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From the President's Desk...

Welcome to fall. It has been a dry and very warm summer. Now we prepare for the winter rains to arrive along with the World Series, football and basketball season.

Get out and enjoy the fall colors!

I hope to see you all on November 10—business meeting and connecting with each other at 10 a.m. and program at 11 a.m.

Thanks, George Davidson

Editor's note—What sports did your parents enjoy? Were they a part of a team at school? Did they play pick-up baseball in the empty corner lot or tennis at the park? Do newspaper archives have articles about your mom or dad as recipient of a school letter for athletics? Did they follow the Cubs or the Yankees on the radio? Your grandkids—or great-grands—will probably be fascinated that there was a World Series “way back then”!

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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

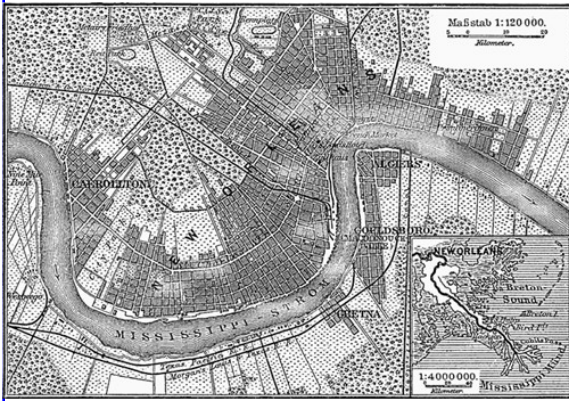
- November 7 —12:30 p.m.
BCGS Board Meeting—Philomath Library
- November 10 — 10:00 a.m.
BCGS Meeting—College United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 1123 Main St., Philomath
- November 20 —1:00 p.m.
BCGS Writers' Group—Benton County Museum Annex, 1101 Main St., Philomath
- December 8—1:30 p.m.
RootsMagic 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

BCGS Meeting on November 10 at 11 a.m.

"Finding and Using Old maps"

Presented by Douglas Sackinger

Benton County Geographic Information System Coordinator



His experience includes parcel & tax lot mapping, population health analysis, GPS data acquisition, address data development, USGS and Defense Mapping projects for transportation and hypsography. Genealogy is not foreign to him either. People often walk into his office in the Public Works building near Avery Park

seeking information such as where their grandparents lived. With some computer work, he can usually send them in the right direction.

Where there is a will, you'll find a genealogist!

Library News

We're making progress clearing out the upstairs to reorganize some of our materials. It feels good to see a few empty shelves waiting for their new contents! Thank you to all of our steady volunteers who help visitors, pitch in to keep the library organized, and always lend a hand when extra work is needed. On top of that, you're a fun bunch to be around!

P.S. We could use a few more volunteers who could fill in sometimes when one of the regular volunteers can't make it. It's a fun way to become more familiar with all of the wonderful materials we have. See Lois Courtney for more information.

Thanks,
Sue Van Laere
Librarian

Upcoming BCGS Programs

December 8

Annual Holiday Auction and Potluck

January 12

Ted Cox

author of *Murray Loop*

sharing about his book & writing techniques

February 9

Danell Aukerman

"Doing Research Genealogy on the Internet"

March 9

Ann Smart

Demonstrating the basics of RootsMagic
and sharing about recent updates

April 13

Pam Vestal

Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret

A cemetery is a marble garden
not to be taken for granite.

Workshop

Wills and Probate Records—Saturday, Nov. 17 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Instructor: Dawn Carlile

Oregon Genealogical Society Library, 955 Oak Alley, Eugene, OR

Probate records include much more than just the will of the deceased. Probate occurs whether or not there was a will and the probate packet, docket, and other records can provide important details about your ancestors and their lives. Fee: \$8 for members and \$10 for guests. Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to class.

Webinar

“Solving Adoption Mysteries in Your Family Tree Through DNA” Dec 1 - 8 am (PST)

In this webinar, Genetic Genealogist **Maurice Gleeson** will demonstrate how DNA can be used to solve adoption mysteries in a family tree. Webinar is free.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3005535218778015234>

Scanning Photos Without a Scanner

I have a scanner, however several cousins do not. I wanted to find a way for them to send me digital copies of family photos. So I asked at the local UPS store (in the Safeway shopping mall on Philomath Hwy) and they do have a copy machine that usually makes paper copies but will make digital copies instead. One of my cousins has sent cell phone photos of his photos, but they are often less than ideal.

I took a couple of batches of photos down to try it out. UPS was helpful and got me started.

Place several photos on the glass in a 8 ½ by 11 area just as you would to make paper copies. Then press start. Repeat until all your photos are scanned.

Before starting I provided a thumb drive (USB flash drive) which was plugged into a USB port on the copy machine and when I was done the scanned images were copied to my thumb drive. I paid them and took the thumb drive and my original photos. They charged me \$.25 per image although it might be \$.75/copy if they make the copies.

My first batch included 43 photos that ranged from very small to an 11x14 portrait (they had to re-set for the larger size). Some were B&W and some color prints. Those came out on 13 image files. I requested that they all be color images (price is same for B&W or color). I also requested 600 DPI (dots per inch) and JPEG images.

