



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 County 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.

Contact Us

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

BCGS

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 Philomath, OR 97370
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Program News



June: Potluck

The annual Potluck Picnic was a big hit. Lots of sharing - food, friends, genealogical stories. What could be better?

September:

September is the time to bring us back together again and a time to share our genealogical discoveries.

Remembering Damaris: She was extremely generous with her time, her materials, and her home. She loved history and genealogy ... not necessarily in that order ... and enjoyed finding and sharing family pedigrees. It was fine with Damaris if you found family who fought in the American Revolution, even if they fought for the Tories. She opened her home to host countless monthly genealogical board meetings, and her copious gift of books and materials to the Benton County Genealogical Society will serve as a treasure to numerous hunters. Thank you, Damaris.



Damaris Peck Reynolds
 26 June 1913 - 29 July 2012

-- Faye

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From the President

I would like to ask members to think about stepping up and helping with the society by being on a committee next year, or even to be an officer - I have decided not to be President again next year.

-- Danell

Library News

Please look through your shelves and see if you have any books belonging to the Society. A few are still missing. Some books have been moved upstairs. It's looking good. We will have lots of room when the moving is completed.

-- Grace

Genie Doings

Members Margaret Fox, Mary Jo Miner, Nancy Basque, Susan Hayes, Nancy DeBoie and Deloras Martin attend the GCO Summer Fest Program in July. By all accounts, it was well worth the trip.

Members Nancy DeBoie & her daughter, Kim, Deloras Martin, Margaret Fox and Pat Coolican attended the 2012 Family History & Genealogy Fair in Tualatin. It was well worth the trip as well, according to Margaret.

Other Genealogy News

1940 Census Update

"All fifty states included in the 1940 US Census are completely indexed and published for searching."

Go to <https://familysearch.org/1940census/>

-- FamilySearch website



[GFO] New Test from National Geo - Geno 2.0

"National Geographic just announced their new Geno 2.0 test.

See details at my blog: <http://genealem-geneticgenealogy.blogspot.com>

Be one of the first to order at:
<http://shop.nationalgeographic.com/ngs/browse/productDetail.jsp?productId=2001246>

Website is: www.genographic.com

-- email to GFO mail list from Emily Aulicino

[GFO] Old Land Records Under The Oregon Provisional Government

"Prior to Oregon becoming a Territory in 1848, a provisional government was established, in July 1843. The Americans, in the Willamette Valley area approved the constitution that had been drawn up by the appointed legislative committee. This provisional government was to exist until such time as the U. S. Congress voted to create the Oregon Territory. In 1843 the Oregon Country covered an area that was from the 42nd parallel north into Canada, was bordered on the east by the Rocky Mountain Summit and on the west by the Pacific Ocean.

The constitution for the provisional government included a section regarding registering land claims. Four districts were set up for those who wished to register a claim. The claimant had to provide a description of his claim, showing the boundaries, and have his claim recorded in the office of the territorial recorder. There were also time deadlines for completing certain requirements. Any land claim registered under the provisional government had to be re-registered if and when Oregon became a Territory.

A few days ago, I went to the GFO library and asked how and where a pioneer might register a land claim in Oregon in 1845. Eileen told me about the provisional government records and showed me a book that was an index to land records of 1845-1849. This was the first time I've ever heard of the provisional government and its land records. The book was compiled by Lottie LeGett Gurley (Mrs. Wayne E.), called "Genealogical Material in Oregon Provisional Land Claims, Abstracted Volumes 1-VIII, 1845-1849," and was published by GFO. This book included a map showing the 4 districts set up by the provisional government, and the verbiage of four of the Acts in the Constitution dealing with land.

Some of the information you will find in the book includes:

Name of claimant, name of the district, number of acres, location of the claim, what they intended on doing with the claim, date of the claim, volume and page number where you will find the file.

The information may also provide names of the neighbors. Some listings will show: the claim was abandoned, void by transfer, or void because of the recording of another claim. It may also give the names of the persons to whom the claim was transferred to next. Many just say for "Personal occupancy," or "Intends holding without occupancy."

If you believe any of your ancestors may have arrived in the Oregon Country, 1843-1849, and might have registered a land claim before 1850, take a look at this book. You can also go to the website for the State of Oregon Archives and get a similar, but shorter version of the information found in the book. Look at the Archive's website for the section on the Oregon Historical Records Index. <http://genealogy.state.or.us/>

Type in the surname and choose the record type as "Land Claim" and leave the year blank. Once you have your ancestor's name, volume and page number of the file, you can contact the Archives for copies of the papers in the file.

Many of you probably already know about the land records in Oregon's provisional government. This land record source was something new to me. I thought it may also be new to someone else and might be another place to find answers to questions about your family."

-- email to GFO mail list from Jan Fenter

Workshops and Seminars

Oregon Genealogical Society

Fall Genealogy Seminar

6 October 2012

"Featuring internationally recognized photo identification and family history expert Maureen A. Taylor, 'the Photo Detective'

- ◆Google Images and Beyond: Picture Research for Genealogists
- ◆Discovering Genealogical Clues in 19th Century Photographs
- ◆The Last Muster: Photographs and Stories from the American Revolution
- ◆Walk in Your Ancestors Footsteps: Plan a Family History Vacation

Maureen Taylor is offering Personal Photo Consultations* on Friday, October 5. Reserve your 15 minute consultation (3-photo limit) with Maureen at <http://ogs2012.eventbrite.com>.

9:30am - 3:30pm
Living Hope Church, 2801 W 18th, Eugene, OR

For information call 541-345-0399 or 541-521-4267 or email seminar@oregongenealogicalsociety.org "
-- OGS flyer

First Annual Adair History Day sponsored by Adair Living History, Inc. 8 September 2012

"Researching and Writing History" Mini-Conference

Keynote speaker: John Baker, Historian and Author of Camp Adair

Panel Discussion Panelists:

John Baker, Historian and Author
Judy Juntunen, Former Research Librarian, Benton Co. Historical Museum
Mike DiCianna, Graduate Student, Public History, Portland State University
Mike Jager, Graduate Student, New Media Communications, Oregon State University

Free and Open to the Public
Donations to Adair Living History Gratefully Accepted

1:00 — 3:30 or 4:00

Santiam Christian School, 7220 NE Arnold Ave, Adair Village, OR

-- Adair History Day flyer

Genealogical Forum of Oregon presents ... NARA Half-day Seminar 29 September 2012

Carol Buswell, NARA Educator

Topics

- ◆ Introduction to the National Archives, its records, regions, affiliates, and organization system.
- ◆ Using the online resources of the National Archives to find people, events, photographs, and more.

The presentations will include information about the importance of historical context when doing genealogical research.

10 am - 2 pm

GFO Library, 2505 SE 11th Ave B-18, Portland, OR

Limited to 50 attendees

No lunch provided. Brown bags welcome. Cafés nearby.

Coffee, tea, and snacks included.

The library will be open for research after the seminar.

For more information and registration go to <http://www.gfo.org/>

-- GFO flyer

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

Kids Say the Darndest Things

Found on a grammar school test paper: "A census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population."

-- Dick Eastman's Newsletter

