

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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9 April Program

Lewis & Clark Presentation - Lois Meessen

Lois is very knowledgeable about Lewis and Clark and after talking to her I can say this will be a worthwhile program. As a further note she'll be able to tell us about Jean-Baptiste, son of Sacagawea, the only known member of the Lewis and Clark party buried in Oregon.

Genealogical books will be available for purchase from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*, and from the Benton County Genealogical Society's selection of new and used books.

Program Review
By David Wribs, Program Chairman

Crystal Lake Cemetery — March 9, 2005 Presented by Judy Juntunen

Cemeteries are fun places, especially for genealogists, as Judy Juntunen reminded us. We should take the time to walk around, read the inscriptions—these are our ancestors, our history, and at the cemetery we are among them. Corvallis' Crystal Lake Cemetery has it all.

Judy had a party of young people helping at the cemetery. At meal time they decided to order pizza. The order went something like this: "You aren't going to believe this— deliver them to the Crystal Lake Cemetery" The man said "OK" and told his people: "If I'm not back in 10 minutes you'd better come looking for me." As the pizza deliverer left, one of the young men on the work party was heard saying "thanks, we're just dieing to eat." Thank you, Judy, for sharing with us.

Beauty in things exist in the mind which contemplates them.

David Hume

Book Looks By charlene talbot

American State Papers, the Public Land Series

This nine-volume set is shelved under US and takes up a shelf by itself. This is a great resource which is currently under-used. Any one of the volumes can be checked out. An index to all the names in the entire set is entitled *Grassroots of America* is shelved with these and does not circulate. The volumes cover land grant claims from 1789 to 1837. Thirteen states are directly (and abundantly, according to the Introduction) treated: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, and Wisconsin. At least nine others are less directly treated: Georgia, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia.

The Introduction says: "Perhaps no single commodity was more compelling nor more precious to our predecessors than land. Long before and long after the acquisition of public lands by a newly formed federal government, the question of who was entitled to this land ... remains one of the most significant themes in American history.

"First, there were thousands of frontier folk who viewed themselves as land owners with or without benefit of title. They inhabited the vast territories acquired by the United States government through treaty, purchase, or cession. To some of their contemporaries, these settlers were viewed as mere squatters.... To other observers, including many lawmakers, the chains of titles based upon early grants from sovereigns of Spain, France. or Great Britain, or the acts of cultivation and laying a foundation for a home, sanctioned their occupation of the land. The abundance of this new land made it a suitable means of compensation to those whose sacrifice or struggle had been in the interest of the new government."

The fine print may be somewhat off-putting, but if you're lucky enough to find an ancestor listed in the separate index, *Grassroots of America*, you won't mind the 8-point lettering. Each volume, arranged by date, also has its own index.

Cemetery Research Items Available For Sale

The Society has the following rolled-up items from Becky Kiger's cemetery research. These are in labeled boxes in the outer library room. We are listing them here in case anyone wants one or more. A donation of one dollar to the Society is suggested.

There are also some decorative rubbings from various cemeteries.

Cemetery plats (some with names). We have more than one of several of these.

Oddfellows

New Smith

Blodgett

St. Mary's

St. Rose

Locke

Monroe

Rubbings:

Kiger

Alice Yates (Crystal Lake)

Shipley (Mt. Union)

Susan Casey (Oddfellows)

Robert Erwin (Oddfellows)

John & Jane McGee (St. Mary's)

Daniel Coffey (St. Mary's)

Lawrence Hurlburt (St. Mary's)

Frank B. Keene

Melvesta Wood (Kings Valley)

Rose Miller (Kings Valley)

James W. Dunn - Our Officer

(Oddfellows?)

James Dunn (St. Mary's)

Anne (Slave - Oddfellows)

Elizabeth Holder (Oddfellows)

Abiather Newton (Mt. Union)

Anna George (Crystal Lake)

Eleanor Matthews (Crystal Lake)

John Keyes (Mt. Union)

Michael Rose (St. Mary's)

Mary King (Pleasant Valley)

OSU Thrift Shop Donations

As you know, items we consign at the OSU Thrift Shop to benefit our Book Fund. Remember us as you're sorting and tossing. Items may be delivered to Damaris Reynolds or, if you frequent the Thrift Shop, use the Society number 492.

Kitchen and household items and small appliances sell very well. Please "shine" them up and be sure they are in working order. Clothing items sell less well so they must be in good condition, clean and well-pressed. Fold them carefully and deliver flat.

