

# Benton County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## From the Desk of the President

I don't know about you, but August sure sneaked up on me this year. The time has come for the fun September genealogy meeting. We get to talk about what or who we found this past summer. I hit pay dirt! I'll tell you all about it at the General Meeting, September 10th.

We'll have a bit of business to take care of as well. Much of it involves folks stepping up to keep the Society going. We'll be calling for folks to form a **nominating committee** for 2011 officers. We also need a few someones to fill specific committee positions.

Our special Society **historian** has stepped down. Lee Rudisill has been responsible for keeping the Scrapbook. She has done an amazing job and has been a valued member of the board as well. Her contributions will be missed. Also stepping down is Earl Greig, the keeper of the Society **book publications**. Earl has done an excellent job of keeping track and making the publications available. His contributions will also be missed. I am hoping both Lee and Earl will continue to come to our meetings and share their knowledge with us. Thank you Lee and Earl. I also want to thank Lee for her extra surprise at the June potluck. Those door prizes were a hit!

In addition, we need someone to be the Society **photographer**, so we can continue to spiff up the newsletter and the scrapbook. We will also need at least two people to conduct an **audit**. As you know our fiscal year runs from September 1 - August 31. A report is due to the membership as soon as possible.

As you can see, you can make a difference.

**Remember:** A Society cannot function without members stepping forward. You don't need to be an expert, and you don't need to commit for the long term. As Lily Tomlin says "I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."

Do I repeat myself? Very well, I repeat myself....

On another note...

The Family History Center has added Paper Trail, a subscription database, to its portal. "Paper Trail is ... a searchable index of ... [19th Century westward American migration], with names, places and a survey of the text," according to their website.

Also, I want to give you a heads up about ordering microfilm from the Family History Library. Ordering film **MUST** be done online, at least in Corvallis. For directions go to [Online Film Ordering](#), or come on over to the Family History Center and someone will get you started.

And in case you were wondering, the Oregon Genealogical Society in Eugene has reopened after the recent flooding, and the Genealogical Forum of Oregon has moved into their new digs at the Ford Building, SE 11th & Division in Portland. The [Grand Opening Celebration](#) from Sept 10 - Oct 8 offers free admission and plenty of interesting events.

So .... Come to the September meeting and bring your volunteer hat and your "genealogical finds" stories. Hope to see you all there.

Margaret



## Library Committee

Early last June, the library inventory was completed in one day!!! Thank you Ellen Bartish, Leila Crawford, Nancy DeBoie, Judy Juntunen, Grace Maddux, Mary Jo Miner, Gene Newcomb, Sandy Potter for making this project a one-day event.

## Membership

Benefits of being a member of BCGS include: Library use during open hours, book checkout privileges, newsletter as published and voting rights at business meeting. Membership dues will be \$15 if you receive your newsletter by e-mail. If you receive your newsletter by the US Post Office, dues will be \$20. New member packets are available at the BCGS library or they will be available at our next general meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Miner at 541-753-4828.

## Program News

10 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

Our October program will be "Searching beyond the Census-City Directories". Member, Nancy Basque will give a presentation about City Directories. Handouts will be available.

In November, member Marlene McDonald will talk about her great grandparents, William and Asenath Blodgett. He was a tragic figure in many ways, but she was truly unique in a world that was dominated by men. They came to Oregon in 1847, but left again for the Gold Rush. They made money and came back with their first child in 1850 and settled a donation land claim west of Philomath, called Blodgett's Valley.

## With Appreciation and Acknowledgement

Thank you Ted Gump for your personal donation to the Benton County Genealogical Society.

In memory of Mary Yoke, Damaris Reynolds, Diana T. Bernstein, Gretchen Morris and Paula C. Dewey made contributions to the our society. Thank you. Your support helps our society sustain our various projects and programs.

## Genealogy News & Events



Klamath Basin Genealogical Society will present its annual September Genealogy Week

September 14-17, 2011

Topics include: Dating Old Photos, Using Land Records, Websites for Finding Land Records including speaker, Connie Lenzen presentation of Proving A Maternal Line; Oregon resources; Twentieth-Century Research; and Organizing a Research Plan  
For more information and registration forms, visit the KBGS website: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orkbgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orkbgs)



2011 Annual Conference

September 16 – 17, 2011

Hosted by the *TRI CITY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY* at Richland Baptist Church, 1632

George Washington Way, Richland, WA. Fri., 5:00 – 9 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 pm; Check-In at 7:30 a.m.

FEATURED SPEAKER, 4 TOPICS:

PATRICIA WALLS STAMM, CG, CGL, & NGS's Education Manager

Topics Covered: "Social Networking for Genealogists"; "Death Has Many Faces"; Elements of a Useful Research Road Map"; and "Discovering Our Ancestor's Neighborhood."

