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From the President's Desk...

Many thanks for the wonderful turnout at our September meeting. It was very interesting and fun to hear about everyone's summer time travels and adventures.

Now we need to get ready for changing back to Pacific Standard Time and, before long, another Holiday Season.

If you haven't already, check with your doctor or pharmacy for a Flu Shot.

George Davidson

Editor's note—perhaps holiday preparations provide an opportunity to think about what holidays have been important in your family, how they were celebrated by your grandparents, and what's different now. Then make notes for future generations to enjoy.

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The Benton County Genealogical Society

meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, September through June, in the Fellowship Hall of College United Methodist Church, 1123 Main St., Philomath, OR. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. and the program at 11 a.m., unless otherwise announced. Refreshments follow at the Benton County Museum Annex.

Coming Events

October 10 —12:30 p.m.

BCGS Board Meeting—Philomath Library

October 13 — 10:00 a.m.

BCGS Meeting—College United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 1123 Main St., Philomath

October 16 —1:00 p.m.

BCGS Writers' Group—Benton County Museum Annex, 1101 Main St., Philomath

October 27—1:00 p.m.

RootsMagic Users' Group—Home of Bill and Ann Smart

Tuesdays & Saturdays —1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Genealogy Library open—Benton County Museum Annex

October 13 at 11 a.m.

Women in World War II: more than Rosie the Riveter!

Exploring what some pioneering women did to help the war effort

Presentation by Sandra Potter

at

College United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Business meeting at 10 a.m. Refreshments around noon in the Annex

Library Highlights

Good news! We made approximately \$83.00 on September's used book sale. The remaining books will be available in the Annex at our October 13 meeting. There are still some good titles you might enjoy. The money goes toward the cost of our programs and for new materials for the library. **Thank you donors and buyers!**

We also decided to keep some of the donated books to enhance our library's offerings. I'll bring them to the next meeting where you can be the first to check them out.

Preview of a few of these books

Who Do You Think You Are? by Megan Smolenyak (2009)

Smolenyak uses the stories of several celebrities from the "Who Do You Think You Are" television series to teach genealogy techniques. Topics include using photos; birth, marriage and death certificates; censuses; and other documents to bring ancestors to life. She even writes about what to do with the family secrets that we all uncover once in a while. Perfect for beginners, but with reminders for the more experienced.

Scottish Ancestry: Research Methods for Family Historians by Sherry Irvine, Revised 2nd Edition (2003)

This book is filled with answers for locations of all types of records in Scotland. Some chapter titles are Civil Registration, Records of the Church of Scotland, Records of Secessionists and Other Denominations, Trades and Occupations, and Special People. One of the Appendices is titled 'List of Useful Addresses and Websites'. If you have Scottish ancestors, this is the book for you.

Ellis Island: Gateway to the American Dream by Pamela Reeves (2002)

Ellis Island is loaded with information and wonderful photos of immigration to the United States from the mid 1850's into the 20th century. The first chapter is about Castle Garden, the port of entry from the 1850's to 1892, special to me because my grandmother came through there with her family when she was eleven months old.

The stories and photos are heartbreaking and enlightening, especially those that describe the voyage to the U.S. in steerage (below deck.) The comparison between first class and steerage is shocking when you realize that most of your relatives came by way of the lower deck. I think about the fortitude and courage they had to make that voyage.

Sue Van Laere, Librarian

Can a first cousin once removed ever return?

Upcoming Fall 2018 BCGS Programs

- November 10: Douglas Sackinger - **How to Read Maps**
- December 8: **Annual Holiday Auction and Potluck**

Looking forward to 2019

- Ted Cox will speak about his book Murray Loop and writing techniques
- Danell Aukerman will demonstrate Internet Research Techniques
- Ann Smart will demonstrate basic functions of RootsMagic and talk about the recent research updates.
- Pam Vestal will talk about Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret

A Tale of Two George W. Fullers

How do you know when you have found a previously unknown ancestor? Are you certain you have the correct person? Well, as a good genealogist you look for the vital statistics to prove a lineage. Here's his name in the census in the correct county and state and a marriage record with dates, names and places, so it must be him. Here's a familiar family name in the children listed. As you go through a check list of documents and note each one, you can be confident that you have found the right person, or have you? Mistakes do happen.

