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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

Quaker Genealogy

Just like any group, Quaker research can be a little different. For a glossary on Quaker terms, try the website: <http://www.quaker.org/fwcc/gloss/index.html>. The **American Friend Obituary Index**, available on the Earlham College Libraries website, is an index of obituaries found in the periodical *The American Friend* which was published from 1894 to 1960. An important book on Quaker Genealogy is Hinshaw's *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*. This series is available in print and on microfilm at the Oregon State Library. A guide to using this reference work is available online through **Guilford College** website. The guide not only explains how to use the Encyclopedia, but also what the abbreviations used throughout the work stand for.

Ancestry.com also has Quaker records available for searching. You can click on the "search" tab, then click on the link for "Go to the card Catalog" which is the card catalog for Ancestry.com resources. On the search page, type in the word "Quaker". Ancestry.com is available at the Oregon State Library for free. The Library also has many other books on Quaker genealogy for Quakers in other states. You can check the catalog online at <http://oregon.gov/OSL/>, then select Online Catalog.

The **Quaker Information Center**, www.quakerinfo.org/quakerism/libraries.html, has a list of Quaker archives and libraries. The **Quaker Corner**, www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~quakers/, advertises itself as "A Repository of Resources for enhancing the research of your Quaker Heritage." Quakers kept some of the best church records. Of particular interest to genealogists are the records of monthly meetings at which births, marriages, and deaths were also recorded. Also important are minutes, marriages intentions, letters of transfer and actions regarding church members. Remember that many Quakers refused to serve in the military so it is less likely to find military service or pension records for them.

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American Revolution

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) has long been a valuable resource for genealogists. Their GRC database has long been available for free, indexing the vast number of records transcribed by the Genealogical Research Committee. To Date more than 20 million names have been entered into the database, and this represents only 20% of the books in the collection.

To this has now been added more than 7 million names abstracted from almost 500,000 DAR membership applications. These names are searchable by the name of an ancestor who fought in the Revolution, or by the name of a descendant. The searches are linked, so that once you find an ancestor you can look at the descendants, and vice versa. Copies of applications can be ordered from NSDAR for \$10.

Another new database is called "Resources," and links to information abstracted from published works (such as county histories, periodicals, etc.) and the Revolutionary War Pension Index. This last index is important because it includes the names of everyone listed in the pension, not just the pensioner or widow. It does not, however, index all existing Revolutionary War pension files. You can find more information about these databases at: http://dar.org/library/e_research.cfm or go directly to http://216.36.105.133/DAR_Research/search/ to start searching.

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Nominating Committee for New Officers

It's that time of year to think about new officers for the Benton County Genealogical Society. This year all positions are up for election. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or would like to be nominated for a position, please contact Margaret Fox at 541-754-7623. The nominating committee will be selected at the September General Meeting on Saturday.

Corvallis Benton County Public Library Research Links

Great Benton County genealogical research tools are now even more accessible. See the link from the Corvallis Benton County Public Library to our [Surname References to Benton County Newspapers](#) web page as well as the new links to our [Benton County Genealogical Society Library](#) shelf list. As seen on the Corvallis Benton County Public Library web site, our society library book list is separated into three files by: author, title, and subject code.

<http://corvallis.libguides.com/content.php?pid=52173&sid=491494>

Passages

Jean Grube passed away peacefully July 10, 2010, in Corvallis, OR. Her contributions to our Benton County Genealogical Society were many, along with other notable accomplishments over her lifetime. She held several offices in our society, especially as librarian for many years. Along with several other genealogical society members, she inventoried all of the cemeteries in Benton County, establishing a database of more than 20,000 names. Jean was a Certified Genealogist who helped many beginning genealogists get started with their research and was an inspiration to all. In addition to being active in the Benton County Genealogical Society, she served one term on the Benton County Historical Society board and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution for several years. Her many contributions will continue to benefit researchers.

A book has been selected for our Benton County Genealogical Society Library and dedicated to Jean Grube to honor her years of service.

http://gazettetimes.com/news/local/obituaries/article_810becaa-8f0a-11df-9668-001cc4c002e0.html

Virginia Commonwealth University Digital Collection on the Internet

These online digital collections include genealogy focused resources, such as oral histories, city information and postcards. Also includes the Robertson Hospital Register from the Civil War era with over 1,000 patient information registries.

