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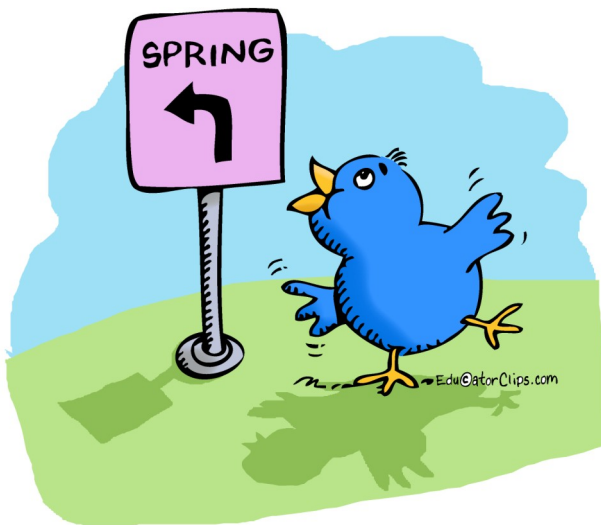
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<http://www.begs-oregon.org>

LOCATED IN *Philomath, Oregon*
FOUNDED IN 1971 IN CORVALLIS, OREGON

Note from the President...

Spring is around the corner!!!
Best wishes for all of you.



Thanks for your support in the
Benton County Genealogical Society
George Davidson

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The Benton County Genealogical Society

meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, September—June. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the Benton County Historical Society, 1101 Main St., Philomath. ADA parking and access are available at the rear of the building. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments follow at the Museum Annex. Guests are always welcome!

Coming Events

February 3—3:00p.m.

Board Meeting

Philomath Public Library

February 8—10:00 a.m.

BCGS Meeting

Benton County Historical Society Museum—
Moreland Auditorium

February 18—1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Writers' Group

BCGS Library in the Museum Annex

Tuesdays and Saturdays—1:00—3:00 p.m.

Genealogy Library Open in the Museum Annex
1101 Main St, Philomath

America's Senator Daniel Webster said;

“Those who do not look upon themselves as a link, connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world.”



February 8—10:30 a.m.

Court House Records

Our February speaker is James Morales, the Clerk and Director of the Records and Elections Department of Benton County. If you have had an occasion to look up records at the Benton County Courthouse, you have probably met him there.

James Morales started working in and around County Courthouses in 1983 as a Title examiner for Southwestern Abstract & Title Company in Las Cruces, New Mexico. To free up time for his studies, he began working as a voting machine technician for Doña Ana County, NM, in 1988. This work involved programming and delivering mechanical voting machines to polling sites for elections. After receiving a Bachelor of Science from New Mexico State University in December 1991, he was hired as the Elections Supervisor for Doña Ana County 1992 through July 1998, when he accepted his current position with Benton County, Oregon.

He received certification from the Oregon Association of County Clerks as a certified County Clerk. He served as the President of the Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) in 2012, member and 2019 Chair of the OACC Records Future Committee and has remained as an active member and former Chair for OACC Records and Elections Legislative committees since 1999.

Upcoming BCGS Programs in 2020

10:30 am to noon

Benton County Historical Society Moreland Auditorium

- March 14** *Tom O'Brien* – Family Search - “Finding Digital Records”
- April 11** *Genealogy Software Fair* –
 “How to Get Started Using Genealogy Software and Web Based Resources”
- May 9** TBA
- June 13.** TBA and Potluck
- July and August is Summer Break**
 Our BCGS Library is open as usual on Tuesdays and Saturdays 1:00 to 3:00pm
- September 12** *Gathering Back Together & Sharing*
- October 10** *Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen*
 Stories of her great grandfather, Silas Norman Lilly and local Benton County history
- November 14** *Pam Vestal* – “How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read”
- December 12** *Silent Auction and Potluck*

My Heritage and Family TreeWebinars.com

have opened registration for the 2020 legacy Family Tree Webinars series, now in its 10th year. Choose from 100 classes from genealogy’s leading educators on topics ranging from Australia to England to Spain, from Snagit to Virtual Private Networks, from the Mayflower to the 1939 Register, and from DNA Painter to endogamy.

[Click here to register \(free\)](#)



Library News

At our last BCGS meeting on January 11, Beth Lambright, the Governor of the Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants, gave an informative presentation titled *Myths and Reality About the Mayflower Passengers*. Because this is the 400th year since the Mayflower arrived on the North American shore, I wanted to remind you that we have a wonderful Massachusetts section where you'll find some interesting books.

One part of the collection consists of 6 volumes of *Mayflower Families through 5 Generations*. There are many other books that cover the early days of Massachusetts. Check out this collection even if you don't have a Mayflower descendant in your tree! You can browse the shelf list on the Society website: bcgs-oregon.org. There is a copy in the library also.