By Pat Cooloican

BCGS 2005 Membership Renewals

(since last newsletter)

D. Ray Powell John S. Chapman Rayp6217@comcast.net thechaps@EV1.net

New Address

John S. Chapman 8906 Butler Cir Austin, TX 78737 thechaps@EV1.net

We currently have 148 members!

Upcoming Programs

May 14, 2005 - Danell Aukerman - Archival Storage - What, Where, Why, How.

Genealogical books and Archival storage material will be available for purchase from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*, and from the Benton County Genealogical Society's selection of new and used books.

June 11, 2005 - Potluck and summer book sale with a program about our own genealogical society library. Bring some books to donate and purchase for summer reading.

September 10, 2005 - "Show and Tell" What Genealogical Experience I had this summer. Impromptu reports by individuals.

October 8, 2005 - ? Update on the Family History Library.

12 November 2005 - ? Wagon Trains East (coming west through eastern Oregon that is).

10 December 2005 - Raffle, Auction, Christmas Party.
This event has proven fun for many of us as the

way we make our annual contribution to the Society
Book Fund as well as picking up some Christmas

presents for the grandkids.

If you have an item of more than a nominal value please consider a donation right away as a possible raffle item for next December (donations do qualify as charitable tax deductions). We ended up without any suitable raffle item this year and need to get the raffle ticket sales going as soon as possible.

There is some talk that maybe we should cancel this event due to a lack of interest.

14 January 2006 - Genealogy of DNA. Save all the articles references whatever you see. It is felt that we need this program and will put it on ourselves if we can't find someone.

Genealogical books from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*, and from the Benton County Genealogical Society's selection of new and used books, will be available for purchase at every meeting during 2005.

27th Annual National Genealogical Society Conference in the US

June 1-4, 2005 - at the Nashville Conference Center, Nashville, TN. The conference brings together genealogists and family historians - people who have done research all of their lives and those who have only recently become interested, professionals and non-professionals who have a common desire to learn more about how to find those tidbits of history which refer to their ancestors. For more information and registration, go to: http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/

Were You Seeking Shangle Family Information?

The following is the content of a letter that BCGS received from the Oregon Genealogical Society in Eugene, It reads as follows:

Dear People,

I hope someone in your group will recognize part of the following story, since, as you will see, I don't know exactly to whom I want to write.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 26, I helped a pair of ladies look at some microfilmed newspapers at the University of Oregon Knight Library in Eugene. I gave them a business card for the Oregon Genealogical Society. They said they were from Corvallis and belonged to the Benton County Society. One of the ladies was nearly blind, but knew her research methods very well. They were looking for an obituary for **Elizabeth Shangle** who died in Portland in March 1916. They found Elizabeth's obituary, then wondered about her husband but didn't have enough information to find him. I didn't think to ask the ladies' names since I supposed our slight business was finished.

Now, quite by accident, I have found a cemetery listing that includes **John V. Shangle**, who looks to have been in the 1880 census of Ness County, Kansas, with Elizabeth as his wife. I would like to get this additional information into the right hands, but don't know whose they are. I hope you can address your membership generally and find the researchers interested in the SHANGLEs so they can get in touch with me. Sincerely, Kent Asmussen, Research Committee, e-mail clandig@aol.com

2006 Program Suggestions

Our program chairperson, Dave Kribs, has received some suggestions, which are listed below, for upcoming programs for 2006. If any of these listed are of interest to you or if you have any suggestions, please contact him at 929-6079 or e-mail him at cdkribs@pioneer.net

11 February 2006 - ? Digitizing Newspaper Films

11 March 2006 - ? DAR

8 April 2006 - ? Civil War

3 May 2006 - Genealogy Methods - Danell Aukerman

10 June 2006 - Potluck

9 September 2006 - Show 'N' Tell

14 October 2006 - County and City Archives

11 November 2006 ? State Archives

Searching for Ancestors? Saturday Seminar at the Beach May 21, 2005

Sponsored by The Clatsop County Genealogical Society "Discovering the Past with the Tools of Today"

Presented by Geoffrey Rasmussen, B.A. Genealogy

8:30 am - Registration. <u>Must be pre-paid by May 14</u> 9:00-9:50 - Marketing your Ancestors: Message Boards, Queries and Mailing Lists

10:00-10:50 - Chronologies and Timelines: The Foundation of Genealogical Success

11:00-11:50 - Mapping your Ancestors Electronically: Using Software and the Internet

12:00-12:50 - Lunch and Marketplace

1:00-1:50 - Organizing, Planning and Sharing Using Legacy Family Tree

2:00-2:50 - Publish your Genealogy on the Internet

Cost for non-members is \$25 which includes lunch and Syllabus.

