



## Benton County Genealogical Society

# NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome to February. Spring is around the corner and some bulbs are sprouting signs of life.

Many thanks to all who renewed your membership—much appreciated!

I hope to see you at our next meeting **and...**  
bring a friend!!!

George Davidson

### Heritage Flowers

What are the flowers in your family story? Did your ancestors grow up among the Joshua trees of the desert or the crocus of the mid-west or ... ? Did they bury rusty nails near the hydrangeas to bring forth glorious color? Perhaps they were fascinated with the number of snails among the 20 foot row of daisies. Maybe they were surrounded by roses or even birds of paradise. Flowers can you help tell their story.

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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

**February 4** — 3 p.m.

### **Board Meeting**

Philomath Public Library

**February 9** — 10:00 a.m.

### **BCGS Meeting**

College United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall, 1123 Main St., Philomath

**February 16** — 1:00 p.m.

### **RootsMagic Users' Group**

Home of Bill and Ann Smart

**February 19** — 1:00 p.m.

### **BCGS Writers Group**

Benton County Museum Annex,  
1101 Main St., Philomath

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

### **Genealogy Library open**

Benton County Museum Annex

**February 9**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Danell Aukerman**

## **How to Research Genealogy on the Internet**

Danell Aukerman has taught Internet Research classes for many years. She will demonstrate how to successfully search for the many genealogical records available online. Danell is a past president of BCGS.

### **Upcoming Programs**

*Program begins at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. Business Meeting*

**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**



The Benton County Genealogical Society 1-12-19

Sandra Potter installs the Benton County Genealogical Society officers for 2019. L to R: Debbi White, Secretary; George Davidson, President; Kathryn Moss, Vice President; and Lois Courtney, Treasurer.

### **ROOTSMAGIC**

The local RootsMagic Genealogy Software User Group will meet on Saturday, February 16 from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at Ann and Bill Smart's home. The group will watch a webinar on 'DATES'. [*The question from the editor is—do you eat them, put them on your calendar, or just research them?*] If you would like to join the group, let Ann Smart know at [annsmart1@comcast.net](mailto:annsmart1@comcast.net).

**Users at all levels are welcome.**

Program Review January 12, 2019

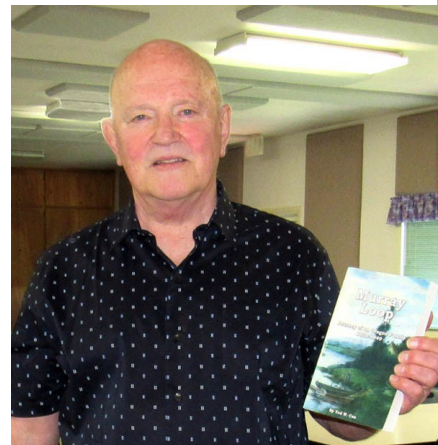
**Ted Cox:**

**Owner of The Old World Deli, Author, Historian & Genealogist:**

A Summary of his books with special emphasis on *Murray Loop*, a family history story.

Ted never thought of himself as a writer or that he would be an author of several history books. Through perseverance, a lot of hard work and a genuine love of history, he has produced three well-documented books. It all started as a friendship with Roy Green and his endless knowledge of local history. Ted never tired of Roy's stories and began to write them down. When Roy's wife passed away in 1998, Ted offered to collect the boxes of memorabilia Alice Murray Green had treasured for a life-time and assemble her genealogical materials into a family history book.

Even though Ted did not consider himself to be a particularly good writer, that did not deter him from recording the rich history of the lives of his good friends. Through pictures, maps, illustrations, intense research, intertwining Roy's history with Alice's history, and multiple proof readings later, *Murray Loop: Journey of an Oregon Family 1808-1949* was completed.



*Murray Loop* benefitted from lessons Ted learned writing his earlier local history book, *The Toledo Incident of 1925*. He used a larger than standard print size with an easy to use list of notes and resources following each chapter in *Murray Loop*. Readers liked that style. Ted discovered that printing 1,000 books was sufficient to start with when self-publishing a book until the number of books sold is known. He also advised us to be prepared to promote our books and not to assume that we would make money.

As he found a story of historical significance that inspired him, Ted pursued it to completion and publication by staying focused on the research and using primary documents no matter how difficult they were to locate. He interviewed descendants or participants in the story whenever possible and included historical events that occurred during the time periods he wrote about. To smooth out the rough edges, Ted hired an editor, consulted experts and enlisted friends to help proof read his material. All of these techniques helped forge his books into memorable stories and made the difference between just another family history or a very readable and enjoyable human story.

Books by Ted Cox:

*When British Honduras Became Belize: A Peace Corp Memoir 1971-1973*

*The Toledo Incident of 1925: Three Days That Made History in Toledo, Oregon*

*Murray Loop: Journey of an Oregon Family 1808-1949*

by Linda Olsen

## BCGS Writers Group

We had a fun writers group meeting on January 15 where we shared stories of some of our memorable ancestors. Some of us told about relatives who amazed us with their abilities or their unforgettable personalities. Others wrote or told about ancestors who are enigmas because they seem to have disappeared into the clouds. Several realized that the more they find out about someone, the more questions arise, a slippery but fun slope. Three of the group left us hanging to know what happens next in their story. We have to wait a whole month to find out.