Most of my scans included 4 to 6 photos. You could e-mail them to someone as is, or you could use a photo editor to convert to one image per original photo. Windows comes with a program called Paint that will allow you to do the job of cropping the original scan multiple times. I will be glad to help if you need assistance. You could scan each photo separately at additional cost, but you would probably want to crop the extra white space anyway.

I also like to scan the backs of the photos (praise those who write on the back). So before I went to the UPS store I put a consecutive number on the front and back of each photo. And after scanning the fronts, I flipped them over and scanned the backs.

Please contact me if you have any questions. You can reach me via Linda's e-mail: thekeeper@ronsarchive.com Also you could take a USB drive and some photos to the UPS store and they can help. Other businesses that make copies may have this capability too.

by Ron Olsen

The Food of Our Ancestors:

a Peanut Butter & Mayonnaise Sandwich

Dick Eastman—October 18, 2018

Peanut butter and mayonnaise sandwiches were common not so long ago: during the Great Depression (1929 to roughly 1939). In fact, once Americans had acquired a taste for these high-calorie but cheap sandwiches, I suspect many households continued to serve such sandwiches to family members for many years after the end of the Great Depression. I wouldn't be surprised if peanut butter and mayonnaise sandwiches are still being served today in many kitchens.



Note: Peanut butter and mayonnaise served on white bread contain roughly 400 calories, depending upon the brands of the peanut butter, mayonnaise, and bread involved. That isn't excessive when you consider that the average woman needs to eat about 2000 calories per day and an average man needs 2500 calories to maintain their present weight. However, the exact recommendation varies, depending upon age, height, current weight, activity levels, metabolic health, and several other factors.

Newspapers in the 1930s suggested adding mayonnaise to “moisten” or “thin” peanut butter before adding bacon or shredded American cheese.

I think I will skip the sandwich, thank you.

A **BCGS Writers Group** member recently shared a description of what she considered to be her grandfather's 'peculiar' food choices. “He loved sliced tomatoes – sprinkled with sugar. Parsnips were among his favorite vegetables and when they were served I wanted them placed at the opposite end of the table due to their ‘aroma’. This rural Iowa man insisted that Christmas Eve dinner was to include oyster stew. He was a huge coffee drinker, with cream and sugar. If the coffee were too hot, it was ‘saucered and blowed’. Some was poured out onto the saucer, blown on and put back in the cup. He loved graham crackers with butter, but they were even better, in his estimation, if they were then dunked in the coffee.”

**WHAT FOOD STORIES
DO YOU HAVE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?**

Writers Group

Our next meeting will be November 20th, 1:00-3:00 in the Annex. If you've wanted to get started putting together your ancestors' stories, now is the perfect time. Hope to see you!

ROOTSMAGIC

The local RootsMagic Genealogy Software User Group will meet on Saturday, December 8 (yes, this is the same day as the regular BCGS meeting) from 1:30—3:30 pm at Ann and Bill Smart's home. The focus will be “Media” and will include how to deal with photos and exhibits.

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

Users at all levels are welcome.

Women of World War II—More than Rosie the Riveter

Presented by Sandra Potter

Sandra presented a wonderful tribute to women mainly from the Pacific Northwest for their valuable contributions and sacrifices toward the war effort. Among six armed services, three associated services and multiple efforts on the home front, women performed vital jobs making additional men available for combat.

Armed Services

As Sandra talked about each of the military services and the home front, she added personal stories of individual women doing their duty--a heartfelt touch to their memory. After a brief description of the Women's Army (Auxiliary) Corp (WAAC/WAC), she related Millie's story. Millie dedicated herself to her clerical job and was not deterred when her superior left at quitting time, leaving a long line of soldiers who had come to receive their discharge papers. Millie solved the problem and her need to perform her duty by forging her superior's signature on each discharge paper. Nothing was ever said about what she had done.



Maryanne's story illustrated the great desire of women to serve. If she enlisted first and then married and her husband enlisted second, they could both serve their country. Whereas, if her husband had enlisted first, she would not have been eligible to enlist. Marital policies changed off and on in the Navy and other armed forces as the war continued. She served in the WAVES and continued her education after the war ended.

The Marine Corps Women Reserves (MCWR) and the Coast Guard Semper Paratus—Always Ready (SPARs), filled jobs with women trained as radio operators, ship's cooks, and mechanics. Army and Navy nurses performed invaluable service tending wounded soldiers on hospital ships and as flight nurses. Sandra read excerpts from Second Lieutenant Army Nurse Corps Frances Slinger's letter to "Stars and Stripes" thanking the soldiers who fought in the war. She was killed while on duty in a field hospital near the German border just after writing that final letter.

