

# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 8 November Program

BCGS November meeting (General meeting and program) will be held at the family history center

**Computers and Genealogy.** We will hold a special meeting at the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 4141 NW Harrison Corvallis. Our business meeting will be at the Church's Family History Library beginning at 10 am. Followed at 11 am by a hands-on program of what's available at the Family History Center. Facilitators: Pat Coolican, Margaret Fox, and Sandy Blakely. At 12 pm we will adjourn back to our own Library in Philomath for snacks with our library open till 3 pm. Bring a list of any internet sites you have found of genealogy usefulness, we will publish these in future newsletters.

This is a special meeting. Genealogical Society meetings are normally 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 (Whelchel Building) adjacent to and west of the Museum open every Tuesday 12:30 to 3 pm and after the meetings on Saturday. The many BCGS 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 obtained our family information from others and in turn BCGS desires to share what they can. Contact: Dave Kribs 929-6079. [David.Kribs@hotmail.com](mailto:David.Kribs@hotmail.com)

### South Dakota historical Society offers fourth-grade census project

**"South Dakota historical Society offers fourth-grade census project,"** was the headline of one article in the September 21, 2008, Minot Daily New, Minot, North Dakota, picked up while on Amtrak returning from vacation. Submitted, Lee Smith

Our society has taken on the indexing of the Benton county 1910 School Census with initial statistics reported on pages 58-60 (More in later issues.) Our members are transcribing students' names, birth month and year, and their parents' names, a rather dry and narrow scope of statistics. But even that may be just the details a genealogist of the future may be seeking. The South Dakota project is a recurring effort (4<sup>th</sup> annual this year) in Pierre, SD fourth-grade classes. It is a little different than the information requested on a federal census form or the minimal details with which TCGS is working. Their project teaches the students how a census is taken, the fact that certain types of data may be collected, the importance of collecting and especially for genealogists and historians. They are asked to answer 20 children-oriented questions, all of which is coordinated by the SD State Archives.

Typical compiled results from last year's census with 1,112 fourth-grade students participating:

- \* 60% said they play a musical instrument.
- \* 67% said they had been to Mount Rushmore Nation Memorial.
- \* 47% have a dog.
- \* 23% have a cat.
- \* 28% said Math was their favorite subject (the top choice.)
- \* 25% said Gym was their favorite subject (second place choice.)
- \* When they grow up, 12% wanted to be a football player (most popular).\*
- \* When they grow up, 10% wanted to be a veterinarian (next).
- \* When they grow up, 8% wanted to be a teacher.

This is a GREAT idea as a future project for a local community or genealogy society.

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# Siskiyou County Library, California

[www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/pioneer.html](http://www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/pioneer.html)

Siskiyou County is located in northern California on the Oregon Border. Its county seat is Yreka. Short histories of the county can be viewed at [www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/cities.html](http://www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/cities.html).

The Siskiyou County Library has three databases on its website.

## The Siskiyou County Newspaper Index

The newspaper index covers the period from 1995 to the present. Some newspapers for the period 1990-1995 are also included in the index. Click on the link to access the search page. Enter a keyword or two in the search box. The data fields in the search results include result number, subject 1, subject 2, name, title, newspaper abbreviation, date on which the article appeared, and the page number.

## The Siskiyou County Obituary Index

The obituary index covers the period from 1854 to 1991. Click on the link to access the search box. The data fields in the search results include result number, full name of the deceased, newspaper title, and date on which the obituary appeared.

## The Siskiyou Pioneer Index

This database is a searchable index of the Siskiyou Historical Society's annual Siskiyou Pioneer Yearbooks. The data fields in the search results include result number, title, and date

## Gold Mining in Siskiyou County – A Digital Collection

[www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/gold/intro.html](http://www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/gold/intro.html)

Gold mining played a major role in Siskiyou County's history. The Siskiyou County Library's collections contain many valuable documents, clipping s, and microfilm related to the County's mining history.

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### Old Naming Patterns

(from Pioneer Pathfinder)

First son, named after the father's father  
Third son was named after the father  
First daughter named for mother's mother  
Third daughter named after mother

Second son was named after mother's father  
Fourth son was named after father's oldest bro.  
Second daughter named for father's mother  
Fourth daughter named for mother's oldest sis

This naming pattern was common practice. It may give a clue about the name of the grandparents.

