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Ramblings from the Editor...

In 1994 we were traveling in central Europe and managed to celebrate Thanksgiving with family friends in Switzerland the third Sunday in September and with a new friend at her church in Germany the first Sunday in October. We then celebrated in the U.S. on the usual 4th Thursday in November.

Holiday celebrations abound in each culture. Some are religious, some secular, and some a mixture. As we research our heritage it is interesting to note what our ancestors may have included in their celebrations. As we write our stories, it is important to include specifics about the ways in which our families have observed holidays in the 20th & 21st centuries.

Our kids' friends didn't believe that they were involved in butchering a steer each Thanksgiving weekend. What will my great-great grands believe if this annual event isn't documented? As you move into fall and winter celebrations, make notes about your family traditions.

Ann Bateman

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The Benton County Genealogical Society

meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, September through June. 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 4—10:30 to 12:30 and 1:00 to 3:00

Library Inventory in the Annex
Contact Sue VanLaere for details

October—*BCGS Board Meeting*
To Be Announced

October 12 —10:00 a.m.

BCGS Meeting

Benton County Historical Museum
1101 Main St, Philomath
(next door to College United Methodist
Church where we have been meeting)

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

Library Open—in the Annex

Refreshment Reminder

October

1. Betty Elliott
2. Ellen Bartish
3. Sherry Fish

November

1. Pegge Gee
2. Maridee Symons
3. John Crisciliello

Please be in touch with each other if your plans change. Contact Pegge Gee if you need a number.

**Benton County Genealogical Society Meeting
October 12—Lisa McCullough**

DNA Autosomal testing and what to do after receiving the results

Genealogy has been a passion for Lisa since she was a teenager. For the past several years she has lead a bimonthly DNA group discussion at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. She is often asked to present at local Genealogical Societies and enjoys helping others learn how to interpret their DNA.

**Benton County Historical Museum
1101 Main St., Philomath**

(ADA access and parking available at the rear of the building)

The 10 a.m. business meeting will be followed by the program at 11:00

Note the location for this meeting!

Upcoming Programs

Programs begin at 11 a.m. (unless otherwise announced) following the 10 a.m. Business Meeting

**November 9—Robert Kentta
Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians**

**December 14
Silent Auction and Potluck**

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020

**January 11—Beth Lambright in costume
sharing about the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower
and her Mayflower ancestry**

**February 8—James Morales
Courthouse records**

**March 14—Tom O'Brien
Family Search - Finding Digital Records**

**April 11
BCGS Genealogy Software Fair**

Writers Group.....

First meeting of the year is October 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Annex. Come with your ideas of what you personally want to accomplish this year and ideas for how you want the meetings to be structured.

Hope to see you, Sue Van Laere

Gathering Back Together

Bringing together our society members after the summer hiatus to share their stories is always gratifying. Who has more stories to tell than a genealogist? This year's program seemed particularly rewarding with so many members eager to reconnect with other like-minded BCGS people. At least 32 individuals, including a new member, attended the September program to share stories of multiple events in their lives over the last few months or more.

Some told family stories of the past, some recent past and some distant past, and people and places they visited. Others told of future planned trips connecting with "new" cousins never before known. Visits with family to identify photos and DNA matches resulted in genealogical successes. A few attended conferences



gleaning information helpful to their research. From welcome surprise gifts to reconnecting with friends at school and family reunions or taking their own photos of archival records to hiring professional genealogists were among the many events related. Computer problems were given attention with helpful suggestions offered by members. Notebooks of photos and memorabilia were passed around for all to see the variety of ways genealogy can be recorded and shared. Still other members generously worked on genealogy projects for others.

Humorous stories about finding strange occupations listed on a census added levity such as "superannuated." (It's listed in my spell checker.) A serious topic made us think about who will take care of our genealogy when we are gone. Keeping a form with your will designating who is going to inherit your genealogical materials was suggested. See page 4 in this newsletter: "My Genealogical Will for Preserving My Family History."



Most of all, continue writing and re-researching your never-ending story. Write stories of your life or an ancestor's life. Pass on your stories to the next generation with Grand Camps consisting of Grandparents and Grandchildren coming together to tell family stories as was suggested at the meeting. Record your family history in whatever way makes the best

sense for you and your family.

