



## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### *Note From the President...*

I hope everyone had a memorable, fun and safe Christmas with wishes for a best 2019. I am looking forward to a rewarding new year for everyone and our genealogy group.

George Davidson

### **Did Someone You Know ...**

- Receive a DNA kit as a gift?
- Visit a family home for the holidays?
- Tell an old family story recently?

Perhaps you might invite this individual to come with you to the next BCGS meeting. S/he may be ripe for learning more about family roots, where to do specific research about land records, how to turn the brief story into a longer narrative, or...

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### **The Benton County Genealogical Society**

meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Guests are always welcome!

## **Coming Events**

### **January Board Meeting—**

Time and place to be announced

### **January 12 — 10:00 a.m.**

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

### **January 15—1:00 p.m.**

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

### **January 26—1:00 p.m.**

RootsMagic Users' Group—Home of Bill and Ann Smart

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

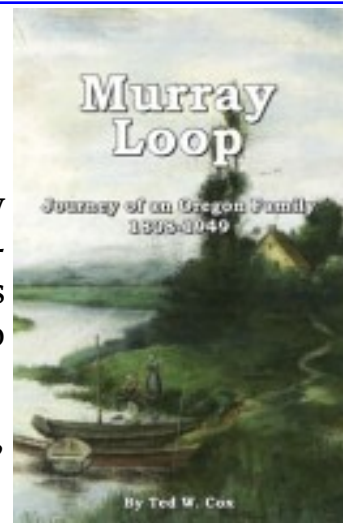
Genealogy Library open—Benton County Museum Annex

January 12 Program—11 a.m.

## 'Family Memorabilia Becomes A Book'

Local author, **Ted Cox**, will share his experience of writing a family history using Alice Murray Green's collection of family memorabilia. In *Murray Loop*, he tells the human stories of one family's journey from Scotland to Oregon between 1808 and 1949. Come to learn about the writing techniques he utilized.

Ted's own life experience includes being a Peace Corp volunteer, volleyball coach, and deli owner.



## Upcoming Programs for 2019

*Programs begin at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. Business Meeting*

**February 9—Danell Aukerman**

**How to Research Genealogy on the Internet**

**March 9—Ann Smart**

**The Basics of RootsMagic and Recent Updates**

**April 13—Pam Vestal**

**Voting Records:  
Genealogy's Best Kept Secret**

**May 11—Pam Trask**

**Pitfalls of German Genealogy**

## Webinar

### Preserving Your Family's Treasures

Thursday, January 17      12:00-1:00 p.m. PST

Presented by Todd Patterson NEHGS Conservator

Free and Open to the Public

Many of us have books, photographs, Bibles, letters, and other paper-based objects relating to our families—some of which can be quite old and fragile. While these materials have sentimental value to us as individuals, collectively they form a large part of our cultural heritage; they need special attention in order to preserve them for future generations. This webinar will present and discuss strategies and steps for preserving your individual cultural heritage, with a focus on ways to store your material to ensure long-term survival.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/342004586629417731?source=online+event>

## December 2018 Silent Auction and Potluck

Our first ever experiment with a silent auction was a surprising success. We had 51 items brought and about 17 buyers. There were 22 people in attendance. The biggest surprise—we raised \$427.00! That is more than either of the last two years. We all missed Ted Gump and several mentioned, with nostalgia, his years as our animated auctioneer.

We followed the schedule and began placing items and beginning the bidding around 10:00 a.m. and closed about 11:30 a.m. The timing gave us all opportunity to bid and re-bid as needed. Many items had more than one bidder, but happily no occasions of fist-cuffs occurred or were even threatened.

The potluck was orchestrated by our usual talented organizers—Pegge, Sue and Kathryn and was enjoyed by everyone. We also thank Grace, Ellen and Debbi for their clean up help.

On a research note, we each filled out a form identifying the family names and locations we are researching. Sue will compile these into a list that will be available in the library. Who knows? We may have some overlap and discover common areas of research interest.

Those of us participating felt it was a successful effort, and many of us came home with either delectable items to eat (I'm personally thanking Kathryn Moss and Betty Elliott!), or other things we found inviting and useful. I think we will enjoy repeating this event next year.

Submitted by Lois Courtney



This is just one of the treasures a lucky bidder took home from the auction.

### Doing Oregon Research?

#### Statewide birth certificates

are now available at the Oregon State Archives (OSA) for the first time, but only for the year 1916 as birth records are restricted for 100 years from the date of birth. They are sent from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in Portland to the OSA.

#### Early Oregon Data Base Project

attempts to document all individuals who lived in Oregon prior to Statehood through 1860.