Sue VanLaere

A LOOK at BENTON COUNTY ... from the Archives:

I have been volunteering at Benton County Historical Museum for several years. A year ago I began work on a large gift of papers, photos and memorabilia regarding the **Hubbard Family**. They were sheep farmers for several generations in the Monroe area. The collection includes letters from Mary Jane White Hubbard, 47, to her mother in California. I have transcribed one letter, written in spring 1939 which she labeled 'Diary of a Week on the Farm.' At the time she wrote this, they had neither indoor plumbing nor electricity. CM is her husband, Chauncey Mulks Hubbard, age 48. Jr. is their son, Chauncey Martin Hubbard, age 21. -

Lois Courtney.

Tuesday All of us up at 5 am. CM built the fire and then I took him to a ... place 5 miles away where we had our yearling ewes on rented pasture and brought them home to our own pastures. Jr. went in to the field west of the house to work down the ground for an alfalfa field. He worked in it all day except $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour when he went to Monroe to register to vote. I got breakfast, skimmed milk, washed dishes, washed milk pans and pails, tidied the house, read some, worked on the flower garden. Then it was dinner time and I made noodles in turkey gravy and pieces of turkey. I had lettuce and pears and bread and butter. The noodles were so delicious! After dinner I stacked up dishes and napped 1 hour. Then I got up and did last week's ironing. It took 2 hours. Then I did my dishes, made cottage cheese and churned 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of butter. Did some outside chores ... After supper CM and I went ... to look at 3 2nd hand brooder stoves and brought them home (for turkey chicks). Then I did my supper dishes and now I am writing these notes. ... there are many other things I do not mention. The boys have just finished reading the news paper and listening to the 9 pm news. That means to bed in 15 minutes to rest for another day. I will set my bread tonight and bake it early tomorrow. ... the reason I am sending this is just to give you a peep into my farm home activities for one week. ... Thought it might interest you. **Wednesday** Up bright and early to take care of the bread. I packed up a hot breakfast for Jr. and sent it into the field... Then there was the usual run of house work, milk utensils, dishes and a very early dinner as CM had to go to some kind of grain meeting in Corvallis. I went with him. I got some garden seeds, cabbage plants to set out and a few later bright flowers for my porch boxes. CM then did not get out of his meeting until 5 pm. I sat and waited for him in the car. Ruth was waiting for Gene [Eugene Hubbard] so we waited together. **Thursday** Up with the sun all of us. I got breakfast while the boys did morning chores. Then while they set up brooder stoves I picked up all the litter of boards from the making of 2 brooder houses. Some litter too! Rain threatened, then Jr. went with the tractor to the field. CM and I went to borrow 2 horses and a spring tooth harrow. I went down to our island in the deep woods where they had cleared 1 acre of land and plowed it. CM harrowed it all day long and we burned up tree trunks and stumps. The soil is virgin and so lovely. We expect to raise 1 acre of carrots for the sheep for next winter. I had to be with him to run the car while he drove the horses. Then I came home at 11 am, packed a lunch and took it back to the woods and we three ate dinner while the horses ate alfalfa and grain in the lovely woods by the river. The flowers and birds were so lovely and the trees with their baby leaves on. We did not get home until 7:15. We were so tired. Then there were sheep to feed grain, pigs to feed, cows to feed and milk while I got supper. Now the dishes are done and I am going right to bed as I am tired. ([continued on page 5](#))

January Program Review

Myths and Reality about the Mayflower Passengers by Beth Lambright

On a stormy Saturday morning, about 60 of us (30 members and 31 guests!) were mesmerized by the history of the Mayflower voyage in 1620 as told by Beth Lambright, the Oregon Governor of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. She is an excellent and compelling speaker and we all got caught up in the story of that early voyage.

Years before they set sail, many Puritans left England for Holland, a country more tolerant of diverse religious views. Several attempts to sail for the New World failed, but in 1620 they were successful, just in time to avoid a Dutch/Spanish war. Passengers included 51 Separatists, and 50 “adventurers.” There were 33 children and some indentured servants. On November 11, they arrived in Provincetown, which wasn’t land claimed by England. Because they were outside the rule of law, before disembarking, they wrote the “Mayflower Compact” which established a civic body. About half of the colonists died during the early months. A peace treaty was signed with Massasoit, the Wampanoag leader and a year later, in October of 1621, a harvest celebration was held with the colonists and natives.

Beth listed several myths about this amazing trip:

Myth: Puritans were fleeing persecution. No, it was a religiously mixed group, but what they wanted most was freedom of speech.

Myth: They established a Puritan theocracy as their government. No, it was in fact a true civic body politic.

Myth: Puritans wore black clothes with silver buckles. No, various colors and styles.

Myth: Puritans stole their land from the Indians. No. They purchased the land, although it is true that the natives were sometimes confused about this transaction. This colony was much more tolerant than the earlier colony in the Boston area and the Mayflower Compact was in essence a social contract in which the settlers consented to follow the community's rules and regulations for the sake of order and survival. It was later used as a guide for our own Constitution.



