

**Benton County Genealogical Society Newsletter**  
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**From the Desk of the President:** Happy New Year, may this be a best one for all with family and friends.



**Genealogical Forum of Oregon**

2505 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite B-18, Portland, OR (503)963-1932

[www.GFO.org](http://www.GFO.org)

31 Jan 2018, 9:30am-6pm  
Members Free, Non-Members \$20  
(Register on-line)

Join Laurel Smith at the GFO for a day of beginning genealogy. There will be sessions about the census, vital records, immigration and naturalization, discussions about genealogy software and database use, organizing your research and more.



**A fun day for all on our December Potluck and Auction**





#### Librarian's Corner, Sue Van Laere, BCGS Librarian

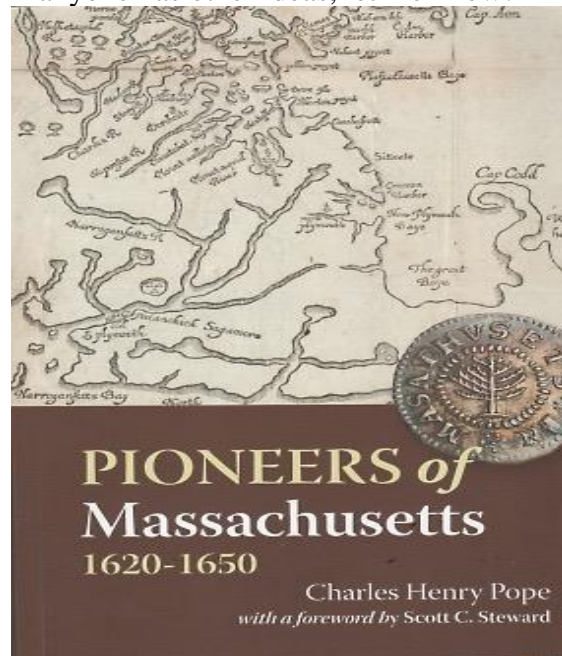


Thanks to Bill Gleaves, we have a copy of the book, *Pioneers of Massachusetts, 1620-1650*. This book was originally published in 1900 and reprinted in 2013. The author, Charles Henry Pope, used as a starting point for his research the 1858 work of Dr. James Savage: *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. Instead of completely updating Savage's work, which covered all the colonies, Pope decided to concentrate on Massachusetts. He restricted his search to the first pioneers and their children.

The result is a list of all the names culled from journals, lists of colonies, towns, and churches as well as passenger lists. In addition to male names, information such as occupation, the colonist's wife and children, and other family members is included. For some, Pope found other tidbits such as the ship they came on, land purchases/sales, and other interesting information.

Even if you think you don't have anyone who came to North America this early, I hope you check out the book. Just reading some of the short biographies is interesting and enlightening. In the back of the book is a fascinating list of occupations. For example, do you know what a "calinder", "cow-leech", or "fellmonger" did? A cow-leech is a cow doctor (from the early use of leeches in medicine.) A fellmonger is a dealer in hides or skins (fell-Old English

for skin and monger for dealer.) I couldn't find the word calinder. I did find "calender" as an early spelling of calendar. If anyone has other ideas, let me know!



It is the First of the Month, Back Up Your Files!!



### Meeting Times and Locations

BCGS General Meetings are held on the 2nd **Saturday** of the month, September through June. The January meeting will be on **Saturday, January 13th at 10 am** in the Social Hall of the College United Methodist Church, Philomath, everyone is welcome! At 11 am we will have our program, followed by refreshments at the Annex.

Board Meetings are held the **Wednesday** before the general meeting; the Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 10th at 12:30 pm- 2:00 pm** in the Philomath Public Library meeting room, all members are invited.

## Book Review and where to find it.

The book that Sandra brought to the December 2017 General Meeting, Women of World War II by Clarence E. Mershon, is available through <[abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com)> (used books) and several books are available from Powell's book store in Portland. In his book, Mershon, describes Northwest women who became part of the Greatest Generation by contributing to the war effort as pilots, nurses, shipyard welders and more.



## Monthly Programs

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January: Erlinda Gonzales-Berry will speak on "The History of Mexicans in Oregon" over the last century. She is a descendant of the first Spanish/Mexican colonizers to settle north of the Rio Grande in 1598.

February: Gail Downs from Depot Bay will present a program about "The Black Suitcase Mystery". What do you suppose was in that suitcase?

March: Jan Meranda will present a program about the "Letitia Carson Story" with updates. A toddler bed thought to be from the Carson family can be viewed at the museum following Jan's program. Jan's first book in a new series: Freedom's Light: The Letitia Carson Story Begins  
Jane Kirkpatrick's novel: A Light in the Wilderness was inspired by the Letitia Carson stories.

April: Tentatively, Ron Deyoung will present a program about his 10,000 mile research trip.

May: Keith Pyeatt will speak on Immigration and Naturalization.

June: Annual Potluck



## Mexican History in Oregon.

Come to hear our January 13<sup>th</sup> speaker, Erlinda Gonzales-Berry, tell about the stories and show images of the lives of migrants from Mexico to Oregon over the last century. She grew up on a small farm in New Mexico and her family is descended from the first Spanish/Mexican colonizers to settle north of the Rio Grande in 1598.

Erlinda followed her mother's example and continued her education, also teaching school while raising a family. After marriage and a daughter, she resumed her education earning a PhD in Latin American Literature and Culture. She became the Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of New Mexico then joined the faculty of Oregon State University in 1997 as the Chair of the newly established Department of



Ethnic Studies. In 2007, she founded Casa Latinos Unidos of Benton County serving as Executive Director for six years.

Over her 36 year career, her most rewarding work has been working with the Mexicano/Latino immigrant community in Oregon over the last six years.

<http://casalatinosunidos.org/about/>



### **Upcoming Conferences for 2018**

**Feb 28 - March 3, 2018, Roots-Tech 2018 Salt Lake City.**

This year's theme: Connect-Belong.

<https://www.rootstech.org/blog/whats-new-at-rootstech-2018>

**April 14 & 15, 2018, GFO Spring Seminar featuring Michael Strauss, A G, who will focus on Military Records.**

<https://gfoorg.presencehost.net/learn/seminars.html>

**May 2-8, 2018: Paths to Your Past.**

Family History Conference of the National Genealogical Society in Grand Rapids, Michigan

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/>

### **Family History Daily Sites**

**Which Genealogy DNA Test is the Best? A Detailed Comparison Guide to Help You Decide.**

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/ancestry-dna-tests-comparison-guide/>

**Family History Daily**

**50 Free Genealogy Sites to Search Today**

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/50-free-genealogy-sites/>



### **King Family Group**

<http://kingfolk.co/>





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New officers will be sworn in on January 13, 2018, at the General Meeting.

The 2018 ballots were counted, and the officers unanimously elected are:

President: George Davidson

Vice President: Kathryn Moss

Treasurer: Lois Courtney

Secretary: Linda Olsen



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If you haven't given a year end gift to the Society and Museum, we invite you to donate today. The Benton County Historical Society is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Tax id. 93-0784998 Please visit our website: [www.bentoncountymuseum.org](http://www.bentoncountymuseum.org)

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Please indicate your preference.

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