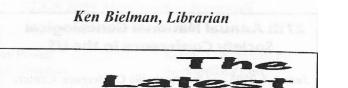
Flyer and Registration forms are in the BCGS Library, or go to their website at: http://www.pacifier.com/~karenl/ or call Joan Johnson at 503-717-1824 or e-mail seashell@pacifier.com or call Mary Lovell at 503-325-3034.

QUERIES

By Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay

STARR - BURLINGAME

I am seeking information about any of the Burlingames in the Sheridan, Dilly and Forest Grove areas. I am particularly interested in learning about Eliza Ann Starr, second wife of Anson S. Burlingame, my great great grandfather. They were married in Benton County on November 19, 1885. I have indications that she died in Sheridan, Oregon on September 19, 1905, but I can find no death record or burial place. She was the daughter of John Wesley Starr and Eliza Ann Lucas. Submitted by Lynn Burlingame. If you have any information, please contact Lee or Janice at the e-mail addresses listed on the address page of the newsletter.



Number	Category	Author	Title
2332	OR	Haskin	Linn County Pioneer Stories of, Vol 2. Green paperback.
2333	OR	WPA	Linn County, History of. Tan paperback. Irene Harding Collection
2334	OR	McCoy	Linn County, John McCoy Biography, and Brief History. Blue paperback
2335	GRB	Room	Place Names, British Isles, Dictionary of. Gray paperback
2336	CA/VF	Nicklas	County Courthouse Records. Light tan paperback
2337	REF	Hansen	Railroad (North American) Directory. Red and gray paperback
2338	TN	Sistler	Early West Tennessee Marriages, Vol 1-A, Grooms, A to L. Yellow paperback with black comb binding
2339	TN	Sistler	Early West Tennessee Marriages, Vol 1-B, Grooms, L to Z. Yellow paperback with black comb binding
2340	TN	Sistler	Early West Tennessee Marriages, Vol 2-A, Brides, A to K. Yellow paperback with black comb binding
2341	TN	Sistler	Early West Tennessee Marriages, Vol 2-B, Brides, K to Z. Yellow paperback with black comb binding
2342	FH/VF	Nourse	Hoar Family in America. Gray paperback
2343	FH/VF	Banks	Daggett, Thomas Family, Vol II. Gray paperback
2344	FH/VF	Banks	Daggett, Joseph Family, Vol III Gray paperback

Life takes it's toll. Have exact change ready!

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Vermont Town Histories: Grafton, Berlin, Saxton's River; Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Vermont; Marriages in Montpelier and Marriages in Barre and Berlin in Washington County; Ancestors of American Presidents; Thomas Dudley and His Descendants.

WANTED - BENTON COUNTY WEB PAGES

The Benton county USGenWeb pages have a new page as of April 18th, to provide links to Home Pages of people with Benton county Surnames featured. If you have a web page of your own, or know of one that has a Benton county connection, send an e-mail to Lee Gentemann at rootsfinder@pioneer.net.

The new page currently has a title of Home Pages with Benton County Surnames and is on the web at:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/homepages.

At the moment there are only two web sites featured: King Family Website
http://www.all-oregon.com/king/
Lee Gentemann's Surnames:
http://www.gentemann.com/surnames.html
Please submit suggestions.

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Mark Your Calendars

- May 12-15, 2005 The Oregon DAR Annual Conference will be held in Eugene, OR. For additional information log on to their website at: http://www.rootsweb.com/~orossdar
- June 1-4, 2005 27th Annual National Genealogical Society Conference in the US at the Nashville Conference
 Center, Nashville, TN. The conference brings together genealogists and family historians people who have done
 research all or their lives and those who have only recently become interested, professionals and non-professionals who
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- June 3-4, 2005 Cemetery Conservation Seminar and Workshop at Mission Mill in Salem, OR.
- September 7-10, 2005 FGS Annual Conference, "Reminders of the Past, Visions for the Future", Salt Lake City, UT.
- November 11, 2005-March 11, 2006 Oregon Historical Society hosts the largest event in history: Lewis & Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibition.

Some event information was excerpted from The Genealogical Council of Oregon Newsletter, Vol. 36, No. 2, April 2005.

WE'VE BEEN AWARDED A SMALL GRANT!

