

# 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.

## Contact Us

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## Program News

**April: Emily D. Aulicino** held our attention as she enlightened us on “The Gene in Genealogy.”



**May: Steven Waltz Morrison**, an officer of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a past President of the Olympia Genealogical Society, will speak on the “**STARR Family – 7,000 miles from Ireland to Oregon.**”



**Door Prize: *Glad Our Paths Crossed: Reflections of a Doctor's Wife and Settling in Forest Grove, Oregon* by Eva Cherrington Waltz 1899-1994,** edited and published by Steven Morrison



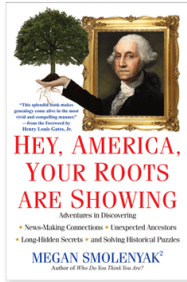
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## Library News

### Check these out....

#### ◆ Hey, America, Your Roots Are Showing Megan Smolenyak2



Citadel, 2012  
“Part forensic scientist, part master sleuth, Megan Smolenyak2 has solved some of America's oldest and most fascinating genealogical mysteries. You've read the headlines, now get the inside story as the "Indiana Jones of genealogy" reveals how she cracked her news-making cases, became the face of this

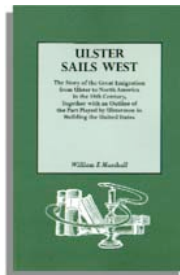
increasingly popular field—and redefined history along the way...”

-- megansmolenyak.com

#### ◆ Ulster Sails West, The Story of the Great Emigration from Ulster to North America in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Together with an Outline of the Part Played by Ulstermen in Building the United States

William F. Marshall  
Genealogical Publishing Company, 1996

“A general account of 18th-century Ulster to America emigration, it starts with 1718 and covers the causes of the emigration and types of emigrants. Many Ulstermen are identified, particularly those conspicuous in the Revolutionary War, as well as those who were Presbyterian ministers, and others who held political positions or were in the field of education.”



#### ◆ A History of Shenandoah County, Virginia John W. Wayland



Genealogical Publishing Company, 1998

“The author traces the origin and development of the county, describing its formation and settlement (probably three-quarters of its early settlers were of German extraction), its subsequent growth, the citizens, towns and villages, churches, schools, landmarks, businesses

and industries.

Much genealogical information is included. There is, for example, a chapter on heads of families in 1785 (about 1,500 named), there are lists of militiamen and soldiers, public representatives

and church members, and there are chapters of genealogical sketches and biographies. The Appendix includes, among other things, Births and Baptisms (1773-1782), Marriages (1782-1800), and Civil War Muster Rolls, and these three sections alone name more than 5,000 persons.”

**Inventory will be June 5th.** We'll start at 9:00 am and should be done by 3:00 pm. There will be a sign up sheet, and you can sign up for morning or afternoon or both. There will be two to a team -- one to read the book and one to mark the sheet. We have moved the newsletters upstairs and will move additional items up after inventory. All new books have been numbered and put on shelf.

-- Grace

## Publication News

### Web Page Updates

The Ezra Allen, Maxfield, and Pittman-Bump family Bibles have been added to the “Benton County Family Bibles” web site. It should be easier to search for surnames included within each Bible using the updated “Bibles Surnames Index” page. “About the Benton County Family Bibles” page, a new addition, explains a little bit about the web site and how to submit your family bible to be included in this online collection.

Go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> to view the 33 bibles currently posted.

-- Linda

## Favorite Research Sites

The following are more information sites than research sites, but they are chocked full of helpful and interesting information:

[Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#) which proclaims “[t]he DAILY genealogy technology newsletter for genealogy consumers, packed with straight talk - hold the sugar coating - whether the vendors like it or not!”

suggested by Sandra

[The Ancestry Insider](#) which calls itself “[t]he unofficial, unauthorized view of Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org” and goes on to claim “[t]he Ancestry Insider reports on, defends, and constructively criticizes these two websites and associated topics. The author attempts to fairly and evenly support both.”

suggested by Margaret

## Other Genealogy News & Events

**The BCGS will host** a vendor table at the **Genealogical Council of Oregon** Summer Genealogy Fest, 28 July 2012 at Lane Community College in Eugene OR. Be sure to stop by and say hello. Or better yet, keep us company.