<http://dig.library.vcu.edu/cdm4/collections.php>

Graveside Groomers

Graveside care, when you can't be there

Be sure to remember your Veterans this year and schedule a cleaning before its too late. Our cleaning service starts at just \$20 and includes photos.

Call Teresa for an appointment. (541) 760-9913 or go to:
www.ggroomers.webs.com

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 Aukerman

228 NE Azalea Dr

Adair Village, OR 97130

danell@genealogybookshoppe.com

News From the Library

Grace Maddux, Librarian

Our library inventory in July resulted in the discovery of several missing books. If you have any books that may have not been checked out, please return them to the library so they can be accounted for or call Grace Maddux at (541) 929-5480..

We need a volunteer at the library for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If interested please contact Grace.

A book, "NGS Research in America - OHIO" by Diane V. Gagel, was donated to the library in memory of **Jean Grube**.

Upcoming Genealogical Events

- **Journey of Discovery - Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference, September 17th & 18th, 2010, Chehalis, Washington.**
Speaker Friday evening: **Steve Waltz Morrison**
Saturday Featured Speaker: **Diane Van Skiver Gagel**
Topics: "**How did our ancestors get here?**", "**Women and the Law**", "**Ancestors in the Attic**", "**Social History and Genealogy**", "**Outlaw Genealogy**"
Contact Leslie Parnell: **lparnell@tds.net**
Or website for more information: **<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/>**
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- **Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall Seminar, Saturday, October 23, 2010, Milwaukie Elks Lodge.**
Featured Speaker: **Paula Stuart-Warren, CG**
Paula's Topics: "**Research Rewards in County Courthouse and Town Hall Records**"
"**Tho' They Were Poor, They May Have Been Rich in Records**"
"**Lord Preserve Us! Church Records for Family History Research**"
"**Midwestern & Plains State Level Census Records**"
The Seminar also features **Book Vendors, Genealogical Treasures, Other Genealogical Societies, GFO Surplus Book Sale.**
For information: phone (503) 963-1932 or e-mail **www.gfo.org**
- **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and Jackson County Genealogical Society present their OCTOBER GENEALOGY SEMINAR, Friday and Saturday, October 15 & 16, 2010.** Featured Speaker: **Karen Clifford, AG, FUGA**. The Seminar will be held at the **Medford Branch, Jackson County Library**, 205 South Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon.
For information phone (541) 512-2340 or e-mail: **info@rvgslibrary.org**

Surname References to Benton County Newspapers

As of June 22, 2010, the Surname References to Benton County Newspapers was updated with an additional 1,000+ entries. Currently, there are 16, 670 total entries for researchers to peruse. Surnames are alphabetically listed with the dates and codes of the Corvallis newspaper in which the information may be found. Entries are selected in the following categories: **births, marriages, deaths, legal matters, and other**. The "other" category may include birthday, anniversary or pioneer history articles. All the newspapers referenced are on microfilm. Our Benton County Genealogical Society library has a few of these newspapers on CD.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

Oregon State Library Closure

The Oregon State Library in Salem will be closed on Friday, September 17th, 2010 for another Furlough Day.

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Program Review

By Susan C. Hayes Program Chairman

Program - 12 June 2010

Our June business meeting and annual summer potluck was held on June 12th. After the business meeting we adjourned to the annex and enjoyed wonderful food and genealogy research.

Upcoming Programs

October 9 – Overview and Tour of the OSU Archives Collection

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

December 11 - Auction and Christmas Party

Photo Web Site

If you have a number of photographs you would like to date correctly, you might try *The Photo Detective*;

<http://www.photodetective.com/> . There is a lot of interesting help there.

