

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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10 April Program

Dr. Robert Holcomb will talk about Jean Baptiste, who was the son of Sacagawea. He will tell how he traced an unknown Indian burial near Denio, Oregon (on the Oregon-Nevada border) and how it turned out to be the burial site of Jean Baptiste.

BCGS Board Meeting Date/Location Changes

Board members, please note the following meeting changes:

April 26, 2004 - meeting will be held at Ken Bielman's. Contact Ken for directions.

June 1, 2004 - the meeting originally scheduled for Monday, May 31st, will be held on Tuesday at Damris Reynolds.

Upcoming Programs

May 8 - 2nd Annual Genealogy Book Faire.

June 12 - Potluck and book sale.

September 11 - Show and Tell.

LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE TRAIN RIDES

Beginning May 28 and running through September 20 you can take a passenger train excursion on the Lewis and Clark Explorer, which will take you near several areas the Lewis and Clark expedition visited. The 4 hour train trip will travel from Linnton to Astoria and will run Friday through Monday.

To obtain ticket and schedule information, you can contact Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL; go to your local Amtrak station; or visit the website at www.amtrak.com. Travel agents will also assist you in making reservations.

kith and kin

By charlene talbot

Emergence of a Genealogist: Dorothy Burt

"My husband, George, dragged me into it about 1978," Dorothy Burt said when we asked her what got her interested in genealogy. "George wanted to know more about his ancestors. His aunt had joined the Daughters of the American Revolution, so we sent for her submission. They didn't do a very complete job in those days, but it was a start. We went to the Family History Center in Corvallis, and made several trips to the Mormon's Salt Lake library. We didn't do it right. We started backwards. Somewhere in there we moved across the street from Danell [Danell Aukerman, the Society's current president] and we talked genealogy with her."

Dorothy went on to say, "It's a lot easier to do local genealogy research than to do your own. We're doing a good job in Benton County. I've taken so much pleasure in working on the local pioneers. George and I were into cemeteries before we got interested in genealogy. We got copies of the survey maps when we first came to Oregon and enjoyed looking up cemeteries."

Both sets of ancestors, hers and her husband's, go way back in this country, except for George's Swedish grandmother. Dorothy found she, too, had a Swedish grandmother, but several generations further back in a settlement called New Sweden in Delaware.

"All of my names are so common," she complained, "Smith, Miller, Jones, Cook." However, she did locate a diary that her great grandfather had kept. A cousin had deposited it at the Methodist Archives in Wisconsin. The Archives sent her a copy.

"He was a Methodist circuit rider," she told us. "I typed it up and passed it out to the family. I learned a lot about him. Another ancestor was a teamster, hauling supplies to Denver during the Civil War." His friend, a minister, chronicled his adventures.

She says she spent a lot of time hunting and not finding anything. "But even if you don't find the person you're looking for, you need the big picture. The better you understand the area, the more likely

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you are to find something you didn't recognize before. I really think it's important to know the context. That's why it's so much fun to work in one area, like Benton County. A lot of people went home from Oregon in the early days, including one of my ancestors. Basically, he said, "these people aren't civilized."

She went on to say, "When this area was opened up in 1848, the wagon train just drove through the grass and turned right. Almost the first thing they did was to hold Worship. Studying this, I realized how much more important religion was to our ancestors than to people now. Finally they got Father McKinney. They were so happy to get him. We go to the Methodist church in Monroe, and all of those old families are still on-going."

She has enjoyed making the new list of burials in the Bellfountain cemetery. "But never go to a cemetery and say let's only do the update," she warns. "It's three times as much work as if we'd done the whole thing from scratch. A single row would suddenly become two. We had to make many trips to see if the tombstones said what the records said. The 1987 list had a lot of comments and it wasn't always clear what was on the stone and what was a comment.

Dorothy and George believe genealogists should make their research visible. Dorothy makes scanned color pictures so she can send them to family members. George has built a wooden screen with cutout center sections so they can be filled with enlargements of old photos and postcards that a grandmother saved. Dorothy feels it's a nice way to display what she's collected, and the things won't get lost. She has also made small booklets to hand out at family reunions as souvenirs. The booklets give two and three-page write-ups of one branch of the family.