Associated Services

The WASPS, Women Air Service Pilots, were required to have a pilot's license and meet high standards before flying a newly manufactured aircraft to its appointed destination. They also performed dangerous duties such as flying as live targets for soldiers' target practice. They were not awarded recognition or benefits for their remarkable service until 1977. Virginia's story related her love of flying, joining the Civil Air Patrol and joining the WASPS in 1943 as a licensed pilot. After completing advanced training, she ferried new aircraft to various locations. Virginia lived in Corvallis for a while after the war ended and she completed her education in Texas and waited more than 30 years for recognition of her WWII service.

Women serving in the Red Cross brought great relief to those in need by writing letters for injured soldiers, serving coffee and donuts and participating in conversations as a reminder of home. Ruth's story demonstrates how women served overseas and at home. Ruth served in Australia as a nurses' aid in a mobile hospital and ended up in New Guinea for most of a year until the end of the war. When she returned to the United States, she found a job in Washington, D.C. working as a research analyst for the CIA.

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The USO known for its Camp Shows was not funded by the government but by private donations. Most famous for taking shows to the soldiers wherever they were stationed was Bob Hope usually with a pretty girl on each arm to remind our troops of home and uplift spirits.

Home Front

On the Home Front, Henry Kaiser was a giant in the construction of roads, dams, shipyards and much more. He built three shipyards in Portland and employment boomed. He provided housing, medical care and well



paying jobs. Joy's story chronicles a success story rising from a life of poverty to a nationally recognized welder in just a few years. Without training and job opportunities offered to women during the war years, Joy's life would have been much different. Kaiser promoted a diverse workforce by hiring women and minorities. Day care for the children and take home meals for the family gave women extra incentives.

Boeing in Seattle hired many women to help build war planes such as the B-17 and B-29. After the war, they replaced war plane manufacturing with commercial airliners. Crown Zellerbach produced waterproof paper boxes and Bridal Veil Falls Lumber company made wooden boxes to fit the needs of the war effort.

Farmers planted Victory Gardens to produce food for home and food for the soldiers. Women and children helped with the planting and harvesting at home and neighbors helped neighbors. When the Fujii family was forced to go to an internment camp during the war, the Cunningham family kept their farm going and gave it back to the Fujii family when the war was over. Everyone was encouraged to save things that could help the war effort such as metal, paper, and fuel. When everyone helped, the jobs got done. Now women are continuing to be recognized for their part by stepping into jobs that were traditionally men's work.

Several people added comments at the end of the program. Karen Lund spoke about her war time experiences, Bill added information about a Corvallis resident he knew who was part of the war effort and Dave added detailed information about the distance between the practice target and the plane flown by women pilots. All had wonderful comments about the service of these courageous women in World War II.

Review by Linda Olsen

Treasurer's Report by Lois Courtney

BCGS ended the fiscal year (September 2017-August 2018) with a net surplus of \$97. We took in more than we spent! We had \$6142 in the bank at the end of August and did not need to dip into our savings account during the year.

These things were different

- We spent more than usual for publication copies to ready them for sale. We also sold more, with one very large order through our website.
- We budgeted for \$1000 in dues, but took in \$1,180 due to an increase in our membership.
- Our earnings from the December auction were down about \$100 from the previous year.
- We received more in donations than expected.
- Our program expenses were more than usual, partly due to providing refreshment for one of the programs and having to pay more speaker fees.

The budget for September 2018-August 2019 has been approved by the Board and includes the following:

- Our ongoing donation to the Museum for the use of the Annex (\$600), and ongoing donation to the church for monthly use of the meeting room (\$200)
- Dues receipts of \$1,100—comparable to last year
- Reduced income from the December Auction

Plan ahead for the BCGS December 8 Holiday Auction

Food (Homemade items are special)

bread, cookies, stollen breads
honey, jams, apple butter
mixes in a jar - soups, chili, cookies
package of a special coffee

Kitchen items

salt & pepper shakers, pastry brush
bowls or mugs (filled or not)
w/ festive items
hot pot holders, towels, table cloths
Christmas cookie cutters, stamps

Books, maps, CDs, DVDs

genealogy
Christmas stories
decorative
children's books
photo albums
cards for all occasions
movies

Christmas/Holiday

decorations, wall hangings
decorative storage containers, candy dishes
cookie jars, serving platter
decorative small bells
angel - small decorations
Christmas wreaths or swags
(real or artificial)
basket of festive items
jewelry, collectable items
potpourri, scented candles
seasonal vase or potted plants
wind chimes

Fabric items - scarves, blankets (fleece, crochet, knit), bags (handy carry-all), pillows

Surprise bag (filled with several wrapped small gift items)

Pet items - catnip, decorative bags, carvings, toys, photos

Personal service - an hour or two of genealogy research time or photo restoration

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2019

Persons have been nominated for president, vice-president and treasurer.
Nominations are open for the position of secretary (self nominations/volunteers are invited).

Please select or write in your choice for the positions listed

& return this BALLOT to the December 8 General Meeting!

BCGS BALLOT

President:	George Davidson	
(write in)		
Vice Pres.	Kathryn Moss	
(write in)		
Secretary		
(write in)		
Treasurer	Lois Courtney	
(write in)		

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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_____ E-mail _____ US mail* * Add \$10.00 to cover printing and mailing costs

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