

NewsLetter

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Sandy Wilbur will talk about the 1852 Wagon Train that traveled from Iowa to Oregon and sources used to conduct the research.

Horner Collection Museum Benefit

A new 2002 Chrysler PT Cruiser, valued at \$18,815, will be raffled off by the Corvallis Rotary Club to benefit the Horner Collection Museum.

Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the Benton County Historical Society project to relocate the Horner Collection from the Oregon State University campus to the new museum location at 411 SW 2nd St., the former Copeland Lumber site.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath; at various locations in Corvallis and Philomath; or from Corvallis Rotary Club members. The drawing will be held May 18, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at the new museum on SW 2nd St. In conjunction with Armed Forces Day, the winning ticket will be drawn by a member of the U.S. Marine Corps., and refreshments will be served. You need not be present to win. For additional information, contact the Benton County Historical Museum at 929-6230.

Bring Your Checkbook

Danell Aukerman will have genealogy related CD's for sale at the April 13th meeting. Some CD topics are: Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and the War of 1812 Military Indexes at the National Archives; Vital Records of various states; City Directories; Census Indexes; and Family Histories of various states.

Volunteers Needed

The State Library in Salem needs volunteers to assist in scanning and indexing the Oregon biography card files which reference articles from magazines and newsletters, and put the information in a database. Contact Danell Aukerman for more information.

Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

Emergence of a Genealogist: Betty Swan

"I always liked history," Betty Swan said when we interviewed her at the Museum Annex where she volunteers at our Society's genealogical library one Tuesday a month, usually with Mary Yoke. "When I was a kid my dad's sister said the Chadbornes had come to this country in the 1600s. Over the years I remembered what she had said. Then one of our daughters moved to Salt Lake City and we went over to the Family History Library one evening. I found some information on my dad.

"It was some years later, when I was doing volunteer work for St. Marys, that I met Mary Yoke. We heard about a genealogy class at Benton Center. Becky Kiger, Damaris Reynolds, and Esther Forsythe were in it, too. Becky was already a member of the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society and she asked us to come and join. So we did. I became really enthusiastic, and my brother and I and our spouses attended a family reunion of the Chadbornes back in Massachusetts. It was fantastic! I walked down streets where my ancestors had walked and visited churches where they had worshipped. We went to some cemeteries and some houses. The first Chadbornes had come here as carpenters in 1634. They had been hired in England to build sawmills on the river Piscataqua, between New Hampshire and Massachusetts. We saw the location of the first sawmill, and our group went to Kittery and Kennebunkport, where more of them lived later on. There's a book written by the family association and published in 1998."

Betty's mother's family, the Mannings, were pioneers in Oregon. One of the brothers came overland first. The others came by boat from Missouri. She has learned that they went to St. Louis, took a train to New York, took ship to Panama, crossed the Isthmus, and took a boat to Portland. They became farmers in Marion County.

"Dad's family didn't get to Oregon until the early 1900s," she told us. "They came to Drain, in Douglas County."

The hardest thing for her to unravel was trying to trace the Mannings back in time from Missouri. Finally she found a reference book in our genealogical library that led her to a book that she borrowed through interlibrary loan. She was able to get them back to Kentucky and from there to Maryland.

She remembers asking questions of her youngest aunt. Her aunt claimed she didn't know anything, but as Betty began to show her various bits of information that she found, her aunt from time to time would remember stories.

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Betty says she hasn't done much recently. She doesn't have anything particular that she is working on. "But I'm becoming enthusiastic again," she added.

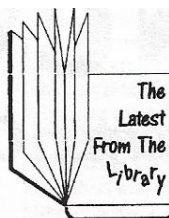
Her advice to beginners is to stick with it. Keep doing a little bit so you'll remember where you are. Otherwise, it's hard to pick up where you left off. And organize as you go. That's easier than going back to it.

"My children aren't interested so far," she said, "but I hope they will be when they have more time."

Fund Raising

Funds for the purchase of reference material in our library comes from our fund raising. Since we no longer have garage sales, it is important that we raise money to purchase books and CD's in some other, and easier, way. Our dues pay the rent and newsletter costs.

As you do your spring cleaning, think about what things could be recycled and sold at the thrift shop under the BCGS number and bring them to the library or to Damaris Reynolds' If you have books to donate, our annual book sale will be held at the June meeting. If you don't want to keep your books until then, you can bring them to the BCGS library or to Damaris'.



