



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 13 september Program

**Show 'N' Tell** - What Genealogical Experience members and friends had this summer. Impromptu reports by individuals—bring your experiences to share. A program always filled with excitement and many ideas on how others have solved genealogy mysteries, possibly an update to the societies Genealogy Methods 2008, time available.

Genealogical Society meetings are held on the second Saturday, September through June, in the north Dining Hall of the College United Methodist Church adjacent to and east of the Benton County Museum 1100 Philomath Blvd (Main Street), Philomath. Business meeting 10 am, program 11-12. The BCGS maintains a library of some 3,000 genealogically specific books in the Museum Annex (Welchel Building) adjacent to and west of the Museum open every Tuesday 12:30 to 3 pm and after the meetings on Saturday. The BCGS many Web sites are accessed from: <http://www.rootsweb.com/orbentgs/>. The public is most welcome at all BCGS meetings, programs, and at the library. You do need to be a member to check books out. We have all obtained our family information from others and in turn BCGS desires to share what they can.

### Membership Dues Increase

Beginning September 1, 2008, annual membership dues will increase to \$15 per year for both families and individuals. This increase is due to rising costs. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Gleaves at 738-8189.

### *The Oregon Trail* By Alex Ohlson

The Oregon Trail was a road going through the United States starting in Missouri and ending in Oregon. It took place between 1840 and 1859 and was not easy to cross. The Oregon Trail was important because it led thousands of people to the new land to settle.

The Oregon pioneers had to go through all types of terrain even if it was raining, too hot, too cold, or even snowing. And can you imagine how far they had to walk? It would be like walking from Washington to Michigan on foot and it wasn't easy. The trail was very dangerous and thousands of people died, because of disease, Indian attacks, and lots of other harmful things like starvation, snake bites. Scorpion stings, falling under the wagon and being run over by a wagon wheel and many other troubles. Tens of thousands of emigrants died on the trail, but there are only 200 marked graves. The reason why there aren't many graves is because they dug the grave directly in the trail ruts. They did this so animals wouldn't dig them up and eat their bodies.

If you think the pioneers rode in the wagons to Oregon, then you are wrong. The pioneers walked all the way to Oregon from Missouri. Can you imagine how far that is? That is like walking to Oregon from Washington back and forth four times. They only used their wagons for their belongings.

In the first year of the Oregon migration in 1840, 13 people went to Oregon. In 1852 the most people crossed the Oregon Trail: 70,000. Of that amount, 10,000 went to Oregon and 60,000 went to Utah and California. The last year, 1859, 20,431 people crossed the trail.

Do you know what the pioneers used to carry all of their things with them? Well they used covered wagons: big wagons that are covered and used to carry things. The pioneers would have to bring axle grease, extra wagon wheels and many tools so they could repair their wagons. What pulled these wagons? Oxen did, because they had to pull about a thousand pounds of household items, and other animals like cows couldn't carry that much weight.

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Because the wagons were so small the pioneers got rid of or sold most of their belongings. They could only fit the most important things, like food, cooking pans, clothes, tools to build with, medicine and a few household goods. If they packed too many things and the wagon was too heavy for the oxen, they sometimes had to leave things on the side of the trail. Many pioneers kept diaries of their trip and that is why we know all of the information about the Oregon Trail. The pioneers would also purchase guidebooks before they left that would tell them what to pack and what would come up upon the trail. The pioneers would start their trip at the "jumping off place" located at Independence, Missouri. Also, the oxen's feet would get tired of walking so the pioneers would take dead animals on the trail and cut off their skin, then they would cut a circle out of the skin and tie it around the oxen's hooves so they wouldn't ache as much.

Tom Fitzpatrick named Independence Rock in 1824. It was later called "The Great Registry of the Desert" by Father DeSmet because of all the names carved on it. People put their names on it because they wanted other people to know they had been there.

The pioneers knew that if they made it to the Independence Rock by the Fourth of July then they would make it to the Rocky Mountains before it snowed in the winter.

The Oregon Trail was important to the United States because it led thousands of people to Oregon and California to get free land. Also, a man called Captain Levy Scott was very important because he helped hundreds of people across the trail in 1844. If he hadn't come across the trail then I wouldn't be here, as he was my Pioneer Ancestor.

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## STARR FAMILY REUNION

In 2001 some of the local STARR family relations in Benton County hosted the West Coast STARR Family Reunion. If my memory serves me correct, there were some 85 folks from all across the Western U.S. I came down for the day from Olympia, WA, but many stayed the previous night at a motel in Corvallis. The last reunion was held on Saturday, August 25th, 2001 at Bellfountain Park.