"I've met too many genealogists who've done the research, put it into a file, and gone on to something else," she explained.

She spends a lot of time on genealogy. She sets aside an hour every morning for what she is working on.

"I really like the new computers where you don't have to turn them off," she told us. "I work on a whole lot of things at once, and this way I can get right back to where I was." She subscribes to Ancestry.com on the Internet and is thus happy to be able to provide census information to people who put queries on the Benton County site of USGenWeb.

"Lee Gentemann is doing such a great job as webmaster," Dorothy ended. "I did it before Lee took it over, so I know how much work it is."

WEBSITES

Federation Genealogical Societies <http://www.fgs.org>

FGS Society Hall <http://www.familyhistory.com/societyhall/main.asp>

National Genealogical Society <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

Friends of Libraries, USA <http://www.folusa.com>

LINKS:

BCGS 2004 Membership Renewals *(since last newsletter)*

Daniel Froehlich

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We currently have 151 members.

WEB TV UNIT FOR SALE

Several months ago the BCGS was given an electronic item which when connected to your TV will allow the householder to receive, view, compose and send emails through the TV set without having to purchase or learn how to use a computer. Damaris Reynolds has one of these and she says it works well. Although it has some shortcomings over a normal computer-connected unit, it does provide satisfactory email access with a limited investment and minimal learning curve. Price, \$30 (cost new for this item is well over \$100). Contact Ken Bielman at 758-3769 if interested. Also, you may contact Damaris Reynolds at 753-1810 for answers regarding her experience using this type of equipment.

QUERIES

By Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay

We did not receive any new queries this month.

SSDI UPDATE

The U.S. Social Security Death Index (SSDI), which contains 72,265,659 records through January 2004 is now available at: <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>

Can't find your ancestors or relatives? Read the guide and tutorial: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson10.htm>

[Http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/ssdi/index.html](http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/ssdi/index.html)

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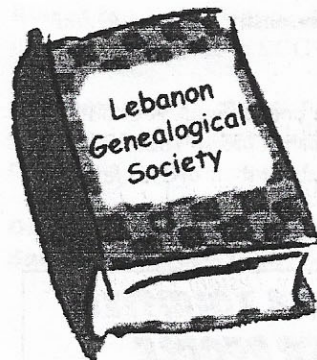
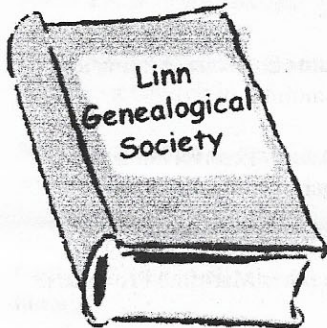
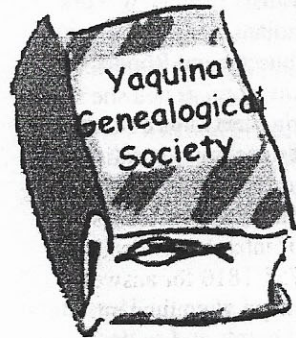
Happenings

Founder's Day at Champoeg is Saturday, May 1, 2004. From 1:00-4:00 there will be guest speakers, living history demonstrations, volunteers in period costumes, tours of historic sites and refreshments. The only cost is the park's \$3.00/car fee for parking.

Champoeg is the site where the American Provisional Government in the Pacific Northwest was established on May 2, 1843.

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Family History Workshop & Book Faire



When

Saturday
May 8th, 2004
9:00am to 4:00pm

Where

College United
Methodist Church
1123 Main St.
Philomath, OR

9:30am - 10:30am

Genealogy Resources of 5 Societies

An overview of resources and facilities available to researchers through the Linn, Benton, Sweet Home, Yaquina and Lebanon Genealogical Societies

10:30am - 11:30am

Beginning Genealogy

an overview of family history research topics and techniques

11:30am - 1:00pm

Lunch (enjoy one of Philomath's many restaurants or bring your own lunch)

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Genealogy & the Internet

An introduction to the incredible array of free information and help available on the internet

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Preservation of Family Treasures

Materials and supplies that will preserve your family heritage

!! Book Faire All Day !!

