spent the first winter near Monmouth in Polk County, where they worked for a man named **STUMP**. In 1851 father took a donation land claim here and Uncle took the place adjoining this on the south. I bought my sister's interest after father's death and hold the old place. Uncle's farm was divided after his death.

"Father was born in 1827, but he was not married until 1876. I was born in 1878. My mother's maiden name was Mary **NEILL**. She married Robert **HERRON** in Schuyler County, Illinois, and they came to Oregon in 1863 by way of New York City and the Isthmus of Panama. Mother was a widow with five children when my father married her. You can judge of his disposition when I tell you that all these children stayed with him until they were grown, without any unpleasantness. I was born in 1878. I have one sister, Leah (Mrs. Arthur **BUCHANAN**), who lives a few miles from here.

"I attended the Barclay School (now the Central School), just west of here on the highway. Among my teachers were Miss **DENMAN**, whose brother was for a time county superintendent, Mrs. **NELMS**, a sister of B. W. **JOHNSON** who was interested in the development of the Oaco Orchards near Monroe, Miss **SHIPLEY**, of Monroe, Bert **PETERSEN**, and Mr. **NORTON**. Then I attended Oregon State College for three years but did not finish the course.

"There were thirteen children in my Grandfather **BARCLAY'S** family, but only the two boys came to Oregon. Some of the second generation came later and I have cousins in various places about here. Uncle William's children were Jane (**BUCHANAN**), Robert, Mary (Mrs. Andrew **RICKARD**), James, Minnie (**LEVAUGH**), Margaret (Mrs. Tom **HINTON**), and William. All are now dead.

I never got into politics nor held any elective office, except that I have been clerk of the school in this district for thirty-nine years, which I think is some kind of a record.

"You can learn about the **HERRON** family from my half-brother, J. H. **HERRON**, who lives in the Irish Bend district.

Marriage Certificate Project

Lee Gentemann copied all Benton County Marriage Certificates starting with the 12th. of September, 1850 and ending with 18 August, 1945. Lee used these certificates to compile *Marriage Records, Volume #1 and Marriage Records, Volume #2*. Lee often collected additional information such as death certificates, newspaper items, Donation Land Claim Records, etc. etc. His plan was to organize this information so that it was user friendly and present it to the Benton County Historical Society. When his health failed, Lee asked me to pick up his files and complete the project.

Volunteers are meeting every Tuesday at the annex and putting Volume # 1 in plastic sheet protectors and three ring binders. Volume #2 is basically put in three ring binders without sheet protectors except for occasional small items which need to be enclosed. Dannel Aukerman is scanning Volume #2 and needs volunteer willing to help scan.

The project is better than half complete thanks to volunteers and generous contributions. We want to thank the following members and encourage others to help in any way they can.

John Kuhl and Mary Jo Miner originally presented a Staples gift Certificate for the raffle. John won a raffle item and since the gift certificate was still available, he chose it and presented it to us for additional sheet protectors. Thank you both so very much.

Additional sheet protectors were furnished by John and Nancy Deboi, Leila Crawford, Earle Greig, Jerry and Pam Buthmann, and Nancy Basque.

Volunteers who have assisted in putting items in sheet covers include Grace Maddux, Hilda Snyder, Leila Crawford, John & Nancy Deboi and Gene Newcomb.

We are still in need of plastic sheet protectors and we welcome any and all who can come join our Tuesday work sessions. Thank you so very much. -----Earle L. Greig

Enjoy The Benefits of Membership In The Benton County Genealogical Society

NAME _____

First Name

Middle/Maiden Name

Surname

(Please print – Indicate name desired on nametag)

NAME(S) of other family members _____

(List only if family membership is desired)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by: E-mail Regular mail

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

Renewal Cash Check No. _____ Date _____ Donation to BCGS _____

I am interested in volunteering to help in the society

Dues are due before January 1st each year.

Mail application with your dues to: Benton County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370

Family History Library Classes

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The online classes are a great compliment to the free personal research assistance the Family History Library offers to its patrons in Utah and through its family history center worldwide. According to Loosle the free online classes are one part of the growing number of tools FamilySearch is building for its online patrons. That is great news to people like Covington “Very few people have the opportunity to come to salt Lake City, but these classes give me the same access at home as I can get in Utah,” Covington said. “Our distances here are pretty long, and for some people it is a 40-minute drive to the nearest family history center. These classes make it possible to get training in your home whenever you want, and it is so nice that it is free.”

There are currently 23 Family History Library classes available online, with subjects ranging from European research to United States military records. The most popular offerings are the Beginning Research Series for Ireland and England and a class on descendency research.

The classes vary in length from 6 to 58 minutes, with most lasting about 25 minutes. The format of the classes varies, depending on the content being presented. One type of class shows a video that alternates between the teacher and the PowerPoint slides. Another kind of class integrates video of the presenter, the accompanying PowerPoint slides, and links to supplemental materials all in one screen.

Several of the classes are interactive, such as a course on reading German handwriting. In these classes, the teacher is represented with still photographs and audio narration, and the student can actively participate in learning activities, such as matching English and German characters or transcribing selected words from a document. As a student types, the correct text appears in green and incorrect answers appear in red, providing immediate feedback.

FamilySearch is continually adding new online offerings; classes on how to read English handwriting records are currently in development. All of the classes can be accessed on www.familysearch.org by clicking on **Free Online Classes** on the home page.

ABOUT FAMILYSEARCH INTERNATIONAL

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch has been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogy records worldwide for over 100 years. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,600 family history centers on 132 countries, including the renowned Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Posted by Dick Eastman on March 12, 2010 in [Online Sites/Permalink](#)

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Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the next BCGS Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at the Philomath Public Library Conference Room.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:

- 1 June for the 12 June meeting. Cookies — Dean Hart**
- 30 August for the 11 September meeting. Cookies — Earle Greig**
- 27 September for the 9 October meeting. Cookies — Susan Hayes**
- 1 November for the 13 November meeting. Cookies — Margaret Fox**
- 29 November for the 11 December meeting. Cookies — Sandy Potter**

Membership Information

Names, email and phone numbers have been 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 www.bcgs-oregon.org**

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

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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