Librarian,
Ken Bielman

The new book lists are now available in the library

If you wish to purchase a book list, the cost is \$3.

The book lists are a great tool in finding reference material pertaining to your search.

Number	Category	Author	Title
1995	KY	Ardery	<i>Court and Other Records, Vol II.</i> Green hardback
1996	MD	Newman	<i>Revolutionary Records, Maryland.</i> Dark gray hardback
1997	HTVF	Fam Chronicle	<i>Dating Old Photographs, 1840-1929.</i> Tan Magazine
1998	OR	Peterson	<i>Oregon Trail. "Our Wagon Train Is Lost".</i> Tan paperback
1999	FHVF	Clemens	<i>Black Family, Early Marriage Records.</i> Tan paperback
2000.1	REF	Fam Chronicle	<i>Family Chronicle Magazine. Year One. Sept 1996-Aug 1997</i>
2000.11	REF	Fam Chronicle	<i>Family Chronicle Magazine. Year Two. Sept 1997-Aug 1998</i>
2000.12	REF	Fam Chronicle	<i>Family Chronicle Magazine. Year Three. Sept 1998-Aug 1999</i>
2000.13	REF	Fam Chronicle	<i>Family Chronicle Magazine. Year Four. Sept 1999-Aug 2000</i>
2000.14	REF	Fam Chronicle	<i>Family Chronicle Magazine. Year Five. Sept 2000-Aug 2001</i>

"Untangling Your Roots"

Utah Genealogical Association Conference

May 9-11, 2002 at the Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah

Attend seminars or consult with researchers knowledgeable about various areas of ancestral origination. Consultation fee of \$20 in addition to the conference fees.

Information on the seminars and registration forms will be available at the April 13th meeting. Early registration with discounts goes through April 10. Contact Bill Gleaves or Teri Greene for additional information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Field Trip to the Yaquina Genealogical Society on Saturday,

May 4, 2002 The Yaquina Genealogical Society will give a presentation on "File and Records Organization." Luncheon plans are pending confirmation at this time, TBA at the April 13 meeting. The expected departure time of the van from Albertson's parking lot at 9:30 am. Cost is \$10. Contact Mary Hardenbrook for reservations and information.

1930 Census Search Help

Gleanings from an e-mail to Ken Bielman from David Samuelson
The 1930 Census, which was released on April 1, 2002, has no Soundex index for Oregon and other states. To help the researcher, the National Archives has provided an online search help that identifies the layout of enumeration districts within counties so when one does begin a search, you'll know where to go before going through the challenging task of finding the folks you are trying to locate. For help, go to: <http://1930census.archives.gov/beginSearch.asp> Type in Oregon, and then when a new screen comes up, find the county you are looking for, then go to page 1, and click enter, and it will show you the arrangement order of townships & boroughs (or more specifically, the enumeration districts) within a roll of microfilm.

THE BENTON COUNTY NEWSPAPER PROJECT

One of the aims of the Benton County Genealogical Society has been to help genealogists who may have had ancestors in Benton County by making local information available. The newspaper project has been in the works for more than ten years now, and this seems like a good time to publish an update.

The project started when the Gazette Times gave the Historical Society 32 microfilm reels of the old Benton County newspapers, with a cabinet to hold them. The first paper was the Corvallis Gazette, a weekly, beginning in April 1865. The Society had just finished listing grave markers in all the Benton County cemeteries and was looking around for a new project. It was decided to abstract deaths, births, and marriages from reels covering the time period from 1865 through September, 1926. A form for entering the information was made, the reels given numbers, and a sign-up sheet to adopt a reel was sent around at meetings for those who thought it might be fun to read through old newspapers. There are still blanks on this sign-up sheet so no current members need feel left out!

The public library in Corvallis and the Oregon State University library also have these films and microfilm readers, so they can be access there, too. Parking is probably easiest at the Museum in Philomath.

Abstractions are entered chronologically. More than half of the reels have been adopted; many of these have been completed. An alphabetized computer list is then made. Currently we are working on Addendum Three. Copies of the list are made for the Museum, the Corvallis/Benton County library, and the Society library. Copies have also been made for several individuals who answer requests for lookups.