Thanks to Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, who offers small genealogy grants from her web site, www.honoringourancestors.com, the Benton County Genealogical Society has been awarded \$165 to digitize two reels of the Corvallis Times. Here's what the site had to say about it:

"The active members of the Benton County Genealogical Society of Philomath, Oregon, have had a project underway for almost 12 years to index Benton County births and deaths as reported in the Corvallis newspapers from 1865 to 1926 (approximately 9,700 names to date). Progress has been slower than they'd like due to the need for volunteers to schedule time at the few available microfilm readers in the area, so the society will use this grant to digitize two reels of microfilm to allow volunteers to work from their home computers. This is intended as a trial run to see if digitizing the records will speed up the project—not a bad idea for other societies to mimic!"

Megan Smolynak Smolynak is a frequent writer for Ancestry Magazine. According to the blurb at the end of one of her articles, she is the author of Honoring Our Ancestors, In Search of Our Ancestors, and They Came to America. She lectures widely and has appeared in Ancestors, They Came to America and the Today Show, among others.

The films, 2/16/1915 to 2/19/1916 and 2/19/1919 to 12/27/1919, have been sent to a Portland firm to be digitized. Reading each paper page by page will still take the same amount of time, but it is hoped that our volunteers will find working at home more convenient.

Here lies the body of John Mound Lost at sea and never found Winslow, Maine Epitaph

Genealogical Council of Oregon Spring Meeting April 16, 2005 Bend, OR

Bend Genealogical Society will host the Genealogical Council of Oregon Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 16. Bend is celebrating its centennial this year and appropriately, the program will go along with this celebration. Curtis Lantz, Administrator of the Deschutes County Historical Center, will be showing slides of old Bend that are in the new book, "Bend, 100 Years of History", published by the Deschutes County Historical Society. The book will be available for sale at the meeting.

9:00 am	Sign-in
9:30 am-	Business Meeting
12:00 noon	Lunch
12:30 pm	Guest Speaker
1:30 pm	APG Meeting

Lunch will be a soup/salad buffet with bread and dessert. Reservations are appreciated for planning purposes. Cost is \$10 payable to BGS. Questions or for reservations, contact Marilyn Fiedler at 541-389-2259 or mfiedler@bendcable.com.

The meeting will be held in Williamson Hall (behind Scrap-A-Doodle), 2200 NE Highway20, Bend, OR. Directions: From Highway 97 in Bend turn East on NE Greenwood Ave/US-20. Continue to follow US-20 for 1.7 miles.

Flyers with registration forms and a list of Bend hotels will be available at the BCGS library.

The Oregon Genealogical Society's Annual Spring Seminar 2005 "Genealogical Research through Technology"

Saturday, April 23, 2005 8:15 am to 4:00 pm

Wesley United Methodist Church 1385 Oakway Rd., Eugene, OR

- John Rudnick, Portland, Oregon researcher and presenter with 30 years experience:
 - 1) "Variety in Records" Computerizing paper records and organizing computer files with a focus on vital records.
 - 2) "Family Skeletons: Turning from the Dark Side through Understanding and Compassion" A case study on the importance of gathering facts and dealing with personal emotions. This should have wide interest, even among those who may falsely believe they have no family skeletons in their genealogical closet.
- Byron Bray, an experienced computer consultant and genealogical researcher and presenter:
 "Using the Internet to find your lost Ancestors." This presentation will be a summary and update of the many web sites and resources that the family historian/genealogist will find on the Internet. This includes an extensive biography.
- Rick Slaven is the co-owner of the computer company, Special Editions, and an experienced presenter with thirty-five years experience with Family History research. "Using GenSmarts: The Best New Software Gem Available Today" This new program will help find those lost ancestors in ways you hadn't thought possible.
- Paula Slaven, Co-owner of the company, Special Editions, Slavens Enterprises, which does customized biographies. She is an experienced researcher and presenter: "Preserving the Story Behind the Dates, Facts, and Statistics" Paula will focus on interview techniques and how to electronically store your story.

: Registration is \$40.00 which includes buffet lunch and handouts. Early registration is recommended. For more information contact Fern Kellow, (541) 683-4309, e-mail fernmell@comcast.net or OGS Library (541) 345-0399.

The Bend Genealogical Society presents Connie Lenzen, CGRS

Lecturer, author of more than 6 books, and contributing author to national and local genealogical publications.