Sponsored by: Benton Genealogical Society
Lebanon Genealogical Society
Linn Genealogical Society
Sweet Home Genealogical Society
Village Genealogy Bookshoppe
Yaquina Bay Genealogical Society

For more information contact Bill Gleaves (541) 929-4087

Notes from the Canadian Research Program. March 2004

It could be said that English Canada started with the American Revolution. In our school history classes we weren't told about the Loyalists, only about the Patriots (which were actually the Rebels). Genealogists need to educate themselves about Loyalist history (the other side).

There were English colonies which did not rebel, as our Thirteen did. Nova Scotia and Quebec were two.

Three migrations of Revolutionary War refugees occurred. One should keep in mind that there were other settlers already there and some came from other places.

New Brunswick, which was separated from Nova Scotia, was settled in a good part by Loyalists from New York and Boston. After the French and Indian War ended 1763 the English had expelled the French (Acadians) many of whom resettled in New Orleans, Louisiana. Some early families moved north from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

At the end of the Revolution, the first Loyalists from New York arrived in 1783 (The Spring Fleet), followed by other shiploads. Crown land grants and stores of food and supplies were given. Many of the records of these grants survive. A good part of these immigrants are listed in the Loyalists books and records (UEL, United Empire Loyalists).

Many of these early Loyalists and their decedent families returned to the U.S., particularly attracted by the jobs offered by the New England spinning mills of the early 1800's.

Ontario was first called Upper Canada after splitting off from Quebec. Some of the first settlers were the Hessian mercenaries, who were not particularly wanted back in Europe. In 1783 they were given crown land grants and settled around Kingston, Ontario.

In 1778 some of Butler's Rangers (British) crossed the Niagara River from New York state and started farms to supply Fort Niagara.

Attracted by Crown Land grants after 1780 a wave of "Pennsylvania Dutch" (Germans) from Pennsylvania and New Jersey began arriving in Ontario; coming by wagons (some 400 miles); settling on the Niagara Peninsula, first in Barton Township, now part of Hamilton, and later in adjacent Ancaster Township.

1790: Re-settlers also came up the Saint Lawrence River from New Brunswick and the other Maritime Provinces.

1830: Immigrants began arriving from Europe in significant numbers.

Many descending families and some of the original settlers moved west to Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the western provinces of Canada.

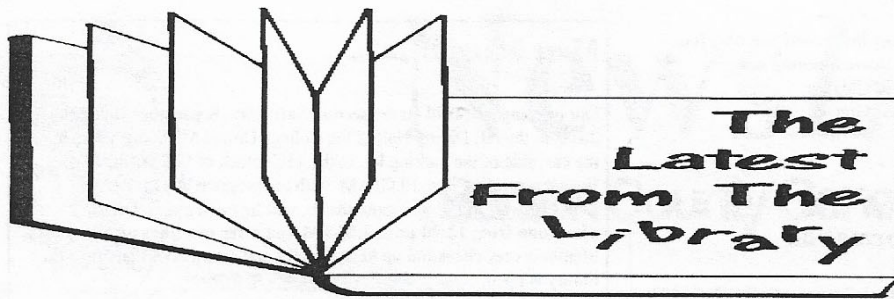
A lot of settlers in the western US came in through Canada giving our families Canadian connections. A good many seem never to have even stopped in Canada. Official immigration into the US was closed from 1775 to 1825. Those settlers and other immigrants of questionable status create a genealogical block. Little was said about their origins and backgrounds and even less recorded.

Surname File

The Society is currently updating the member-submitted surname file. We have asked members to submit five generation charts, which we index and make available for research in the Society's library. If you have made a submission in the past, please take some time to look over your chart(s) and make corrections or changes as needed. You may also submit a new chart, as we all know there are new discoveries made through ongoing research. If you have not made a submission, we would really appreciate you doing so. There are two ways you can do this. One, you may submit a handwritten or typed copy of the chart. There are blank charts available from the library, and if you'd like one, please let us know. Two, you may submit a Gedcom via email to Tonya Rawie at Tonyamra@aol.com.