The current status of the project is as follows:

The Oregon Union, 9 Jul 1897 to 17 Feb 1899 - Rebecca Kiger/Dave Kribs, DONE
The Corvallis Gazette, 22 Apr 1865 to 26 Aug 1881 - Jean Grube, DONE
The Corvallis Gazette, 16 Aug 1881 to 21 Feb 1890 - Gene Newcomb
The Corvallis Gazette, 21 Feb 1890 to 19 Mar 1896 - Dave Kribs
The Corvallis Gazette, 19 Mar 1896 to 10 Feb 1899 - Daniel Froehlich
The Corvallis Union 1899 to 1902 - Dean Johnson
The Corvallis Gazette, 11 Nov 1902 to 8 Aug 1905 - Betty Swan
The Corvallis Gazette, 8 Aug 1905 to 25 Jun 1909 - Frances Grotfend
The Weekly Gazette Times, 7 Feb 1909 to 10 May 1912 - Charlene Talbot
The Weekly Gazette Times, 5 May 1912 to 16 Jul 1915 - Sandra Potter
The Weekly Gazette Times, 16 Jul 1915 to 27 Jun 1918 - _____
The Weekly Gazette Times, 27 Jun 1918 to 30 Dec 1920 - Esther Forsythe
The Gazette Times, 1 Jan 1910 to 13 May 1911 - Charlene Talbot, DONE
The Daily Gazette Times, 13 May 1911 to 21 Dec 1912 - _____
The Daily Gazette Times, 21 Dec 1912 to 5 Feb 1914 - Charlene Talbot, DONE
The Daily Gazette Times, 2 Feb 1914 to 16 Feb 1915 - _____
The Daily Gazette Times, 16 Feb 1915 to 19 Feb 1916 - GERALYN BARRY
The Daily Gazette Times, 19 Feb 1916 to 22 Feb 1917 - Rebecca Kiger/Mary Yoke
The Daily Gazette Times, 22 Feb 1917 to 1 Mar 1918 - Cecelia Anderson, DONE
The Daily Gazette Times, 1 Mar 1918 to 19 Feb 1919 - Mary Yoke, DONE
The Daily Gazette Times, 19 Feb 1919 to 27 Dec 1919 - Emily Dashiel
The Daily Gazette Times, 27 Dec 1919 to 30 Sep 1920 - Ken Bielman, DONE
The Daily Gazette Times, 1 Oct 1920 to 18 Jun 1921 - _____
The Daily Gazette Times, 18 Jun 1921 to 23 Jan 1922 - Mary Yoke, DONE
The Corvallis Gazette Times, 23 Jan 1922 to 22 Aug 1922 - _____
The Corvallis Gazette Times, 8 Aug 1922 to 14 Apr 1923 - Cecelia Anderson, DONE
The Corvallis Gazette Times, 4 Apr 1923 to 11 Jun 1923 - Robert Tarrant, DONE
The Corvallis Gazette Times, 11 Jun 1923 to 24 May 1924 - Leila Crawford
The Corvallis Gazette Times, 24 May 1924 to 22 Dec 1924 - Ken Bielman, DONE
The Corvallis Gazette Times, 22 Dec 1924 to 24 Jul 1925 - Ken Bielman
The Corvallis Gazette Times, 24 Jul 1925 to 3 Mar 1926 - _____
The Corvallis Gazette Times, 2 Mar 1926 to 25 Sep 1926 - _____

QUERIES Mabelle Martsching has 18 pages of completed research about the **HELMS** family who settled in Lobster Valley in Lane and Benton Counties. Other queries about the **HINKLE** family, Joseph **HARLAN**, Elizabeth **HARLAN TAYLOR**, and Richard Lambert **TAYLOR**

THE "CORRECTIONS TO EARLY BENTON COUNTY PIONEERS" WILL CONTINUE IN FUTURE ISSUES.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
30 April for the **11 May** meeting. Cookies: Mabelle Martsching
28 May for the **8 June** meeting. Cookies: Teri Greene
4 September for the **14 September** meeting. Cookies—TBA.

Membership Information

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Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar year.
 Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.
 Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/> board minutes are posted here.

More Member Info

Our meetings are held on the **second Saturday of September through June**, in the NE Dining Hall of the College United Methodist Church, on the east side of the parking lot, in the 1100 block of Philomath Blvd. Business meeting is at 10:00 AM with the program at 11:00 AM. **Our Library, in the museum annex, will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM and after meetings on Saturdays.** Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: sprawlinson@proaxis.com. Thank You. Pat Rawlinson

Odds and Ends

Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is 492. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off. **THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!**

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