May 7, 2005, 9 am—3 pm Registration at 8 am Williamson Hal

(the recreation building for Rock Arbor Villa), **2200 NE Highway 20, Bend, OR** (behind Scrap-A-Doodle)

Topics: 1) Church Records for Genealogists

- Strategies for Research in Adoption and Finding Missing Persons
- 3) Using the Internet to Find Your Roots

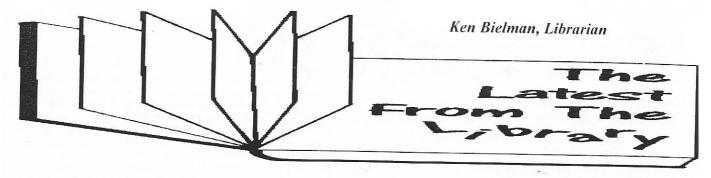
Cost: \$25 (includes box lunch) if registered by May 3. After that, the cost is \$30 and lunch is not included. Flyer and Registration form is in the BCGS Library.

Searching for Railroad Ancestors?

The Book Committee has ordered "The Directory of North American Railroads" pertaining to biodata research of Former railroad employees. The book lists associations, archives, museums, etc.. "You just might find your railroad ancestor".

If you are searching for railroad ancestors, the Railroad Retirement Board is an agency of the United States Government, headquartered in Washington DC is a good place to begin your search. There is a District office in Portland which might be the most convenient starting point to search for details about a retired railroad employee. The address, phone number and web site address are:

Railroad Retirement Board 1220 SW 3rd Ave, Room 377 Portland, OR 97204-2807 503-326-2143 web site: http://www.rrb.gov/



Number	Category	Author	Title
2327	FH	Hodges	Hodges of Colonial South Carolina, The. Black 3-ring notebook.
2328 2329	SCO-IRE CA	Dobson Siskiyou Co. Hist Soc	Gift of George Casaday. Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725, Part 3. White paperback Siskiyou County Pioneer Yearbook, 1981. Tan paperback. Gift of
2330	TN	Lucas	Marriages from Early Tennessee Newspapers, 1794-1851
2331	TN	Robbins	Orange-brown hardback. Maury County, TN, Century Review of, 1807-1907. Navy hardback.

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Cheshire County, New Hampshire Town Histories:
Gilsum, Keene, Swanzey, Marlborough and Fitzwilliam;
The Cheshire County Gazetteer; Fifty Great Migration
Colonists and their Origins; Early New England People;
Mary and John Passengers (3 volumes)

Damaris Reynolds (541) 753-2820 or e-mail her at: damarisrenolds@webtv.com

Genealogical Tidbits By Lee Gentemann

Blodgett Cemetery On-line

Thanks to Patricia de Bruijn, a Blodgett family descendant in Holland, of all places, the Blodgett Cemetery is now on-line at:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/Cemeteries/Blodgett.html

Patricia contacted me to see if the cemetery is on-line. I told her no, but if she would like to volunteer to do the typing from our cemetery books, I'd put it on-line. 24 hours later, she had the typing back to me.

WEBSITES

LINKS

The Benton County Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that through the generosity of our volunteers, we have added 1,000 new names to our on-line Newspaper Project. There are now a total of 8765 individuals listed. http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html

New! Family Tree Maker 2005. Build your tree and search for your ancestors at the same time. Share your tree with family and friends. Learn more:

http://landing.ancestry.com/familytreemaker/2005/tour.aspx?sourceid=14599&targetid=5429

Genealogical Forum of Oregon's Spring Seminar, "Real Records, Real Sources: Keys to Unlocking your Family History", will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005 at the Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW Cornell Rd, Portland, OR. The speaker will be Chuck Knuthson, a professional

genealogist from California, who will present four lectures:
1) Early Research: Vital, Census, Property and Probate

- 1) Early Research: Vital, Census, Property and Probate Records.
- 2) Researching Federal Non-Population Census Schedules.
- 3) Researching Voting Records.
- 4) The Golden Door US Immigration: 1820 1920.

Registration is at 8 am and the program begins at 9 am. Cost is \$28 if mailed by April 16 and \$33 after the 16th. Lunch is an additional \$7 and needs to be ordered before April 16. Send registration to: GFO, 2005 Spring Seminar, PO Box 42567, Portland, OR 97242-0567 or visit the website at: http://www,gfo.org

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:

2 May for the 14 May meeting. Cookies—Leila Crawford/Teri Greene

31 May for the 11 June meeting. Cookies—Ken Bielman

	Membership Information	
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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: 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!