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/personProfileSearch.do?earlyOregonian=true&searchReset=true>

### ROOTSMAGIC

The local RootsMagic Genealogy Software User Group will meet on Saturday, January 26 from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at Ann and Bill Smart's home. The focus will be on "Basics for new/newish users." Questions you would like to have answered are welcomed ahead of time. They may be emailed to Ann Smart. If you would like to join the group, let her know at [annsmart1@comcast.net](mailto:annsmart1@comcast.net).

Users at all levels are welcome.

### Writing Group

The BCGS Writing Group will meet on Tuesday, January 15 from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Benton County Museum Annex.

# Using Life-Event Timelines

## Ancestor's Name

Date	Age	Life Event	Source	World/ U.S. events

**Creating a timeline** while you're researching is a simple way to understand an ancestor's life. Once you've built a timeline with the sources you already have, you're able to see what else you want to know.

As an example, I wanted to know more about my mother's life before I started putting together her story. Mom and Dad often talked about meeting each other on a train. I knew that Mom was on her way from Iowa to join her mother in Hailey, Idaho, but I was never sure why my dad was on the train. As we all usually regret, we kids didn't ask enough questions.

However, by using timelines I had made for Mom, Dad, Mom's mother, and her mother's husband, I was able to pin down the time frame of their life events that contributed to Mom and Dad's paths crossing. I used censuses, city directories, Mom's diaries, dated photos, documents, letters and newspapers to reach my goal.

The timelines can be simple with three columns: date; life event; and source. The one above adds another column for the person's age as well as one for major world/U.S. events. There are lots of timelines online, but I want something simple that I know I will use.

Timelines can be used for research and then as a guide for writing an ancestor's life story. If writing hundreds of words isn't your thing, you could add photos or other memorabilia to each event. That would make a wonderful and graphic look at a life. I've decided if I don't get all the writing done that I want to, the next generation might know their ancestors' lives in a shortened version through my timelines. Who knows, the timelines may be the spark to make another genealogist in the family!

Sue Van Laere

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Although we had a lot of expenses in November (Annex rent, Church room rent, and a new laptop for the library), we made up for it with the Holiday Auction. We had anticipated income of \$200 in our budget, but actually made \$400! We're still a bit behind in dues collections from last year, but we are catching up. At the end of December our net for the year (income minus expenses) is almost even. That is a good thing. And all of our major expenses are paid.

Lois Courtney, Treasurer



Family tree research is one giant step backwards and one giant step forward—usually at the same time.

## World War 1 Newspaper Clippings-1914-to-1926 Available Online

Quoting from the Library of Congress web site:



“The massive collection, World War History: Newspaper Clippings, 1914 to 1926, is now fully digitized and freely available on the Library of Congress website. The 79,621 pages are packed with war-related front pages, illustrated feature articles, editorial cartoons, and more. You can search by keywords, browse the content chronologically, and download pages.

“Coverage begins on June 29, 1914 with articles focusing on the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and continues into the post-war world through Dec. 31, 1926. The clippings provide a tremendous resource for the examination of the devastating Great War and its aftermath. The chronological arrangement of daily press coverage from multiple sources is invaluable.”

A description of this new database may be found at <http://bit.ly/2rtv12p> while the *Newspaper Clippings, 1914 to 1926* database itself is available at: <http://bit.ly/2QMrPya>.

## Who Are You Looking For?



At our December holiday auction, each of us spent some time filling out a Family Name questionnaire. We included the country and state information as well. The purpose is to bring members together who might be searching in the same areas so they can collaborate. Everyone knows that sometimes two heads are better than one to break down that brick wall we all experience once in a while.

I'll be putting together a list with this information and posting it in the library. It will be a good way to get to know one another. Some of us might want to get together with several people to work on our mutual interests in the library on Tuesdays or Saturdays. Wi-fi is available as well as a **plethora** of research books, many of which are not online.

As a reminder-we have several notebooks in the library containing members' family group sheets. If you haven't put yours in yet, please consider doing so. Ask a librarian to show you where they are. Some of us are lucky enough to have ancestors who lived in Oregon, making research a **little** easier. But most of us are researching in other places. You might be the one who knows where to find certain information that will open up a hole in someone's brick wall. Happy New Year hunting!

Sue Van Laere, librarian

## Enjoy the Benefits of 2019 Membership

Benton County Genealogical Society P.O. Box 1646 Philomath, OR 97370

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year (individual or family)

\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

The newsletter can be sent by E-mail or US mail (for an additional fee). Please indicate your preference.

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

Enclosed is: \$\_\_\_\_\_ for membership dues \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation to the Society

For family memberships please list all names: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Officers 2019:

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**Website:** *George Davidson*

**Facebook:** *Sue Van Laere*

**Publicity:** *Lois Courtney*

**Library Volunteers:** *Lois & Sue*

**Photographer:** *Linda Olsen*

**Writing Group:** *Sue Van Laere*

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deadline

January 26

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