Two men named George W. Fuller did exist in Corvallis at the same time. I found out about the confusion when Jim Fuller, a descendant of George W. Fuller, contacted me saying the information posted on the Benton County Pioneer Database was incorrect. Jim was a direct descendant and had information and documentation to prove it. So, what to do! I contacted a cousin who was an experienced genealogist and asked her for help. She made a trip to the State Archives and found records to prove there were two men named George W. Fuller living in Corvallis sometime between 1881 and 1889. Not only was this confusing to start with, their records in Benton County had become intermixed.

Sorting out which records belonged to which G. W. Fuller tended to be a tedious project.

Arnold Wesley Fuller, an early pioneer settler, had a son named George W. Fuller which, from now on, I will refer to as G. W. Fuller #1. The other George W. Fuller which, from now on, I will refer to as G. W. Fuller #2 was documented by information Jim Fuller provided, claiming there was misinformation posted on our Benton County GenWeb web site about his ancestor. Additional research proved Jim's information was correct.

Resources utilized:

Censuses	Marriage and Death Certificates	Obituaries
Civic and Fraternal Organizations	Information from Jim Fuller	Cemetery records
Family Search	Shared family photographs from both families	

Comparison time lines seemed like the best way to sort out G. W. Fuller #1 and #2.

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COMPARISON TIME LINE

George W. Fuller #1

Father: Arnold Wesley Fuller - DLC 169
Mother: Mary Ann Elizabeth Lewis Fuller
m. 6 September 1848 Polk Co., OR

George W. Fuller #2

Father: Jared Fuller
★ Mother: Clarissa Keeslar Fuller
m. 1841 Gilead, Michigan

George W. Fuller #1 b. 9 March 1858 – Benton County, OR d. 30 November 1927 – Portland, OR buried Rose City Cemetery, Portland, OR m. Willie D. Ware – 24 April 1889, Wallace, Shoshone County, Idaho d. 1947 Portland, OR, buried Rose City Cemetery, Portland, OR	George W. Fuller #2 b. 6 Oct 1859 Gilead, Michigan d. 16 May 1914 Deschutes County, OR buried at Oaklawn Cemt., Benton Co., OR m. Emma Stella Limbocker – 6 Oct 1881– Brinson, Michigan d. 1938, on marker with George W. Fuller Buried at Oaklawn Cemt., Benton Co., OR
Residence: Benton County OR from 1858 to late 1880s, then moved to WA	Residence: Gilead, MI from 1859 to 1881, then moved to Corvallis, OR, and lived there from 1881 to 1889 then moved to Eastern Oregon.
Census: 1860 OR 2 yrs Benton County, OR	Census: 1860 Gilead, MI
1870 OR 12 yrs Benton County, OR	1870 Gilead, MI
1880 OR 22 yrs farm laborer -Benton Co.	1880 Gilead, MI (moved to OR 1881)
1900 WA 42 yrs carpenter – Asotin Co	1900 Corvallis, OR precincts 1,2,3,4
1910 WA sp. Error “Tuller” Insurance agent	1910 Black Butte, Crook Co., OR
1920 Portland, OR, 58 yrs millwright	Left Corvallis in 1911 to homestead near Sisters, OR
d. 1927 – Portland, OR	d. 1914 in Deschutes Co., OR, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Corvallis, OR Information from obituary.
Children:	Children: all born in Corvallis, OR
Roxie H. Ware, stepdaughter b. 1879 OR	Clara Etta b. 1883
Olive Fuller b. 1891 Idaho	Julia Ella b. 1885
	A. J. (Abner Jared) b. 1888 d. 1959 buried Oaklawn Cem., Benton Co., OR
Member of Organization: Member of W.O.W.K. of P. Clarkston, WA	Member of Organization: Corvallis City Councilman Member of W.O.W. No. 126

Compiled by Linda Olsen, August 14, 2018

Webinars

The Home Archivist—Thursday, Oct. 4 at 5 p.m. Pacific—Archive Lady, Melissa Barker will share about being a home archivist and ways of preserving documents, photos, and heirlooms.

To register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4003064944054501378>

Catholic Heritage Collection on Findmypast—Saturday, Oct. 13 at 8 a.m. Pacific—Brian Donovan will share about the rich genealogical resources that can be found in Findmypast's Catholic Heritage Collection.