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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

Dean Johnson  
Delores Martin  
Linda and Ron Olsen  
Sandy and John Potter  
Ed Stratton

### **Danell Aukerman**

228 NE Azalea Dr  
Adair Village, OR 97330

## News From the Library

Sandra Potter, co-Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2587	OR	Mintoyne	They Laughed, Too (Alpine, OR); Blue, comb binding
2588	RW	Raphael	A People's History of the American Revolution; White PB; Gift of Damaris Reynolds
2589	ID	Idaho	Atlas and Gazetteer; Red PB, oversize; Gift of Leila Crawford
2590	NY	New York	Atlas and Gazetteer; Red PB, oversize; Gift of Leila Crawford
2591	OR	Lincoln Co.,	1900 Census Index; Blue PB; Irene Harding Collection
2592	CW	Nat Park Serv.	Civil War at a Glance, Map; (stored rolled); Gift of Leila Crawford
2593	IT	Colletta	Finding Italian Roots; Tan PB
2594	RE-CD	Mitchell	Finding Your Irish Ancestors
2595	HT	Family Tree	Your Ultimate Guide to Genealogy Online; Yellow PB
2596	MA	Earle	Margaret Winthrop (Mass. Bay Colony); Red HB; Gift of Damaris Reynolds

There are still some duplicate books available. Look them over at the Library. The Library will be open after the November

### From Genealogical Publishing Company:

Next year is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of publishing quality genealogical & local history how-to books, textbooks and source record collections. Through our website < [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)> you can find our list of books and CDs available, as well as links to our blog < [www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com](http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com)>, where there are articles on a variety of genealogical topics.

You are also encouraged to subscribe to our weekly online newsletter "Genealogy Pointers" which alerts you to special offers, recent publications, family history tips and more. Sign up through the website < [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)>, click on Free Genealogy Pointers in the middle of the page. Your new subscription will earn you a 20% discount on your first order.

To receive a free copy of our catalog\* of publications send an email to <[info@genealogical.com](mailto:info@genealogical.com)>, type "free catalogue" in the subject line and indicate your mailing address in the body of the message.

Melora Scanlon, Marketing Assistant, Genealogical Publishing Company

\*There is a copy of the catalog in the BCGS Library.

## Identifying United State War Veterans in your Genealogy

The following are the steps you will need to paste US Veteran grave Markers to your genealogy.

- 1) Using your computer under "My Picture" creates a folder for "Grave Marker" or whatever you want it to call it.
- 2) On you Internet browser enter "US Veterans Grave Markers". Several sites will come up; the one I prefer is [www.martinsflag.com](http://www.martinsflag.com), and there are lots of others to choose from.
- 3) At Martin's site click on "War Veteran Grave Marker". They have a marker for all of the wars and conflicts that the United States have been involved in.
- 4) Find the marker of your choice and highlight it. "You just click next to the marker and swipe across it and that mark will turn blue".
- 5) Right click on that blue marker and select "Save picture as". Select the new folder you just made, you can label the marker or leave the ID that Martin flag put on it. Just make sure you are saving it as a jpg.
- 6) Save the markers as individual pictures rather than saving the whole group, it will make it easier to insert into your genealogy later. Because I have uploaded my file to Ancestry.com I can put these markers under the photo of the appropriate individual along with other photos of them.

Any questions call me, **Hugh Pickering @ 541-504-7003 or 541-306-0470**

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## Speakers

The Sweet Home Genealogical Society in Sweet Home, Oregon is accepting speaker applications for their 27th annual workshop. This workshop will be on March 19th and 20th, 2009 from 9 to 5 each day.

If you are interested in being a speaker this year please fill out an application and mail it to:

Sweet Home Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 279  
Sweet Home, Oregon 97386  
<mailto:shgs@centurytel.net>shgs@centurytel.net

Please respond by November 15th, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Classes you might be presenting and a brief description>Any requirements you have to be a speaker.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Day and time you would like

1st choice \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions e-mail <mailto:shgs@centurytel.net>shgs@centurytel.net  
Or call 541-367-5034 library  
Or Helen 541-367-5812 home

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Helen Trukositz, President  
From: "Sweet Home Genealogical Society" shgs@centurytel.net

## OVERLAND MONTHLY

The journal, **Overland Monthly**, was published in the late 1800's in San Francisco. This historical journal contains articles on California and the Pacific NW. We recently discovered that it is available on the internet through the University of Michigan's "*Making of America*" project. We have added a link to the online version in our catalog.