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Canadian Research Websites

- **Canada** The Peel's Prairie Provinces website is "dedicated to assisting scholars, students, and researchers of all types in their exploration of western Canadian history and the culture of the Canadian prairies." The site's resources include an online bibliography of books, pamphlets, and other materials related to the development of the Canadian Prairies. According to the website there were more than 7,200 digitized titles and more than 10,000 newspaper issues, as of May 2009. The materials in the collections are primarily in English, with some materials in French, Ukrainian, and other languages. The website is hosted by the University Alberta Libraries.
<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/Henderson.html>
- **Geographical Names of Canada** is a website run by National Resources Canada. Since 1897 names on official federal government maps have been authorized through a national committee, now known as the Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC). The Canadian Geographical Names Data Base (CGNDB) is the data bank of Canada's geographical names, maintained by the Geographical Names Section, part of the Centre for Topographic Information, Geomatics Canada, Natural Resources Canada. You can search the database online for free, by name or GPS coordinates. Remember that this records the name of civil divisions and geographical features, not church parishes. You can even get a national or regional map that pinpoints the location of your town. <http://geonames.nrcan.gc.ca/>

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Research Recommendations: New Hampshire State Papers

by Michael J. Leclerc

The New Hampshire State Papers series contains an inordinate amount of material for researching early families in that state. This forty-volume set, published over more than 75 years, contains very valuable data for genealogists. Among the more important items are abstracts of all probate records between 1635 and 1771, court records between 1640 and 1692, and service rolls for those who gave service in the Revolutionary War. There is also a great deal of information on the founding of the various towns, as well as legislative journals which include petitions from groups and individuals.

The New Hampshire State Archives makes PDF versions of these volumes available for download from their website for free. In addition to the 40 volumes, an additional PDF is available that contains a cumulative index to the entire set created in 2004. This index was not published in book form.

You can download these books at www.sos.nh.gov/archives/nhstatepapers.html.

"Saintly Descents are Numerous, Intricate, and Surprising," by Gary Boyd Roberts

Ancestors have many professions, live in a large number of countries, run the gamut of social standing, and are of many religions or sects. Amazingly, to most Americans, more ancestors than you might ever believe were also saints, either canonized by the modern Papacy or prayed to and locally recognized in the early Middle Ages. Alan J. Koman, a distinguished lawyer and lifetime Catholic who was admitted to the Most Venerable Order of St. John by Queen Elizabeth II in 2001, has sifted through a large literature, both in genealogy and Catholic biography, and compiled a list of 275 saints who are either ancestors or siblings of ancestors of much of the European-derived world.

A Who's Who of Your Ancestral Saints both outlines and commemorates these "saintly" descents and celebrates the approaching 2000th anniversary of the events of much of the biblical New Testament. These saints are connected to descendants of the present day through 24 medieval forebears, all kings or nobles who figure in a variety of works on royal descent. These works include volumes by Gary Boyd Roberts, Douglas Richardson, David Faris, Frederick Lewis Weis, Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr., George Andrews Moriarty, and Roderick Stuart, almost all published by Genealogical Publishing Company in the last three decades.

Mr. Koman notes in his Introduction that "only God knows how many saints there are" and that the multi-volume *Bibliotheca Sanctorum* lists over 10,000 saints and does not claim completion. In the 500 years between 1488 and 1988, "285 saints were proclaimed, 565 persons were beatified, 1,385 persons were recognized as venerable, and 3,464 cases were still pending." Even more recently Pope John Paul II proclaimed 482 new saints. Thus the number of saints is huge, and Americans of royal descent—most contemporaries with colonial ancestry—should not be surprised to find saintly ancestors. The number of these ancestors, however, struck me and will strike most readers as nearly incredible.

The twenty-four medieval sovereigns or nobles through whom these saintly descents are derived include two saints themselves: Alfred the Great and his great-grandson, Saint Edgar the Peaceful, kings of England. Many descendants will know of St. Margaret of Scotland (wife of Malcolm IV), St. Louis IX of France, St. Ferdinand III of Castile (father-in-law of Edward I of England), St. Olaf II, the first Christian king of Norway, and possibly Leo VI and Theodora, Emperor and Empress of Byzantium. But who knew before this book that Charlemagne himself and his wife Hildegard, Eleanor of Provence (wife of Henry III of England), Adela of England (daughter of William the Conqueror and mother of King Stephen of England), three grand princes of Kiev, and various perhaps savage warriors (including rulers of Hungary or Bohemia, Boris I Khan of the Bulgars, and several Welsh kings and princes) were also saints! Alfred the Great was himself descended from six saints and the siblings of seventeen more, Eleanor of Aquitaine was descended from three saints, and Eleanor of Provence, listed above as a saint herself, was descended from twenty-seven saints and the siblings of twenty-nine more. Isabella of France, mother of Edward III of England, was descended from eighteen saints and the siblings of seventeen more. Saintly descents are thus numerous, intricate, and surprising—a feast no one until now has enjoyed.