For current info go to Washington State Genealogical Society's website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs> for a direct link to TCGS's Conference website <http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wsgs2011/index.htm>



The Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will host Dr. George Schweitzer  
 October 1, 2011, Spokane, Washington  
 Topic: Civil War  
 Additional information can be found at [www.ewgsi.org](http://www.ewgsi.org)

Co-Sponsored by Grants Pass & Rogue Valley Genealogical Societies

Presenter: Dr. Stephen Morse, Ph. D.

Workshop-Friday, 21 October, 2011 7:00-9:00 pm

DNA to Genetic Genealogy; Genealogy Beyond the Y Chromosome: Autosomes Exposed

Seminar-Saturday, 22 October 2011 9:00-4:00 pm

One-Step Website: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools; One-Step Website: A Hodgepodge of Lesser Known Gems; Creating One-Step Search Application; Phonetic Matching-Soundex with Fewer False Hits

Location: Jackson County Library Services: Medford Branch, 205 South Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon

Call 541-512-2340 or view websites at [rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org) or [gpgenealogy.org](http://gpgenealogy.org)



Oregon Genealogy Seminar

Speaker: Peggy Baldwin

Saturday, 22 October 2011 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Eagles on the Green

1375 Irving Road

Eugene, Oregon

For more information go to [www.oregongenealogicalsociety.org](http://www.oregongenealogicalsociety.org)



Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. Fall Seminar 2011

Hosting Debra Mieszala, CG

Debra's topics will be Wonderful Websites: Real Records Online; The Curious Case of the Disappearing Dude; Pension Application Files and Pulling Evidence from Beneath a Record's Surface Information

29 October 2011

9 am – 4 pm

Milwaukie Elks Lodge, Milwaukie, Oregon

More details available at [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)



The Oregon Genealogical Society in Eugene is having a one-day Workshop Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Eagles on the Green. The hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The speaker is Peggy Baldwin, and her topics will be: Shrewd Internet Strategies, diving deeper; Spread Sheets for Genealogy; The Values of Newspapers in Research; and Prepare for Research Trips using the Internet. From the Sweet Home Genealogical Society, Summer 2011 newsletter

## Queries

Looking for descendants & those researching:

- 1) TAYLOR, Nathan 1842 MO, 1903 Corvallis, Benton, OR- wife Emily Daniels  
 Children born OR 1865-1891  
 Mary Jane, Thomas Henry, John M., Austin, Susan M., Chesney, Walter W., Elmer, Lillie
- 2) TAYLOR, Richard Lambert 1847OH, 1921 Corvallis, Benton, OR- wife Elizabeth Harlan  
 Children b Montgomery Co, IA 1874-1885  
 Ollie Gertrude, Roy Walter, Chester "Jack", Charles Harlan

thanks,  
 Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen  
 Portland OR

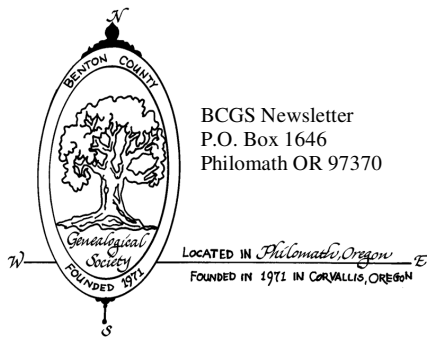
Answers to *Words of Yesterday* A-10, B-15, C-12, D-1, E-5, F-7, G-13,  
 H-9, I-14, J-3, K-8, L-6, M-4, N-2

## Membership Information

Names, email and phone numbers have been removed for security reasons.

**Board meetings** are held in the Philomath Public Library conference room at 1050 Applegate, Philomath, Oregon. Our next board meetings date is Monday, 26 September 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, 8 October 2011.



## Words of Yesterday

From *Looking Back 200 Years*  
Lindley, New York 1790 – 1990

How many words on the left can you match with the Words of Yesterday in the right column?

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|---|------------------|
| A. Outside toilet                       | 1. Cutter        |
| B. Hair arrangement                     | 2. Horning bee   |
| C. Noisy square dance                   | 3. Stoop         |
| D. A small sleigh                       | 4. Water glass   |
| E. Peddler                              | 5. Drummer       |
| F. Covering over instep/ankles          | 6. Hack          |
| G. Many men building a barn             | 7. Spats         |
| H. Baby carriage                        | 8. Merry widow   |
| I. Group of ladies sewing a Quilt       | 9. Pram          |
| J. Porch                                | 10. Privy        |
| K. Hat style                            | 11. Pompadour    |
| L. Carriage for hire                    | 12. Hoe down     |
| M. Used to preserve eggs                | 13. Barn raising |
| N. Noise-making serenade for newly-weds | 14. Quilting bee |

Source: "Steuben Echoes", August 2011 newsletter from Steuben County NY Historical Society

Answers at the bottom right side of page 3.