What a wonderful way to begin our BCGS new year cycle, learning and helping each other! Thanks for sharing.

by Linda Olsen

My Genealogical Will For Preserving My Family History

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament:

To my spouse, children and/or heirs, guardians, administrator or executor:

Upon my death, it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, including those prepared personally by me and those prepared by others, which may be in my possession. This includes, but is not limited to, books, paper and or computer files, notebooks, correspondence, audio/visual items, photographs, and documents, for a period of two years

During this two-year period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

Parties to contact regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but are not limited to

Name	Address	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

In the event that you find no one to accept these materials, please contact the institutions listed below, in order, and determine if they will accept part or all of my genealogical materials.

Institution Name	Address (contact person)	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please remember that my family history studies consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my strong desire that the product of these efforts be preserved and allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature _____

Witness _____

Date _____

Date _____

ARE YOU RELATED TO ANY OF THESE FOLKS OR KNOW WHO MIGHT BE?

Mt. Union Cemetery, an historic cemetery located in Philomath, is seeking assistance in locating lot owners with whom there has been no contact in over 75 years. Listed below are the names of original purchasers and their descendents surnames as can be determined. If you have information about how to contact any of the descendents or heirs, please contact Tom Bateman, tabateman@peak.org.

Emma (Parker) Newton, 1884-1961—descendent surnames: Thomas, Byland, Lex, Partpilo, Reinhardt

Ed Kisor, 1889-1954—descendent surnames: Kisor, Epperly, Spinney, Williams

William Crow, space purchased in 1882—no information on descendents

Floyd Douglas Bailey, 1887-1960—descendent surnames: Bailey

Eva (Vale) Young, 1880-1948—married W.F. Miller, then Miles Jordan Young, no descendents known

James Robinson, 1840-1905—descendents surnames: Robinson, Tyler, Pike, Hume, Garrett, Raleigh, Foster, Waterman, Maloney, Landers, Cassidy

Marie Schrepel, 1877-1967—never married, Marie's siblings & their descendents surnames: Schrepel, Von Lehe, Smith, Georg, Burnham, Andreasen, Hindes, Briedell, Long, Voit, Ramster

Zus Polaire, (no one of this name found in cemetery, but assume connected to Zero Polaire who was born Walter Grant Baker). Descendent surnames: Bruce, Baker, Elliott, Gardner, Thompson, Harbick, Tadlock, Rodgers

(to be continued next month AND Tom will have detailed information at the Oct. BCGS meeting)

BCGS Highlights of the Year—September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

Membership: new members this year: 5 Number of total members as of August 31: 54

Library usage: 26 Non-BCGS folks used our library this year

Some came from as far as Canada, Nebraska, Palm Desert and Sacramento, CA and Bremerton, WA.

Programs

- 10— including the December auction and the June Potluck
- We averaged about 35 people at the programs

Library Volunteers

- 10 volunteers and 3 alternates provided 220 hours for Tuesday and Saturday staffing
- We now have a laptop computer in the office!
- Volunteers worked tirelessly to clean out the room upstairs. They created room to move the file cabinet from the downstairs office up there, making the office much more open and usable.
- We have a beautiful new two-sided sign that we can set out to let folks know the library is open and to direct visitors to our meetings.

Writing Group

An average of 10 writers met 7 or 8 times this last year, and will continue into this new year. All are welcome! The group meets the 3rd Tuesday in the Annex at 1:00.

Financial Report

Net Loss (\$330) This is partly due to two major purchases, a new sign for the library and for meetings and the purchase of a new projector to use for our programs. Most years we've had a surplus. There is money in the account to cover this year's loss. Bank Balance at August 31, 2019: \$5,810

Officer Changes: 2 significant changes this year made life much easier for board members: Ann Bateman became newsletter editor, which eased George's workload, and Debbi White is now our secretary, which allows Linda Olsen to devote her time to providing us with excellent programs.

-Submitted by Lois Courtney

Enjoy the Benefits of 2020 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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Do you have something you would like to see included in the newsletter?

Next Newsletter

deadline

October 28

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