

# Benton County Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### From the Desk of the President

Hope this finds you all enjoying the fall bounty available. I love this time of year : peaches, plums, pears, and all the veggies I can eat. Yum!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of folks who have stepped up recently to help out. A big thanks goes to Nancy Basque who has not only taken on the task of lining up possible candidates for executive offices but is also giving our October presentation on "Beyond the Census -- City Directories." Should prove to be a very informative presentation. And if you get a call from her regarding suggestions for the officer positions, please give it some thought. You can also step up and nominate someone you think will make a capable officer at the October meeting - nominations from the floor will be taken. We must identify a president and vice-president.

Other members have also stepped up. Jerry Buthmann, Danell Aukerman and Sandra Potter are in the process of auditing the books - not an easy task at best. Your efforts are much appreciated as are the efforts of the finance committee, including Pat Coolican, Judy Juntunen, and Mary Jo Miner. They met and drafted a budget for the 2011-12 year to be presented to the Board for approval at the September 26th meeting.

In addition, Nancy Basque has also agreed to be the Society Historian. Faye Abraham has stepped forward to be the Society Photographer. And Gene Newcomb has volunteered to be the backup when Faye is unavailable. Gene has also volunteered to be back up host at our General Meetings when Grace is unavailable. I know some folks really like coffee with their cookies, so this a big deal :)

On another note, our September meeting was definitely a success. Personally, I enjoyed the stories from members on their summer finds. If you were there, you know what I mean. If you were not, you missed some great tales.

Thank you all for doing what you do. I love being a part of this interesting, caring group and really hope we can keep it a float.

Hope to see you at the October 8th meeting.

Margaret

### Program News

#### 8 October Program

*Beyond the Census – City Directories* presented by member Nancy Basque

Fill in the gaps between the census years to find your ancestors.

More than just an address - discover what information is available in City Directories.

Hints to find the Directories.

#### November Program

Member Marlene McDonald will tell a story about her great grandparents, William and Asenath Blodgett.

#### December Program

Our annual holiday social.

## Library Committee

Below are 3 views of your Benton County Genealogical Society library. We have research sources from the US, other countries, the Revolutionary and Civil War, family histories, etc. Most of our materials can be checked out for you to read at home. Go to our library website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/booklist.html> to see library shelf list.

I'm delighted to announce that Ellen Bartish has offered to be our Saturday volunteer librarian after our general meetings. Thank you Ellen.



## Genealogy News & Events

### RootsMagic Users Group Meeting

RootsMagic is one of the many wonderful computer genealogy software programs available. A RootsMagic users group meets in Corvallis once every two months to discuss various functions of this program. Some who are selecting genealogy software for the first time or are switching to other software have attended to take a look at how RootsMagic works. Bill and Ann Smart have graciously held the meeting at their home for the past year. They both have much experience in using this program and have a great set-up to project the program displays so all can see.

At our next meeting we will first talk about the "To Do Lists" which can be created in the program - Good-bye to all those scraps of paper. Then we will work with reports. The meeting will be Saturday, **October 22 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Bill and Ann Smart's home, 2113 NW Sunview Dr.** Anyone interested is welcome.

For questions about the meeting: Mary-Dean Snelling 541-745-5471 or Bill and Ann Smart 541 752-1587

### From Dick Eastman's Newsletter

**Archives.com Adds the Complete U.S. Census to its Website. They offer a 7 day free trial.** Archives.com has been a smaller player in the genealogy marketplace. However, today's announcement should thrust the online site into the spotlight. Not only is Archives.com now making all the available U.S. census records available online (as do some other sites) but is doing so at a lower price than the competitors' pricing: \$39.95 per year.  
<http://www.archives.com/census>

### Clark County Genealogical Society Fall Seminar

*Explore Civil War History and Genealogy*  
Presenters: Edward Demko, Carolyn Ellertson and Patricia Oberndorf  
Saturday, November 5, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.  
717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, Washington  
<http://www.ccs-gs-wa.org/p4307.htm>

## **Genealogical Society Spring Seminar**

April 21, 2012

Featuring Dick Eastman, Online Genealogy Newsletter Editor

Go to <http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/springseminar.html> for more information.

## **Oregon State Archives**

We are happy to announce Oregon State Archives open house Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm as part of the celebration of Oregon Archives month.

Tours of the building will be offered on the hour and will provide visitors with a chance to go "behind the scenes," see the records storage area, learn more about the Archives and its holdings, while being guided by an Archives staff member. Tours will last about thirty minutes and include the opportunity to see some of Oregon's most significant historical documents, including the original Oregon Constitution. In addition, visitors will also have an opportunity to conduct research as additional staff will also be available to assist them and make records available to them to use.

The lobby gallery will be open and is currently showing a collection of scenic photographs from around the state. We will also be showing a video in the lobby celebrating 100 years of the Oregon Blue Book. The Blue Book is published by the Archives Division and we will have both the 2011-2012 editions and a facsimile edition of the 1911 Blue Book available for purchase at the event.

Light refreshments will be served.

So, take advantage of this special Saturday opening.

The State Archives is located at 800 Summer Street NE in Salem. Normal operating hours are 8:00 am to 4:45 pm Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Irene Zenev

Benton County Historical Society & Museum

## **1940 U.S. Census to be Free on Ancestry.com**

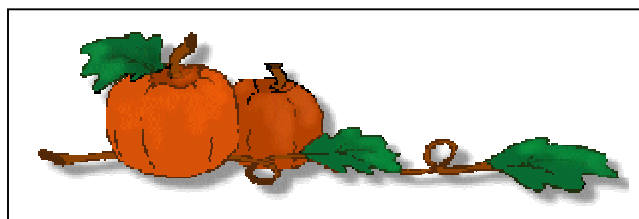
PROVO, UTAH (August 17, 2011)- Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, today announced that both the images and indexes to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made free to search, browse, and explore in the United States when this important collection commences streaming onto the website in mid-April 2012. . . When complete, more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million plus records will be available to search by more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state. It will be Ancestry.com's most comprehensively indexed set of historical records to date. Ancestry.com is committing to make the 1940 Census free from release through to the end of 2013, and by doing so hopes to help more people get started exploring their family history. As this census will be the most recent to be made publicly available, it represents the best chance for those new to family history to make that all-important first discovery. . .

Source: Press release posted at <http://corporate.ancestry.com/press/press-releases/2011/08/1940-u.s.-census-to-be-free-on-ancestry.com/>, accessed 29 August 2011.

## **NARA announces digital census images will be available online April 2, 2012**

The digital images will be accessible free of charge at NARA facilities nationwide through our public access computers as well as on personal computers via the internet. More information is available at <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/>.

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## Membership Information

Names, email and phone numbers removed for security reasons.

**Board meetings** are held in the Philomath Public Library conference room at 1050 Applegate, Philomath, Oregon. Our next board meeting date is Monday, 31 October 2011 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**General meetings** are held on the second Saturday, September through June, in the social hall of the College United Methodist Church, to the east of the Benton County Historical Museum, in the 1100 block of Main Street, Philomath, Oregon. Our business meeting is at 10:00 a.m. with the program starting at 11:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be Saturday, 12 November 2011.