**GENEALOGY: TRACING YOURSELF
BACK TO BETTER PEOPLE**

OBITUARY GUIDELINES: Brief obituaries, death notices and service notices appear in the **(Corvallis Benton County) Gazette-Times** as a free public service. A fee is charged for obituaries longer than 100 words and for a photograph. Obituaries published in the newspaper also appear online at www.gazettetimes.com. For more information or to place an obituary contact news clerk Joseph Battrick at 758-9524 or news@gtconnect.com.



Ken Bielman, Librarian

MORE REFERENCE BOOKS ON NE CANADA

Our sincerest thanks to Pat Rawlinson for her donation of several books and eight years of "FAMILIES", the quarterly publication of the Ontario Genealogical Society plus some miscellaneous issues of British genealogical journals. These references will add greatly to our Canadian historical and genealogical resources. Two of the books, the "GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORY, 1999 AND 2001" cover international listings which results in our establishing a new reference book category, "INTERNATIONAL." These two volumes will be shelved in the "Dining Room" section of the library.

Mark Your Calendars

April 17, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Spring Meeting, Madras, OR. Open to all Genealogists.

The **2nd Genealogy Book Faire** will be held on **May 8, 2004, 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.**, at the College United Methodist Church in Philomath. Everyone welcome.

May 19-22, 2004—National Genealogical Conference in California. For additional information, log on to www.ngsgenealogy.org and select the Sacramento logo.

June 5-6, 2004—Oregon Trail Marking Preservation Workshop, The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center at The Dalles. Open to all who are Oregon Trail supporters, workers, preservers and just plain old enthusiasts. See flyer in BCGS library.

August 8-15, 2004—Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), National Convention, Fort Vancouver. Red Lion at the Quay, Vancouver, WA. Meeting, tours and workshops, re-enactment, banquet, BBQ-Salmon Bake, music and more. See brochure in BCGS library.

September 8-11, 2004—Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, "Legends Live Forever." Open to all Genealogists. Detailed booklet describing daily programs and a registration form is in the BCGS library. You may also register on-line at: www.fgs.org

October 1-3, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Bi-annual Statewide Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Salem, OR. (Open to all Genealogists).

MUSEUMS

END OF THE OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER - 1726 Washington Street, Oregon City, OR. Feature in the Oregon Gallery through June 13th: "This Month on the Oregon Trail." Exhibit shows the six month, 2000 mile journey that the emigrants took from Missouri to Oregon in the mid-19th century. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 am. - 4 pm., and Sunday, noon to 4 pm. Admission: \$7.50 adults, \$6.50 seniors 65+, \$5 children ages 5-12, free for children under 5. For information, call (503) 657-9336, or log on to the web at: www.endoftheoregontrail.org

HERITAGE MUSEUM - 112 S. Third St., Independence, OR. Artifacts, blacksmith tools, covered wagon replica, medical instruments, and items relating to the history of Independence. Open Wednesday and Saturday, 1-5 pm., Thursday and Friday, 1-4 pm. For information, call (503) 838-4989 or log on to www.open.org/herimusm.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
26 April for the **8 May** meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves
1 June for the **12 June** meeting. Cookies—Teri Greene

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Dues are \$12.00 single and \$15.00 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, 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

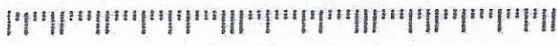
The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: sprawlins@proaxis.com. Thank You. **Pat Rawlinson**

Odds and Ends

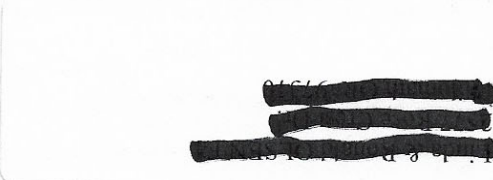
Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is **492**. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label.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

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