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FOUNDED IN 1971 IN CORVALLIS, OREGON

Note from the President...

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas with family and friends. May 2020 be a best year.

All officers on the Ballot were re-elected for the 2020 year: George Davidson - President; Kathryn Moss - V.P.; Debbi White - Secretary; and Lois Courtney - Treasurer.

George Davidson

Ramblings from the Editor...

What are the annual traditions you have observed in the past month? What story goes with the china you used for the special holiday meal? Was the salad you served one of long standing tradition? Would your overnight guests have been disappointed if there had been a different breakfast than the one you prepared? For how many years have the symbols you placed around your home been a part of your holiday celebration?

The answers to these questions may be the bedrock of a story to write for future generations.

Ann Bateman

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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 or 11:00 a.m., as announced. Refreshments follow at the Museum Annex. Guests are always welcome!

Coming Events

January 6—3:00p.m.

Board Meeting

Philomath Public Library

January 11—10:00 a.m.

BCGS Meeting

Benton County Historical Society Museum—
Moreland Auditorium

January 21—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

1101 Main St, Philomath

Reminder:

Refreshment hosts for January are Liza Wilson, Barbara Hays, and Nancy DeBoie,

January 11

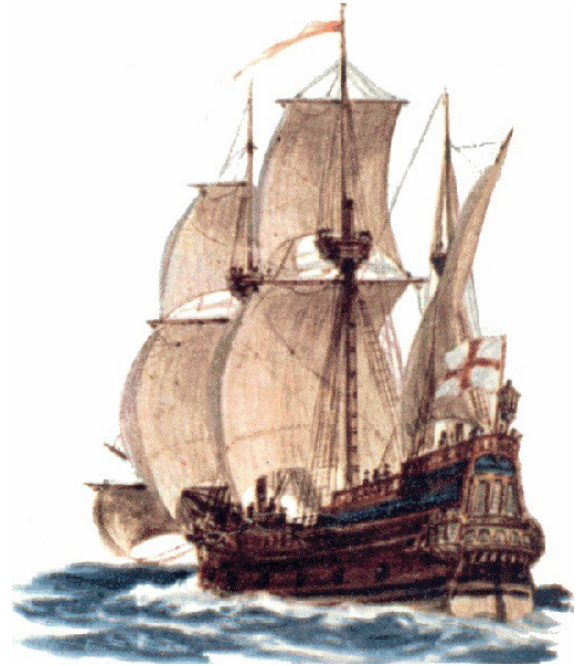
10:30 a.m.

**Myths and Reality about the
Mayflower Passengers**

1620-2020

presented by
Beth Lambright, Governor
Oregon Society of the Mayflower Descendants

Moreland Auditorium,
Benton County Historical Society Museum
1101 Main St., Philomath



Beth grew up in Connecticut knowing from childhood that her father was a descendant of Francis Cooke, one of the Mayflower passengers. She has not only verified her lineage to Francis Cooke but also found family lines to Elder William and Mary Brewster, Stephen Hopkins and his wife Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins, Thomas Rogers, Henry Samson, and Richard Warren. She has 11 lines approved through the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in Plymouth. She is also a member of the Brewster Society, The Francis Cooke Society, the Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins Society, the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred, and has served on the Board of the Thomas Rogers Society. Currently, she is the Governor of the Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants.

For her program, Beth will be dressed as Mary Brewster, probably the oldest woman (in her 50's) to travel on the Mayflower..

Upcoming Programs

*Programs begin at 10:30 or 11 a.m.
as announced,
following the 10 a.m. Business Meeting*

February 8—James Morales
Courthouse records

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

April 11
BCGS Genealogy Software Fair

National Genealogical Society

Annual Conference

May 2020 in Salt Lake City

There are about 180 different presentations given by experts during the four-day conference. This is a great opportunity to use the Family History Library in Salt Lake City by scheduling a few days before or after the conference. There is no charge for using the Library. Volunteers and paid staff are there to assist users.

For a list of presentations go to <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/ngs-2020-family-history-conference-program-available/>

For the presentation titles select **To Conference Home** at top left of screen. Then look under **Program**. Further detail on presentations is sent closer to conference time.

Answer to last month's '
'a beggar had a brother' question:

SISTER

BCGS Library News

We recently received an interesting Family History book titled *Our Davis Pioneer Ancestors* by Edward

Davis and David Davis. The authors do a good job of integrating family genealogy with the story of David and Hannah Davis's travel to the Willamette Valley from Iowa in 1847. They and their eight children settled in the Soap Creek and Tampico area north of Corvallis. Two well-researched chapters cover the histories of Soap Creek and Tampico and some of the people who lived there. There are lots of family photos and a number of maps as well. Other chapters tell the stories of the Davis families who moved away from Soap Creek in the 1860's.

Soap Creek is where a fearless and persistent woman named Letitia Carson lived. She was a free African American woman who came to

Oregon with her Irish husband in 1844 and was the subject of the novel *A Light in the Wilderness* by author Jane Kirkpatrick. The author gave a lecture on Letitia Carson for the society a while ago.

