

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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Names, email and phone numbers removed for security reasons.

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Program News

October: A very informative and interactive discussion regarding copyright, trademarks and “intellectual property” took place at the October meeting. See summary on p. 2.



Stewart Myers, registered patent attorney



November: The November meeting will include speakers who will introduce the membership to the genealogy research materials and aids that are available in the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, the Corvallis Oregon Family History Center, and the Benton County Historical Society, including data that can be requested from other sources and “loaned” through the different local facilities.

Following their individual presentations, the speakers will participate in an open Q&A session.

December: Remember our December auction. Please bring items for the auction and lots of money to be sure that you take home the articles you want for yourself or to give as gifts. Donated items can include seasonal decorations, baked food products, books, charts or maps, handmade or one-of-a-kind articles, or anything that you, yourself, would enjoy receiving. This is an important fund raiser for the society and a tremendous opportunity to pick up some unique gifts.

And don't forget to bring something yummy to share.

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Library News



Two new books have been added to the library: They are *Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania 1682-1750* with their early history in Ireland and *Immigration of the Irish into Pennsylvania*.

The library reorganization is coming along. Come by and check it out..

-- Grace

The following books are missing from the library. Please look through your book piles/shelves to see if one of these might have gotten buried at the bottom. If so, please return as soon as possible.

- *Revolutionary War & Bounty Land, Microfilm Numbers*
- *Compendium of Historical Sources*
- *In Search of Your European Roots*
- *United States Courthouse Address Book*
- *Colonial Granville and its People*
- *NEHG Register, Vol. 100, 1946, (Index only)*
- *Highland Scots of North Carolina, 1732-1776*
- *Claren Western North Carolina Sketches*
- *Index to Some Family Records of the Southern States*
- *Intro to the Resources of the State Historical Soc of WI*
- *Federal Pension Rolls*
- *Tracing Your Dakota Roots; a Guide to Genealogical Research in the Dakotas*
- *Johnson County Probates Index*
- *Missouri. Census Index, Fed, 1870*
- *Genealogy & History. "Your Family Tree" 1975-1979*
- *Quarterly Reports. Book One; 1996-1998*
- *Marriages and Deaths from the New Yorker, 1836-41*
- *Provincial (Loyalist) Corps, Canadian Command, Revolutionary War*
- *Benton County Cemetery Records with Jean Grube Additions, Vol. 1*
- *Index to NYGB Record, Vol. 135 (2004)*
- *Wasco County, History of*
- *South Carolina, locality catalog, various town records*
- *Sovereigns of Themselves (14 Vol. of Oregon history; 1870 census, Benton & Polk Co.)*
- *OR-Clackamas Co Miscellaneous*
- *OR-Wasco Co 1860 Census*
- *Genealogical Research in the Matopma Archives*
- *Eastern Oregon 1870 Census*

- *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*
- *New Map of Texas, Oregon and California 1846*
- *The Promised Land*
- *That Converts Kid*
- *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*

October Program Followup

Having missed the October program, I emailed Linda then Nancy Basque to get the details. As you may know I am a former English/Speech teacher and a staunch supporter of "Cite your Sources." Linda gave me a few tidbits, and Nancy offer the following summation:

"I thought he did a very good job. His presentation was short intentionally so he had a lot of time for questions. He was very clear that everything you get off the internet is copyright material, so you can't copy and use it without permission. He did however talk about "intended use." If you use someone else's material in anything you publish as your own and make a profit from it, you are violating copyright unless you get permission. If you use the material just to be shared with family or for your own personal record, you will probably not be challenged. A thin line, I think, because you never know what someone else will do with your stuff!

It was interesting that anything you get from the government, i.e. census records or NARA records, are public records and therefore no restrictions. This also includes material from States or local government. Not the information page from some software like Ancestry.com or even Familysearch.org, which becomes their copyright material, but the original document is OK to copy even from their sites. Photos of gravestones and cemetery plots that you find on, "Find A Grave" for example are restricted, because the person who took them and put them on the site established their own copyright. That brought a lot of sighs from the group.

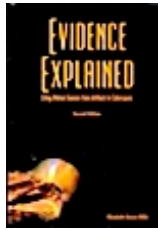
He also mentioned that obituaries or newspaper articles prior to 1978 are OK to copy and use unrestricted, but of course we as genealogists who use such material should source it properly, so the proper credit would be automatic (OR NOT, depending on the person doing the work.) Notices in newspapers for vital statistics such as birth, marriage and death are unrestricted.

I have been successful in obtaining permission for some photos I intend to use in my book. It was a

surprise to me that the owners were very helpful and asked only that they receive proper acknowledgment....”

-- Nancy

So it seems the gist of this is “Cite your Sources!” May I recommend *Evidence Explained: Citing*



History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace by Elizabeth Shown Mills. We have a copy in our library.

The *Evidence Explained* website - <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/> - offers the following:

“Contents: An Overview

- Do you understand all the many different record types that you find?
- Do you understand how the differences in these records impact your research?
- Do you know the degree of reliability you can place in one record vis à vis another of somewhat similar type?
- Do you wonder what other records might exist for a particular event?
- Do you know why published sources are cited differently from unpublished materials—and how those citation differences can help or hamper your ability to locate a source?
- Do you understand the differences in citing different forms of the same record—say, originals versus microfilm versus digital images—and why these differences matter?
- Are you puzzled by the organization schemes used by different archives?
- Are you confused by differences in U.S. and international records?

Evidence Explained will guide you through all these issues—and many more. Its fourteen chapters cover virtually every type of material used by researchers in the social sciences, and each of them in various media versions.

Evidence Explained emphasizes resources not covered by standard citation guides. Its closing chapters also cover published resources (the conventional fare of classic citation guides such as APA, Chicago, MLA, and Turabian) and EE follows familiar conventions in doing so. However, EE’s chapters also guide you in capturing all the additional data that can significantly affect the reliability you place in these derivative materials.”

-- accessed 25 Oct 2012

Other Genealogy News

“Researching Your Family—A Suggestion on Where to Start

You found success! While researching your great-grandfather, you finally found where his father was born. However, it is in a place where you’ve never researched before. Now you’re wondering, where do I start? What are the most valuable records to begin with as I research in this new place? And how do I get access to those records?



The answer is to search the FamilySearch Research Wiki, where you will discover a gold mine of genealogical research advice. While you won’t find your great-grandfather’s name in the Research Wiki, you can discover where to search for more about him and his family.

What’s in the Research Wiki?

Some of the types of articles you’ll find in the wiki are about:

- What records are available in a given location.
- Links to tools that can help you organize and further your research.
- How to use the census records ... in your research.
- And much, much more.

The Wiki is not:

- A database of names of individuals (go to familysearch.org to search for individuals).
- A record of detailed historical accounts and events (Wikipedia.org is a good resource for that).”

--Blog/FamilySearch Wiki; 20 Sept 2012

Workshops and Seminars

National Genealogical Society 2013 Family History Conference

Las Vegas, Nevada
8-11 May 2013

“Building New Bridges

The four-day conference offers more than 150 lectures on researching peoples and places of the West, migration to and from the West, law, military records, immigration, methodology, academic history, family history writing, BCG Skillbuilding, African American and other ethnic research, technological innovation in genealogy (GenTech), and more.” Additional information available at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

--NGSgenealogy.org announcement brochure

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

Nothing is so soothing to our self-esteem as to find our bad traits in our forebears. It seems to absolve us.
-- Van Wyck Brooks