Mr. Koman has written short but interesting and easy to read biographies of each of the saints from whom his readers will descend. His bibliography is also extensive—but perhaps more so in religious history than in genealogy. I had not realized before reading this book's dust jacket that the 2000th anniversary of "the events which created Christianity" was upon us. This volume not only begins a celebration; it also reminds the world, and especially their descendants, of the enormous number of medieval saints and ancestors who connect us to the early centuries of Europe's major religion. The sketches are "fun" and the book's first impression is amazement. I recommend it to all genealogists who have bought *The Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants*, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, or *Royalty for Commoners*. A final and special note is that Don Charles Stone, author of "Some Ancient and Medieval Descents of Edward I of England," ongoing, is now preparing a summary study of ancient genealogy that will certainly contain extensions of Koman's work and relate modern Americans to pre-Christian kingdoms and religions. Thus our religious or saintly heritage may extend beyond two millennia. Several Mamikonids of Armenia who are Christian saints are extended in Mr. Stone's work to Persia, the Egypt of Ptolemys and Cleopatras, and ancient Athens. Beyond immigrants of royal descent, nobles, and medieval kings is both an ancient world—and a world of Christian saints this book brings to general genealogical attention.

N.B. For more information about *A Who's Who of Your Ancestral Saints*, please visit the following web page:

Coon-Miller Trail Diary

A note of correction has been added to the 1847 Coon-Miller Trail Diary web page to help resolve the confusion of the several John Millers referenced in the diary. See the notes at the bottom of this web page.

<http://www.rootsweb.cestry.com/~orbenton/COONDIAR.htm>

WPA Historical Records Survey
Benton County, Oregon
by Mark Phinney

Mrs. George BAYNE

July 1939

(Mrs. BAYNE was interviewed at her farm home about three miles east of Corvallis, in Linn County. The interview is included with Benton County material because both Mrs. **BAYNE** and her husband came from pioneer families of Benton County and lived the greater part of their lives there.)

"My husband's name was George **BAYNE**, but he commonly signed his name G. A. **BAYNE** to prevent confusion with his father whose name was also George. Grandfather **BAYNE** came from Scotland to Wisconsin with his parents when he was twelve years old. He was married in Wisconsin and came to the mines of California in 1862, by way of the Isthmus of Panama. There he remained for some time about Grass Valley in Nevada County, and was at least moderately successful. About 1872 he came to Oregon and settled in Benton County between Wren and Harris. He later bought the **MILLER** place and part of the George **WREN** place. He farmed these places until about 1905 and then bought a farm and moved to Linn County a few miles east of Corvallis. He had but two children who lived to maturity, my husband and an older brother, John. Two children died in infancy in California and a boy is buried at Wren.

My father, Benjamin Franklin **OWENS**, came from Missouri to Oregon in 1853. His parents were William **OWENS** and Matilda **BOURLAND**. (The "r" in this name was not sounded.) My mother's people came the same year and the two trains met on the plains and came on together. My mother, Jane Curry **McCLURE**, was twelve years old at the time.

My mother's people settled on the prairie in Lane County near Eugene but father went on to the mines of California. In 1859 he came back from California, married my mother, and took a homestead near Yoncalla in Douglas County. My name is Margaret, and I am the tenth of fifteen children. The following names and birth dates are copied from the old family bible:

Benjamin F. **OWENS** Nov. 24, 1828

Jane Curry **OWENS** Dec. 8, 1842

Mary L. Feb. 13, 1861

Nancy A. July 1, 1862

Matilda J. Dec. 10, 1864

James F. Jan. 17, 1866

William R. March 11, 1868

Fanny J. March 19, 1870

Alice E. Nov 13, 1872

Pickett L. March 11, 1874

Adrian B. October 17, 1875

Margaret E. Dec. 13, 1877

Mabel V. Feb. 13, 1879

Robert V. Sept. 30, 1880

Thomas A. August 31, 1882

Virginia P. May 6, 1884

Clarence Dec. 22, 1886

Father had lived in Bloomfield, Missouri, with an uncle who kept a store and held an office which corresponded to what we know as County Clerk. In addition to helping with this work my father had studied medicine with a local homeopathic physician. Some time after his marriage he moved to Monmouth in Polk County and took up anew his studies under two doctors there. Then he practiced in Monmouth and in Buena Vista and Wheatland. He lived always at Monmouth, but kept an office in one or another of these towns.

Some time in the 'seventies father moved to the upper Marys River and had a farm on the East Fork about three miles above Summit. While living there and later on a farm north of Wren he practiced medicine for miles in every direction over the neighboring country, traveling most of the time on horseback. I have heard him tell of having to swim his horse several times over the Yaquina River in making one trip to Elk City.

Father did not claim to be a surgeon. He would set broken bones, but would call in another doctor when it was necessary to use the knife. But not long before he died he told me of a time when he took another doctor back into the hills to operate on a woman with a tumor. It was a case where the woman was sure to die without the operation and had but a slim chance if operated upon. When the other man saw the case he was afraid to operate, and father went ahead and performed a successful operation. Nobody had ever known who had done the work.

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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**

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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

WPA Interview - Mrs. George Bayne - continued from pervious page

Along about 1881, I think it was, a law was passed in Oregon requiring that doctors should attend a medical school for a stated time and pass an examination before being allowed to practice medicine. For father that would have meant three months at Willamette University at Salem, but times were very hard with us then and he could not afford to go to school. After that he depended more on his farming and only answered calls from his neighbors. He could not charge a fee for his services but the neighbors knew the customary charge and commonly made a "donation."

My sister Mary married Charles **HAMAR** of Summit. Nancy married T. J. **KIRK** of Lane County, Matilda married Everett **HAMAR** and lived in Portland. James died in Seattle. William was employed as foreman of a construction crew building residences for the workmen on the Panama Canal. While there he fell into correspondence with the cousin of a companion of the job, and later went to Kentucky and married the woman. He never came back to Oregon except on visits. Fanny married a Mr. **HARRINGTON** of Dallas and Olive married C. C. **YEATER** of Monmouth. Pickett and Adrian were never married. Robert is now living near Monroe and Thomas is at Lebanon. Virginia married D. H. **CHAMBERLIN** of Corbett, Oregon. Clarence died at birth.

I was born on the upper Marys River in 1877, but by the time I was old enough for school father had moved to Wren. My first teacher was Mr. **LANPHIER**. Others were Jesse **WALKER**, George **WAGNER**, Mr. **PHILIPS**, Mr. **FISHER**, A. F. **CO-MUTT**, my sister Nancy, and William **HAYNES**. Other teachers at Wren before I went to school were William **RIGGS**, Mary **LILLY**, and Margaret **KNOTTS**. Miss **KNOTTS** was the sister of William **KNOTTS** who was a pioneer of North Benton County and the first County Clerk.

When I was a girl in Wren the old United Brethren church had been removed but we had preaching more or less regularly at the schoolhouse. The preachers from the Evangelical Church at Kings Valley used to preach for us.

I married George **BAYNE** in 1907. My husband died a few weeks ago. We never had any children of our own. Our adopted son, Darrell **BAYNE**, lives at Philomath.

Have a Little Local History

By Lee Smith, Editor

Excerpted quote reprinted from recent (2000s) Tri City Herald, and the TIDBIT.

Date: March 1863 Did You Know?

The second National City is Port Angeles, WA, designated by President Abraham Lincoln. That's where they would move the capitol if something happened to Washington, D. C.

President Abraham Lincoln ordered a reservation at Port Angeles in 1862 for a lighthouse and military use. Later Port Angeles became a town site reserve, and by Congressional act in March 1863, Port Angeles was designated as America's Second National City, the alternative capitol of the United States.

From TIDBIT, Issue 745, of Jan 14, 2010

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

- 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.

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.

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