Even if you don't have any Davis ancestors, I think you'll find this book provides an interesting picture of early settlement in the Willamette Valley and other places in Oregon through the lives of one family. You can drive through history by taking Tampico Road across from the northern end of Adair Village to where the road intersects with Soap Creek Road. The Tampico townsite is near that intersection. You'll find a large stone with a plaque to the right side of Tampico Road. You then turn left onto Soap Creek Road. As you drive down the road, you'll see the historic Soap Creek school on the left side. Just enjoy the beauty of the area and imagine yourself as a pioneer starting from scratch. When you come to the end of Soap Creek Road, turn left to go back to Corvallis.

Some websites you might enjoy:

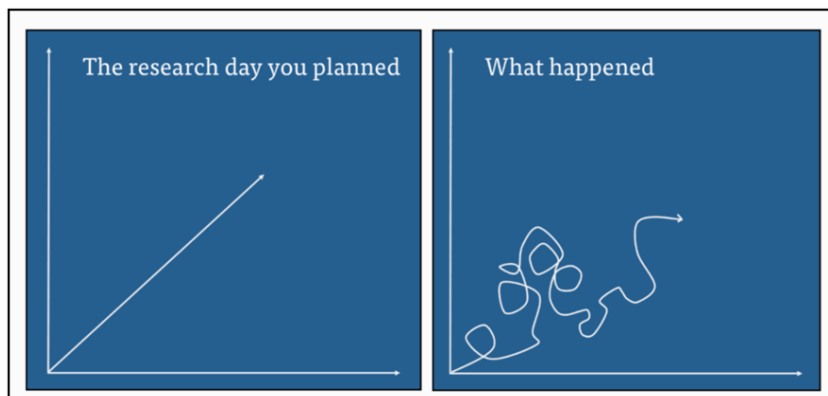
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/137591165/letitia-carson>

<http://soapcreekschoolhouse.org/history.html>



Stone with plaque

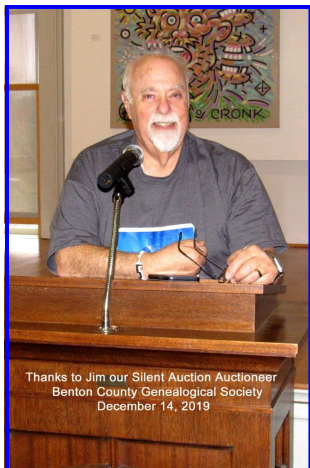
Sue Van Laere, Librarian



From Lisa Louise Cooke's *Genealogy Gems* newsletter

December Auction and Potluck

On Saturday, December 14th, about 20 of us gathered in the Museum's Moreland Gallery, amid the amazing art work of Rip Cronk, and had our second annual silent auction. The back of the gallery accommodated several tables where we spread the donated items, and we used additional space on the stage. We had a brief business meeting, then the frenzied bidding began... okay it was really calm and relaxed. After about an hour time was called, one table at a time and the highest bidders claimed their items and paid the cashier.



A few statistics:

- We raised \$313 compared to last year's total of \$427, so we didn't do as well this year.
- We had 16 donors who provided items.
- 15 people bid on and purchased items, often more than one.
- 39 items were sold.
- 22 items had multiple bids.

Items with the most bids (6) were

- Books with a GrassRoots gift card
- A wooden tray, perhaps teak
- A box of Panera pastries
- Kathryn Moss's pumpkin rolls, 2 of them and each with 6 bids

The highest bids were all for \$15: Soup mix set, Holiday wreath, A huge basket of children's toys, and a Wine and cheese basket



After the auction, we all went over for the potluck in the Annex and lingered and talked and ate.

Submitted by Lois Courtney, Treasurer

Writers Group

Happy 2020! Our next meeting will be January 21 at 1:00 in the Annex.

Here's your writing challenge for the month:

Which New Year was an "eye opener" in some way for you?

What did you do about it?

Only write a paragraph and make each word count.

I already know mine but I need to mull over how it impacted my life. Happy mulling to you, too.

Remember, you can join at any time. We would welcome you as part of the group.

Sue Van Laere



FREE WEBINARS!

<https://isbgfh.org/cpage.php?pt=91>

January 18: Lisa Alzo will present
Get Organized with Research Logs

Registration link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8670674330342984717>



February 1: Melissa Barker will present
Digging Deeper in Archived Records

Registration link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5315921417486911245>



February 29: Chris Paton will present
Overview of Irish

Registration link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1883956400082080269>



March 14: Daniel Horowitz will present
Finding Your Wise Ancestors With MyHeritage

Registration link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6415291208263024653>



March 21: Darris Williams will present
Overview Welsh

Registration link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6415291208263024653>

All webinars are free and open to anyone at the time of the live presentation. Please feel free to invite others to attend.



**Oregon
Genealogical
Forum**

Spring Seminar:

"Solve Puzzles with DNA"
with Karen Stanbary

April 4 and 5 in Portland
Learn how to manage and interpret DNA evidence, then incorporate into your existing documentary research.

Karen Stanbary, CG®, MA, LCSW, is an author and national lecturer focusing on topics related to using genetic and documentary evidence to solve genealogical brick walls.

Register on line

gfo.org/dna

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

January 27

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