If you would like to have some fun, join us from 1:00-3:00 on the third Tuesday of the month in the Genealogy Library. The next meeting is on February 19. Hope to see you!



## Writers Corner #13 Tables and Figures

Use tables and figures to portray information that readers can more easily understand in that format rather than in a narrative explanation. Photographs, illustrations, and tables enhance a narrative. Tables and figures (photos, maps, sketches, historical documents, etc.) should all have a caption.

**Tables** contain only text and lines –no other graphics. Most show data in rows and columns.

**Figures** contain a graphic element such as an image of a person or record.

**Photographs.** Look beyond portraits for candid shots of family members, houses, pets, and cars. This will add more variety to your illustrations. Consider photos of the church where the ancestor(s) were baptized or married, schools attended, houses and tombstones.

**Photographs of artifacts.** Consider including photos of artifacts: furniture, jewelry, watches, kitchen ware, silverware, china, clothing, quilts, needlework, family Bible pages, musical instruments.

If you do not have any, visit museums which would have similar items to those used by your ancestor. Obtain permission to photograph them. In the citation for your photo of a popcorn popper photographed in a museum you could write something like this – . . . *antique popcorn popper, similar to the one used by William and Marie.*

**Maps.** Include a **map** of the area where your ancestor was born and/or lived. Most maps are copyrighted so be sure to obtain permission to use them. Search online, museums, and libraries.

You could sketch a map of the neighborhood or a floor plan of the ancestor's home.

**Ships.** Sketches and photos of many ships are available in books and online. Other resources are libraries, museums and archives.

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## Library News: Did You Know?

When researching your ancestors, do you spend most of your time searching online? Me, too! More and more materials can be found online each day. But did you know that our **library is a treasure trove of one-of-a-kind books**? I've been spending a little time randomly seeing if some of our materials have already been digitized. Some of them are, indeed, available online. If you're lucky, they're available for free. Some of them, however, are only available for purchase.

So, if you can't find what you're looking for online, think about checking out your genealogy library. For example, we have **more than 100 books on Virginia alone**. Many of them are histories of Virginia counties. Often county histories contain information that can't be found anywhere else. You'll find **almost 100 books in the Pennsylvania collection** and **more than 40 on Tennessee** shelves. One of our biggest collections is the **Family History** section, individual family histories from A to Z (ok, **we don't have a Z family YET!**)

To easily look through the book categories in the library, go to our genealogy website, [www.bcgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org), and click on library, then library shelf list. The categories are in alphabetical order and contain a list of the titles in each category. By perusing the list of books, you'll see which titles you might be interested in looking at. There is a list in the library, too. The librarian will be glad to help you find what you're looking for.

The library is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:30. We also **have wi-fi**. We're looking forward to helping you!  
Sue Van Laere, Librarian



### WEBINAR

"British Isles Research"  
at the Family History Library

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019  
4:00 - 5:00 PM PST

In this webinar, Claire Brisson-Banks will show the wealth of records available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, providing a deeper understanding of what you might uncover during your research time at the British Institute

#### How To Join The Webinar:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8521246296088239874>

### HALF-DAY SEMINAR

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

*Find the Story*

*Write the Story*

with Pam Vestal

"Creating a captivating ancestral tale from genealogical facts is like turning fish eggs into caviar: the facts don't change, but the way you describe them makes all the difference."

Feb. 24 — 9:30 a.m. to Noon  
2505 S.E. 11th Ave., Suite B-18, Portland, OR

#### REGISTRATION

By Feb. 10— Members \$20/ Non Members \$25

After Feb. 10—Members \$25/ Non Members \$30

<https://gfo.org/learn/writing-workshop.html/event-form/find-the-story-workshop/33804/tickets>

### WEBINAR—Introducing American AncestREES

Presented by Claire Vail, Director of Creative and Digital Strategy

Thursday, February 14 12:00—1:00 PST

American AncestREES—a new, FREE online genealogy tree experience on [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org). It is centered around an evidence-based model, American AncestREES offers several unique tools and solutions—including cutting-edge DNA tools—to help research, grow, and share family history. Join Claire Vail to learn how to start building your family tree today. To register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8788847636587439361?source=website>

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**Historical documents.** Use good, clear copies of your ancestor's will, a passenger list, or land record. Parts of document can be used such as a copy of your ancestor's signature.

Explain the relevance of a table or figure if an explanation will help or interest readers. Details can be pointed out which readers might not notice. Table and figures should be numbered separately. Your narrative should refer to each table and figure. "See table 3", or "As shown in figure 2". Place the table or figure as close as possible to the narrative where it is mentioned. Avoid repeating in your narrative any obvious information that appears in your tables, figures.

[Jones, Thomas W. *Write It Up! A Workshop for Family Historians*, Western Institute of Genealogy July 2016, Eugene, Oregon, p.20]

[Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo, *You Can Write Your Family History*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2008) p. 168 - 176]

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**Do you have something you would like to see included in the newsletter?**

**Next Newsletter**

**deadline**

**February 25**

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