We are coming up to ten years from that event. I wanted to contact the local genealogy society and explore the possibility of some sort of joint event in 2011. Since Benton County is where the family landed, your society seemed like the logical place to start.

I've never organized a reunion before, but I have a state genealogical conference. Yes, I know this is early, but in my day job I'm a long range planner, so it's what I do. Hope you might give this some consideration.

Best, **Steve W. Morrison - Olympia, WA**      **Foxhallguy@comcast.net**

P.S. I grew up in Forest Grove, OR.

## *Nomination of New Officers*

It's that time of year again, BCGS needs to begin searching for next year's officers. Do you know of anyone who might want to be a part of our board of officers? Or do you wish to retire your position? If so, please let Bill Gleaves know. We need a nominating committee to be selected at the September General Meeting.

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*



## *Membership*

### Renewals

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Faye Abraham     | Daniel Froehlich          |
| Jeanne Lane      | Judy Lenocker             |
| Marlene McDonald | JoAnne Phillips           |
| Betty Swan       | Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen |
| Margaret Hays    | Suzanne Doerge            |

## **Danell Aukerman**

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## News From the Library

Sandra Potter, co-Librarian

| Number | Category | Author            | Title  |
|--------|----------|-------------------|--|
| 2577   | US-CD    |                   | Maps- US & Canada before 1800; Gift of Gene Newcomb                                |
| 2578   | US-CD    |                   | Maps-Eastern US, 1887 (color); Gift of Gene Newcomb                                |
| 2579   | PA       | Fulton & Mylin    | Index to Will Books and Intestate Records, Lancaster Co, Pennsylvania (1729-1850)  |
| 2580   | SCO-IRE  | Dobson            | Searching for Scots-Irish Roots in Scottish Records (1600-1750)                    |
| 2581   | FH       | Harris            | HAIL Genealogy   |
| 2582   | OR       | Hiday             | Douglas Co, US Census 1860 (1964); Tan PB; Irene Harding Collection                |
| 2583   | OR       | Grube             | Benton Co, Early Marriages (1866-68, 1871-76); Yellow folder                       |
| 2584   | OR-CD    | Guardino & Riedel | Sovereigns of Themselves (14 vol of Oregon history; Benton & Polk Co census, 1870) |
| 2585   | WV-CD    | FTM               | Genealogical Record: Early West Virginia Settlers 1600s - 1900s                    |
| 2586   | IRE-CD   | Fam Archives      | Irish Immigrants to North America 1803-1871  |

**Inventory** was completed in record time, with thanks to these eight terrific volunteers: Leila Crawford, Margaret Fox, Billee and Frank Hoornbeek, Bill Gleaves, Dave Kribs, Gene Newcomb and Damaris Reynolds.

Some volumes are still missing, so look around your bookshelves in case you have a book or two checked out that need to be returned so that others may use them.

## Upcoming Programs

### Proposed Program Schedule:

- 11 October 2008- Tentative *Mt Union Cemetery* (Nyberg Hill) Philomath
- 8 November 2008- Tentative *Public Archives* County, State, or OSU
- 11 December 2008- Auction and Christmas Party
- 10 January 2009- Tentative *Census of Overland Emigrant Documents* (COED)
- 14 February 2009- Tentative Excerpts from **the History Detectives**
- 14 March 2009-
- 11 April 2009-
- 9 May 2009-
- 13 June 2009- Genealogy Methods 2009—**Potluck Picnic**

## Military Burials

If you are trying to learn about military cemeteries in the U.S., visit the Veterans Administration website. For U.S. veterans buried overseas, visit the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission site provides information about military cemeteries, interments, and memorials for more than 1.7 million men and women from the UK, Canada, Australia and other members of the Commonwealth.

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*"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."*

~ Desmond Tutu

## *Resource Available For Some Benton County Pioneers*

From member Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen  
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I am a 4th generation woman in my family to be born in the same town in Oregon (Corvallis). I am willing to be a resource for these surnames as I have researched extensively.

Benton County Pioneers

LILLY, Arthur, Silas Norman

MCBEE Leila, Joseph, William, Irwin, Frances, Richard

KOMPP, Louisa, Casper, Hardie, Lucinda, Mary, Hiram

MILLER, Isaac, Elizabeth

My father's family arrived in Benton County 1924 (from Nebraska)

RANSOM, Donald Dewayne, Charles Elijah, Elijah Denton (McCready, McMoires)

BARTRAM, Pearl C.

My husband's family

GRIER, Roma, John Ephirim, Robert

TAYLOR, Mary Jane, Nathan, Charles Harlan, Richard L.