To register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1523767378489387778>

Writers' Group

The next gathering of the Writers' Group will be Tuesday, October 16 at 1:00 in the Annex.

We would love to have you join us.

At the September meeting, we talked about various ways to put together ancestor stories and our own stories without a lot of writing.

Linda O. shared her booklet of photos, names, and relationship of each that she made for her grandchildren. It's a nice way to let them begin to know who came before them.

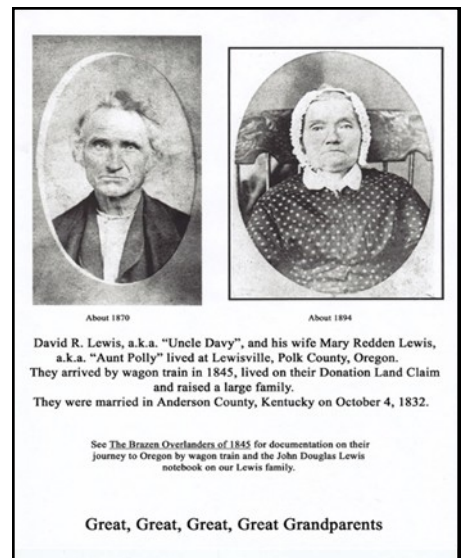


Shell covered aluminum bowl purchased by Tom when stationed at Korat Royal Thai AFB, Thailand 1970-71.

Ann and Tom B. brought a booklet they had made with photos of travel souvenirs and family heirlooms. Each photo was captioned with information of the item's significance to their lives—when and where it was purchased, who gave it to them or from whom it was inherited. Many of us are trying to figure out how to bring family heirlooms to life for future generations.

Sue V. brought an example of using a photo to tell a story. In two sentences, she described what was happening in the photo and who the people were. Because the people were so familiar to her, she was able to bring in personal knowledge that made them interesting. Altogether, the caption consisted of only five sentences. After having written the caption, she realized that she could write several paragraphs of memories of her grandparents if she wanted to elaborate on what they meant to her. This could be a fun way to get started writing about your ancestors without committing yourself to lots of writing.

Just these three examples are simple ways to get started using the good research you have done, and there are many others. I hope you can join us next month. If you have some good ideas, bring them with you.



Sue VanLaere

Gathering Together—September 2018

Thank goodness for name tags!!! With so many of us gathered around six tables, remembering everyone's name after our summer break challenged my memory. One of the greatest attributes of writing a program review is reliving the program experience. Our Gathering Together program felt more like a "family" reunion --reconnecting with folks who share a common goal.

Not everyone who came had time this summer for genealogy research but supported the group nonetheless. Some were busy in their gardens, entertaining guests, helping family members or trapping yellow jackets. If you attended, you will remember these wonderful inspirational stories.

George told about his travels through Europe visiting Switzerland, Germany, France and Netherlands, and in the U.S. he visited the Grand Canyon and several national parks in Utah, Arizona and Crater Lake. The Black Forest in Germany is the place George believed his biological father was injured and received a purple heart while fighting the German army.

Sherri and Les welcomed the news of a new "twig" on their family tree with the birth of a grandchild. Les talked about a trip to Disney World and experiences with older grandchildren.

Betty, with her daughter, searched for and found an aunt's grave in Linn County and ordered a grave marker. Betty also researched her husband's ggggrandfather who came through Ellis Island and found that he had been a schoolmaster which was previously unknown information. On ebay she found several DVDs that together contain over 200 books on Tennessee.

Pegge heard from three relatives as a result of DNA matches and actually met them this summer. She is planning a trip to Virginia to walk on land where her ancestors lived.

John discovered a distant relative when she contacted him about a mistake on his family tree. Now she is sending him lots of family documents from Norway.

Liza is researching old grade schools and collecting photos of them as a genealogy project—doing all this around caring for young grandchildren most of the summer.

Maridee found information on her grandfather who operated a steam engine thrashing machine. She copied newspaper accounts from 1906 about thrashing that mentioned her grandfather. She also sewed up a storm— making doll clothes most of July and still had time to attend a family reunion.



Lyle and David brought lovely drawings of David's great grandparents on his mother's side and drawings of several others that have not been positively identified. The large portrait that could be Lyle's great aunt and had been covered up with an 1887 poster. Who knew! A cousin was moving and offered them the portraits. What a treasure! A Masonic lapel pin could be seen in another unidentified portrait of an older man which added to the mystery.