Beth had some items on display, and recommended various books*. This is a link to the organization: <https://mayflower-or.com>. A list of relevant books can be found at amazon.com with a search criteria of Mayflower Passengers. Many of these are books that Beth brought to share. Beth is an incredible story teller and passionate about this subject. The program was enhanced by some audience members who knew they had Mayflower ancestors and were greeted by Beth as “cousins”. November 2020 will mark the 400 year anniversary

Submitted by Lois Courtney

*See page 6 for a list of recommended books

52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks

Writers Group

Some of us have tuned in to Amy Johnson Crow's website where you can find a simple challenge to get going on writing your own story or that of some ancestors.

www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52-ancestors-in-52-weeks/

She sends short prompts once a week after you sign up. There are no rules about how you answer the prompt. You can skip a prompt, interpret in your own way what the prompt means by writing a couple of paragraphs, find a photo to describe, record a memory. It's up to you.

I did the first two prompts of the year so far (Fresh Start and Favorite Photo.) It was fun to imagine what the prompts meant to me. I found photos and wrote a short story for each.

If you sign up and can't find the entire list of 52, let me know and I can send you a copy. It's nice to have all of the prompts together. The next writers group is Tuesday, February 18 in the Annex. Everyone is welcome.
Sue VanLaere

(Letter continued from page 3) Friday Up and going early. Breakfast at 5:45 for CM and myself as Jr. was in the field working the tractor at daybreak. CM did morning chores alone and took a hot breakfast out to Jr. He does not mind the packed hot meals and rather enjoys eating them out in the open air. I worked in my flower garden most of the day. We have not gotten our vegetable garden in yet as CM has too many other things far more important. The ground is all ready and waiting. CM after hauling fuel to Jr. and doing sheep work has been working on the brooder stove chimneys. CM hauled me a truck load of fine black loam from the island today for a round flower bed. Most of the soil in our yard is just gravel and will not grow anything. Tomorrow we complete the brooder houses and start the stoves and lay down the litter so by Monday noon the heat will be regulated and ready for the little birds. Tomorrow I wash and bake bread and perhaps some cake and cookies so that next week I will not have to think too much of the meals. I have some beef soup for supper with noodles. Does this sound good to you? Bread and butter and fruit. Then the news from newspaper and from radio and then to bed to rest our bodies. The days are even more full than I tell you. **Saturday** Well, I was at my washing real early because I pumped my water Friday night and it heated while I got breakfast. I got through early and my clothes were on the line whipping in the warm spring air and the sunshine burning down upon them. CM came in at 11 am and said, "slip in to a fresh gingham and come with me to Junction City for ... the tail end shopping for the brooder houses and some tractor repairs." So I left my wash water and went with him. Then we came home and had a 2:30 dinner. Then ... I took in the clothes, folded and put away the ones not to be ironed. Sprinkled with warm water the ones to be ironed and by 5 all the clothes were ironed. Then I made butter. At 7 the boys came in to supper and I fed my little bum lambs and did the dishes. I was too tired to even take a bath and got into bed. **Sunday** It is 4 pm and I shall start to wind up the 'Diary of a Week on the Farm.' When my eyes opened this morning it was broad day light. ... as I looked out to see why CM was not awake, I found he had gone. When I do not know. I seemed stiff, sore and tired all over but I got up and came down stairs. ... Jr had milked and CM had cooked breakfast and they were eating. I dressed and sat down too and had a cup of coffee and a slice of bread. Then fed my lambs, set my bread, skimmed my milk and washed dishes, made a ginger cake and batch of cookies using that good buttermilk I had. Then molded down the bread and got dinner. I mopped the floor in the kitchen and tidied up the house. Then I sat down and had my lesson all at one sitting [Christian Science lessons]. Then I stole an hour's nap and feel refreshed. Must get the drinking founts down from the attic and have them all ready tonight for the little turkeys, for they come tomorrow morning. Also I must make some dutch cheese to start them on. Now all the duties to be done before the turkeys come have ... been done and scratched off the list. It was a very full week. We did not get the vegetable garden planted as we had hoped and are sorry but there has just been too much ... to get everything done. We may have to wait for a rain as the ground (all prepared) is drying out too fast. I did not see the girls this week just too much to do to go in. They neither of them or Auntie understand the amount of work to be done on a farm. Now mama, my love is with you. I hope you can see a little what goes on our farm.
Mary Jane

Books about the Mayflower and Passengers Recommended by Beth Lambright:

Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harness

The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower by P.J. Lynch

Of Plymouth Plantation by Wm. Bradford

If I Were a Pilgrim – Our First Thanksgiving by Liz Rich

The Mayflower and Her Passengers by Caleb H. Johnson

1621 A New Look at Thanksgiving by Catherine O’Neil Grace & Margaret M. Bruchac, pub: NatGeo

The Making of a Pilgrim by Sue Allen

Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick

Who’s That Stepping on Plymouth Rock by Jean Fritz

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

4th grade Essay Contest 2020



Essay: “Discuss the pioneer spirit, a determination of accomplishing goals under very difficult circumstances, and how the result of that spirit has affected our lives today.”

Awards: 1st place winner will receive \$150.00

2nd place winner will receive \$75.00

Deadline: May 15, 2020

Further information : <http://oregonsdop.org/scholarships-contests/>

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February 28

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