**How can you search it from home?**

Go to the State Library web page: <http://library.state.or.us>

Click on the link: **Online Catalog (on the left side of the screen)**

Search on the title: **Overland Monthly**

Click on the first title in the list

Click on the words "Connect to online issues, 1868-1900" on the next page.

The first issue, July 1868, contains two fun articles: "By Rail through France" by Samuel Clemens and "Portland -on-Wallamet" by M. P. Deady.

Happy Reading! -Alice Laviolette, OSL

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# Election of New Officers

**The BCGS Board discussed and decided at the 30 October 2007 Board meeting that it would be a good idea to have co-officers for some of our positions. Although we have an active membership, our members are active in other pursuits as well. Others are overwhelmed at taking on the task of being an officer. Being a co-officer gives members a chance to help our organization as well as have time for other activities such as families, vacations, trips, and emergencies.**

All positions are up for nominations. As outlined in the Benton County Genealogical Society By-laws—Duties of Officers and the duties of some positions up for election are as follows:

**Co-Second Vice-President** shall preside at the meeting in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President; to act as Hospitality Chairperson and be responsible for the refreshments at each meeting.

**Co-Secretary** shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Society **and/or** Board meetings; to make a report of the Society minutes at each meeting; and to handle all communications deemed necessary.

**Library Assistant/Staffing** will make sure there is someone to man the library every Tuesday and to assist the Librarian as needed. \***Note:** This position is appointed by the President and is not one of the Officer positions.

**Newsletter Assistant** is needed to **type** articles and information for the Newsletter Editor to place in newsletter layout.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know of someone who would be, please contact Bill Gleaves at 738-8189 or e-mail him at [gleavew@peak.org](mailto:gleavew@peak.org). All other officers are up for re-election.

According to the **BCGS By-Laws**, a nominating committee of three is appointed by the President at the **September** meeting. Nominees shall be presented and nominations opened from the floor at the **October** meeting. Election of officers shall be held at the **November** meeting.

**Installation of officers shall take place at the December meeting of the same year.**

## BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSPAPER PROJECT UPDATE

Our Benton County Newspaper project is nearly complete; however, we still need a volunteer to adopt the last microfilm reel. Over the last 15 years or so, many Benton County Genealogical Society members have participated in reading the newspapers on microfilm and recording the data. Several active members continue to work diligently on this service project.

Anyone researching individuals who lived in Benton County between 1865 to July of 1925 may find information in our Benton County Genealogical Society Newspaper surname index online. Births, deaths, obituaries, marriages, legal references, and other items of interest such as family reunions are cited with a code beside the persons surname along with the date and name of the newspaper where the information may be found. One of our volunteers or any researcher may use the surname index to quickly locate the newspaper articles on microfilm.

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is also linked to our Newspaper Project web site.

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

<http://www.thebestlibrary.net/joomla/content/view/85/95>

Microfilm reels of early Corvallis newspapers are located at:

The Benton County Historical Museum, Philomath  
The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, Corvallis  
Oregon State University, The Valley Library, Corvallis  
University of Oregon, Knight Library, Eugene  
Oregon State Library, Salem

For questions or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Linda Olsen [thekeeper@ronsarchive.com](mailto:thekeeper@ronsarchive.com)

## **Websites**

Great web sites from Dorothy Brandner. Submitted by Linda Olsen.

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/map/GIS/Data/Oregon/GLO/index.htm?highlight=glo> - " Also known as Donation Land Claim maps, these maps show the original settlement and ownership patterns in Oregon. High quality scanned images can be downloaded and printed."

<http://www.salepioneercemetery.org/index.php> - website of the Pioneer Cemetery in Salem, Oregon

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~quakers/index.htm> -- website for Quaker research -- has been around for several years.

<http://www.claudeshawbell.com/genealogy/civilwar/civilwarmain.html> -- another site for Civil War research

<http://www.mogenweb.org/mocivwar/> -- a GenWeb page on Missouri in the Civil War with lots of links

<http://www.arkansasties.com/Cleveland/Structures/MarksMills/MarksBattleground.htm> -- a site about the Marks Mills battleground in Arkansas, Civil War

<http://www.civilwarthosesurnames.blogspot.com/> -- lists of names gleaned from various wars, including civilians, of the U.S. up through the Civil War

<http://www.irishancestries.com/database/database-surname-search.htm> -- a names-search page for Ireland

### **"GENEALOGICAL DECEPTION" IN: GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL, VOL 19(1,2), 1991**

Some background: Danell Aukerman pointed out this issue to me and suggested it might be of interest to BCGS members, even though it is not "brand new." There are six articles in this issue, which is available in the BCGS Library.