-- Margaret

At the Fest "John Philip Colletta [will] lecture on how to write a family history that the family will read. Thomas MacEntee lectures via Skype on technology and social media. Regional specialists present tracks on repositories, methodology, and social and historical aspects."

Program & registration available at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/>

-- GCO flyer



### 1940 Census News

**Oregon is at 100%**

"April 24, 2012

It finally happened.

Oregon is at 100% in the 1940 indexing project.

There are now fifteen

states above 89% and Oregon joins Delaware and Colorado at 100%. Kansas was at 100%, but dropped back to 99%. As they go through the final process that sometimes happened. There are thirty-five states under 54%. Under 10% there are twenty states.

I calculated last night that the entire census should be complete by the end of July based on these figures. Only the states under 89% are still available for downloading batches to process. The genealogy community is witnessing a great event, which brings together a large group of volunteers to benefit the future of our research."

--DSLeBlanc, [ORFORUM@rootsweb.com](mailto:ORFORUM@rootsweb.com)

"Readers will find a complete breakdown of the data gathered for each census, along with a wealth of fascinating reading about the conduct of the censuses themselves, in the Census Bureau's free publication, Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000. To obtain your personal copy, please go to the website [www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/ma.html](http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/ma.html). Once there, you can view and print a PDF version of this publication."

--Genealogical Pointers from Genealogical.com

### "Study reveals 'extraordinary' DNA of people in Scotland

The DNA of people living in Scotland has "extraordinary" and "unexpected" diversity, according to a new study.

The Scotland's DNA project, led by Edinburgh University's Dr Jim Wilson, has tested almost 1,000 Scots in the last four months to determine the genetic roots of people in the country.

The project discovered four new male lineages, which account for one in 10 Scottish men.

It also found that actor Tom Conti is related to Napoleon Bonaparte.

Scotland's DNA was set up by Dr Wilson along with historian Alistair Moffat, the current rector of St Andrews University.

Using new technology, scientists were able to pinpoint a participant's DNA marker, from which they tracked the person's history and lineage.

Conti and Napoleon both share the M34 marker, which is Saracen in origin.

The project found that Scotland has almost 100 different groups of male ancestry from across Europe and further afield.

More than 150 different types of female DNA from Europe, Asia and Africa were discovered.

### Royal line

Researchers believe that Scotland's location could be a factor in the "astonishing and unique" origins of people from the country.

In a statement, Dr Wilson and Mr Moffat said:

"Perhaps geography, Scotland's place at the farthest north-western end of the European peninsula, is the reason for great diversity.

"For many thousands of years, migrants could move no further west. Scotland was the end of many journeys."

Scotland's DNA also found that more than 1% of all Scotsmen are direct descendants of the Berber and Tuareg tribesmen of the Sahara, a lineage which is around 5600 years old.

Royal Stewart DNA was confirmed in 15% of male participants with the Stewart surname. They are directly descended from the royal line of kings.

Scientists believe comedian and presenter Fred MacAuley's ancestors were slaves, sold at the great slave market in Dublin in the 9th Century, despite his name suggesting a Viking heritage.

They said MacAuley's slave ancestor was taken by ship to the Hebrides and had an affair with his owner's wife, thereby intruding DNA into the MacAuley line.

Scotland's DNA will soon be renamed Britain's DNA as the project aims to widen its genetic study to include the English, Welsh and Irish."

--BBC News Scotland online

### 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



**Oregon Women Vote  
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FOUNDED IN 1971 IN CORVALLIS, OREGON