Tom and Ann attended the Antiques Road Show in San Diego and learned the small scissors thought to be a mustache trimmer was actually a pair of buttonhole scissors which likely belonged to her grandmother who was a professional seamstress. They also took a small toy thought to have been made in Germany and found it actually came from Japan according to the Road Show experts. How it came to their family is a mystery. Perhaps it was purchased at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair by a family member and kept as family memorabilia.

Debbie and her husband are traveling to Italy in October to visit extended family and visit locations where her ancestors lived. They will be traveling with a cousin they have never met in person. Eventually, she
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ROOTSMAGIC

The local Roots Magic Genealogy Software User Group will meet on Saturday, October 27 from 1-3 pm at Ann and Bill Smart's home. The focus will be working on sources and exploring reports.

Then the group will be selecting the topics related to the RootsMagic software on which they would like to focus for the rest of the year.

If you are interested in joining the group, email Ann Smart, annsmart1@comcast.net.

Regional Events

Oct. 20 10 a.m. to 12 noon \$10

Oregon Genealogical Society in Eugene
OGS Library, 955 Oak Alley, Eugene, OR
Plan to arrive 15 minutes early

“A Comparison of DNA Testing Companies”

Wonder about adding DNA tests to your genealogical research plan? Already tested, but wonder if it would be worthwhile to test at another company? Curious about whether “third party sites” (where you can upload the DNA results you got from another company) have anything extra to offer? We’ll look at companies that provide tests (23andMe, FamilyTreeDNA, Ancestry.com, MyHeritage), as well as ones that provide tools to help use the results (GedMatch, Rootsfinder, DNA.Land, Promethease).

Nov. 3 and 4 Genealogical Forum of Oregon
Cyndi Ingle, “Internet Genealogy:
Locating Resources Online and Offline”
Details: gfo.org/learn/fall-seminar-2018.html

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discovered the name of the town she was searching for had actually changed its name. This opened a whole new family branch with multiple names --pay dirt! To prepare for her trip she has taken an Italian language class at LBCC and joined the Italian Facebook social media.

Bill G. brought a large published book on the Gleaves Family History. He will attend the British Institute in Salt Lake City in October to search for the last link between his Gleaves family and the Mayflower.

Linda W. had success researching information on her husband’s birth family using DNA results. Her husband was adopted and the family always wanted to know his lineage.

Danell researches genealogical information every day. Most recently, she successfully helped an adopted person find her birth parents. Genealogy research and helping people explore their own ancestry gives her great joy.

Mary Dean talked about her family’s 5th “cousins’ camp” bringing together their grandchildren at one time so they can all be acquainted with their cousins. She also traveled several times to various locations to research ancestral homes and confirm family stories. Especially rewarding was finding the school house her grandfather attended and calculating how far he had to walk between his home and the school house. She told a heart-warming story about her grandfather as a young boy walking home from school in a snow storm and seeing his father coming to rescue him when he was less than 9 yrs old.

Linda brought a picture album she designed especially for her grandchildren who asked what their ancestors looked like. Just a few pictures for each generation simplified the process. She also enjoyed researching her cousin’s father’s ancestors.

Next year will bring us together again with new experiences and successes in genealogical research.

Program Review September 8, 2018, by Linda Olsen

You have an opportunity awaiting...

...**To provide refreshments.** Each volunteer only needs to sign up for one time during the year and you won't be doing it alone. See **Pegge Gee** to sign up.

Refreshments could be
desserts such as cookies, pies, cakes, candy

OR cheese and crackers

OR small sandwiches cut in quarters

OR fresh veggies with a dip.

A variety of snack food choices is welcome

Coffee, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils and napkins are provided by the society.

...**To be the host for our kitchen** in the Annex to make the coffee for refreshments following the meetings and to count the number of paper cups, plates, napkins, and utensils once a month so there can always be a supply on hand. These items are provided by the society.

...**To work on temporary projects in the BCGS Library.**

See **Sue Van Laere** if you would like to do this occasionally.

...**To be our Facebook manager** to add program information to the society Facebook page once a month at least a week prior to our next meeting. See **Sue Van Leare** if this interests you.

Treasurer's Report: We hold steady with about \$6,000 in the bank.

Next Newsletter

deadline

October 25

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