DANIELS, Emily, Austin

HARLAN, Elizabeth, Joseph

BUCKINGHAM, Eureth

## *Program Review*

*By David Kriba, Program Chairman*

**14 June 2008 - Genealogy Methods 2008**—followed by a **Potluck Picnic**.

In the years since many of us began doing genealogy new genealogical sources of information have become available.

Besides what is still #1. Family and relatives; other sources are now available, #2. Libraries, #3 .Family History Centers, and #4.

Computers. The program was a show and tell with the idea in producing an up to date how-to Genealogy outline including many useful computer tips and ideas.

A fun time was had by all talking genealogy and eating.

### Family Bible looking for family

A family Bible, purchased at a garage sale, has been given to BCGS in hopes that it may find its way back to the family. The cover is inscribed in gold letters: "O. F. Schultz, Jr." The family history pages say that Otto F. Schultz married Martha Shultz in Aberdeen, Washington on 22 November 1930. Their daughter, Martha Louise Schultz was born 31 March 1932 in Seattle.

His parents (Otto F., Sr. born 7 July 1867, died June 1929; Katherine Weller Schultz, born 27 May 1860, died June 1927) had four children:

Otto Fred William Schultz, born 10 April 1892

Herman Charles Lewis Schultz, Jr., born 26 February, 1894, died 28 September 1963

Henry Carl Frank Schultz, born 1 June 1896, died June 1921

William Albert August Schultz, born 24 January, 1899.

Records for Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Oregon, indicate that OF Schultz, Sr and two sons, Henry and Herman are buried there. A "Martha Schultz, born 1895" is interred in the mausoleum at Crystal Lake.

If anyone knows of relatives interested in receiving the Bible, please contact Sandra Potter: 541-753-2709 or san-john@proaxis.com We would like to see that this Bible is returned to the family.

## *In Memoriam*

*John W/ Martsching*

July 3, 1914 - August 25, 2008

**John W. Martsching** died August 25, 2008 at the Corvallis Manor. He was 94.

John was born July 3, 1914 in Vilas, Colorado to Henry and Anna Martsching. He was raised and educated in Iowa and graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1932. He then farmed in Mahaska County until 1934 except for three years while he served in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was married on January 19, 1947, Mabelle Morgan in Carpenter, Wyoming. In 1964, the couple moved to Corvallis. In Corvallis, John worked from 1965 to retirement in 1983 for the United States Department of Agriculture. He enjoyed fishing and working with wood.

He is survived by his wife Mabelle of Corvallis. Private burial will be in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of McHenry Funeral Home.

John and Mabelle have been very involved in our Genealogy Society and John has made some beautiful wooden gifts for us to sell at our holiday raffles and auction. He will be missed. Our Society's *Deepest Condolences* go out to Mabelle.

## *Upcoming Genealogical Events*

- **September 27, 2008 - Genealogical Forum of Oregon's Fall Seminar**, Milwaukie, OR. The featured speaker will be **Ann Carter Fleming**. For more information go to [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org) or call **503-963-1932**.
- **October 4, 2008 - Siuslaw Genealogy Society Genealogy Fair. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at the **Siuslaw Public Library in Florence**. This is a repeat of last year's event to inform local residents about genealogy and what is available in the Florence community. The highlight of the event will be free lookups of attendees' ancestors by SGS members using such computer databases as Ancestry.com and Family Search. Also, free advice will be available from local experienced genealogists on various genealogical problems attendees are having. This event has been very successful in the past at encouraging enrollment of new members.  
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- **October 6-10, 2008 - Salt Lake City, UT. The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History.** Information at [www.isbgfh.org](http://www.isbgfh.org) *OR* FGS Forum, Winter 2008.

## **World War I Reality: On This Date, January 25, 1918: The Following Announcement**

"People of German birth must register with the local postmaster. This includes Germans who are 14 years of age or older who are not actually naturalized citizens. Failure to register makes the person subject to restraint, imprisonment, and detention during the war. Registration cards must be carried at all times."

**From the Tri-City Herald, January 25, 2008, page B-1.**

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## **Digitized Records at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis**

Indiana University-Purdue University Library has a vast collection of digitized documents, maps, and atlases, city directories, indexes, books, old magazines, and photos available free online. More is being added all the time. The site is searchable at no charge. [www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/home.html](http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/home.html)

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Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming **Board** meetings are:  
**29 September for the 11 October meeting. Cookies — Gene Newcomb**

### 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](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org)**

### More Member Info.

Our meetings are held on the **second Saturday, September through June**, in the NE Dining Hall 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 12:30 until 3:00 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 Group

The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. 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: [sprawlinson@proaxis.com](mailto:sprawlinson@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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