The first article, "Unraveling Balls of Yarn," concerns some dubious records about two men named William Ball. Finding a line already researched can be good -- or bad, if the records have been "helped" by previous researchers. The Balls in question have become entwined. This article points out how critical it is to reason while reading and to not accept "any published statement at face value."

The second article, "Estate Fraud and Spurious Pedigrees," deals with attempts to qualify for "a rightful share in an estate by creating fanciful forebears and false lines of descent." Examples of several well-known frauds are given, which make for good reading!

The next two articles elaborate on a famous fabricator, Gustave Anjou, who did research for large sums and manufactured creative pedigrees for his clients. He took some well documented data and mixed it with invented connections. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has at least 109 "genealogies" done by Anjou. You may want to see if any of your families are among them. Gustave Anjou's obituary included this statement: "Traced Humble to Great from \$9,000 for pedigrees of the wealthy, he cut rate to \$250 for Smiths, etc." He did more than invent pedigrees, he invented himself. He was actually born in Sweden, took his wife's name (Anjou) and claimed he was born in France. After serving prison time in Sweden for forgery he came to the U.S. and became a "genealogist."

*Submitted by Sandra Potter*

"Gentlemen, I have had men watching you for a long time, and I am convinced that you have used the funds of the bank to speculate in the breadstuffs of the country. When you won, you divided the profits amongst you, and when you lost, you charged it to the bank. You tell me that if I take the deposits from the bank and annul its charter, I shall ruin ten thousand families, and that would be my sin! You are a den of vipers and thieves. I intend to rout you out, and by the eternal God, I will rout you out".

ANDREW JACKSON, SPEAKING TO INTERNATIONAL BANKERS IN 1832

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# 2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

\_\_\_\_ **NEW MEMBER**

\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL**

Your membership allows you to participate in Society activities, which includes the use of the Genealogy Library which has over 3000 volumes of various books, periodicals and CD's; sharing in the Society's activities - potlucks, Christmas buffet and craft auction, used book and periodicals sale; receiving the monthly newsletter; field trips, and the research assistance and sharing of information of other members. **To continue receiving your membership benefits, renewal dues must be paid by January 31, 2009. New members may join at any time.**

## Benton County Genealogical Society Membership Form Mail to: BCGS P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is by the calendar year.  
Dues paid after September 1st are credited to the next year.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ **Note: Most Newsletters are sent via e-mail.**

Please enroll me in the Benton County Genealogical Society for the Year 2009 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

### Individual and Family Memberships **\$15**

**Book Fund**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contributions to the Book Fund are tax deductible and a receipt for that purpose will be mailed to you.

## Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

### Benton County Marriage Records

Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924      \$25.00  
Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945      \$25.00

### WPA Historical Records

Benton County Interviews      \$35.00  
Bible Records and Cemetery Records      \$10.00  
WPA Commissioner Journals: Probate Court A & B, 1850 - 1856      \$20.00  
Benton County Church Records (398 pages + All name index)      \$35.00

### Benton County Cemeteries

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 1      \$25.00  
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 2      \$25.00  
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 3      \$25.00  
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 4      \$25.00  
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 5      \$25.00  
Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5      \$25.00  
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 6 (not indexed)      \$10.00

**Add Shipping Charges      \$3.00 for 1st book, \$1.50 each additional**

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

**1 December for the 13 December meeting. Cookies — Sandi Potter**  
**29 December for the 10 January meeting. Cookies — Bill Gleaves**

## Membership Information

**Dues are \$15.00 for single and families per calendar year.**  
**Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.**  
**Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/> Board minutes are posted here.**

## 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

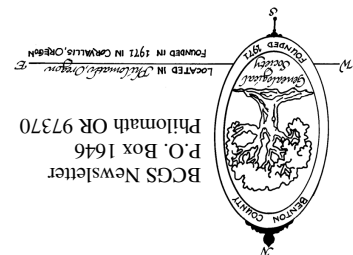
Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is **492**. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. 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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