



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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#### Internet Resources - Danell Aukerman

Danell has been researching her family history for the past 25 years. She bought her first computer back in 1987 for the main purpose of keeping track of all her research. Genealogy remains its primary use. She has taught genealogy classes at LBCC for the past nine years-- Beginning Genealogy, Intermediate Genealogy and Internet Research. She's a past president of our society, and the WPA Collection of books which we sell were edited and published under her direction. She is currently employed by Linn-Benton Community College as a computer programmer. She also owns the Village Genealogy Bookshoppe in Adair Village.

### YAQUINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

From the Eastman Newsletter

The Yaquina Genealogy Society in Oregon has changed its name to the Lincoln County Genealogy Society. Along with the new name change, the society will be starting the year with a new slate of officers: Bruce McCain, president; Melissa Neal, vice-president; and Marcia Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

A board of directors committee has met to guide the society into this year of fresh beginnings. Additional members of this board, which includes the above named officers, include Patsy DeSilva, past president Art Kelly, and Duane Ellis.

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**"A great library contains the  
diary of the human race."**

**George Mercer Dawson 1849-1901**

### Book Looks By Charlene Talbot

This useful book, *A Bibliography of American County Histories*, compiled by P. William Filby, is in our Genealogical Society library under US. The Corvallis-Benton County Library has it only as a reference book, so it is particularly satisfying that our members are able to check it out and take it home to use at our convenience.

The next step when you find your county of interest is to see about obtaining the volumes through inter-library loan. So far, we're happy to report, we have been able to obtain any volume we requested. Sometimes we've had to go to the Corvallis library to look at a particular book, and sometimes we've been able to have it sent to the Philomath branch library, check it out, and take it home. Once or twice, with very rare copies of county histories, we have been sent only the index and from there have been able to obtain the pages that we thought might be relevant.

The reason we are familiar with this bibliography is that we have a Revolutionary ancestor named John Wortman who was a Loyalist. He and his family went to Canada with the Spring Fleet of 1783. The list of his children and their birth dates has come down in our family, but nothing about his birthplace or the date. A John Wortman is listed in the book on New Jersey Loyalists, but no county is given! There appear to have been at least five men named John Wortman scattered about New Jersey at that time. (We've finally settled on Monmouth County. All the other John Wortmans were still there after the Revolution ended.)

Getting back to county histories, a magazine article we read recently said that one should be sure to look at all the histories written for the county of interest, if there is more than one, because they're not all the same. One may just have that scrap of information you need.

Besides county histories, the Bibliography lists regional books, such as, for instance, under New York State, the History of the Valley of the Hudson, or, under Virginia, Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants.

This Bibliography gives the author, and name and date of the publisher--in fact, all the information the inter-library loan form asks for.

Some years ago we were able to straighten out the descendants of one of our great uncles (which wife bore which children) by looking at one of those 1890's vanity publications for

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Marshall County, Kansas.

If you haven't already used this Bibliography, we highly recommend it.

**BCGS 2006 Membership**  
(since last newsletter)

\* Note: Any renewals since this list was sent to the newsletter will appear in next months newsletter.

**Renewal**

Sarah & Hilmer Schmidt

**New Members**

Lois & Ed Goering  
DAR - Winema Chapter



**PHILOMATH NEWS, 1883**

The elopement of Elmer Bethers and Miss Laura Porter from near Philomath about ten days ago, and of which mention was made in the GAZETTE last week, has been permanently settled. The young couple took a southeasterly direction from here and arrived at Roseberg after a two days' journey, where they sought protection under the strong arm of the law and were united in holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. John Howard of that place. The happy couple spent the night together at the hotel and expected to return to their old haunts near Philomath the next day and settle down to enjoy the stern realities of connubial bliss, but on a telegram received by Sheriff Perdom they were both arrested and the young man escorted to other quarters, the guest of Douglas county, while the young lady was persuaded to sleep alone at the hotel. They were returned by the proper authorities to the "home of their childhood" and young Bethers gave bail to appear and answer the charge arrested for. On last Tuesday the accused appeared at the place appointed, assisted by proper counsel, to defend himself, but as the prosecuting witness failed to appear young Bethers was discharged. We understand that the young husband and wife have settled down to enjoy the real blessing of wedded life, and although their launch has been rough and ragged, it is to be hoped that their troubles are over and that they may skim across the matrimonial sea with a favorable wind always blowing in the right direction.

This was found in the CORVALLIS GAZETTE by one of our volunteers on the Corvallis Newspaper project.

***A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.***

**Upcoming Programs**

- 13 May 2006 - Civil War
- 10 June 2006 - Potluck
- 9 September 2006 - Show 'N' Tell
- 14 October 2006 - ? County and City Archives
- 11 November 2006 - ? State Archives
- 9 December 2006 - Christmas Party, Auction, and Raffle

Books published by Benton County Genealogical Society are always available for purchase at the society library after each meeting, and every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM. They are also available at the Benton County Historical Museum, during their normal hours.

Genealogical books featuring archival storage material and genealogical research will be available for purchase from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe* by logging onto the web site at:  
[www.thevillagegenealogybookshoppe.com](http://www.thevillagegenealogybookshoppe.com)

**The Oregon State Library Reference Room** (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on **April 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** for genealogical research. Use the Winter St. entrance. On street parking in the Capitol area is free on Saturdays.

*The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*



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The following volumes are duplicates and will be discarded. Anyone wanting all or part of these should contact Ken Bielman by phone 758-3769, or email, <bielman@pioneer.net> before the April Membership meeting.

- "Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals" published by the National Archives. This paperback lists microfilms at the National Archives by reel number, categorized by date and by port of arrival. There are no passenger lists.
- Five volumes of "Historically Speaking", a periodic publication of the Polk County (OR) Historical Society.
  - Vol II, Aug 1970
  - Vol III, Aug 1974
  - Vol ?, 1876
  - Vol IV, Aug 1980
  - Vol V, Aug 1981

### **Library Volunteers Needed**

Lee Rudisill, our Library Staffing Chairperson, has asked for a permanent volunteer to work at the BCGS Library on the first Tuesday of every month with Betty Brummett from 12:30-3:00 pm. If we cannot find a permanent person, we would gladly accept help from anyone on that day.

Many of our long time library volunteers are no longer able to help staff the BCGS Library. We need to have two people working in the library when it is open on Tuesdays. If you are able to donate 2 1/2 hours per month of your time it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Lee Rudisill at (541) 753-7891 or e-mail her at [rudy@proaxis.com](mailto:rudy@proaxis.com).

### **Library Staffing Schedule**

April 11, 2006 - Leila Crawford  
April 18, 2006 - Ken & Julie Bielman  
April 25, 2006 - Damaris Reynolds  
May 2, 2006 - Betty Brummett  
May 9, 2006 - Leila Crawford

**Schedule repeats monthly. Leila also works the 5th Tuesdays.**

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- **May 18 - 20, 2006 - The Oregon Heritage Commission and the Coquille Indian Tribe, Co-Sponsors, 2006 Heritage Conference. Theme: Heritage Preservations: It's a Local Story.** Find details at [www.oregonheritage.org](http://www.oregonheritage.org)
- **June 7 - 10, 2006 - National Genealogical Society - 2006 Annual Conference. Theme: They Passed This Way.** For information go to [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
- **July 28 - 30, 2006 - Fort Hoskins - 150 year celebration.** Watch future newsletters for details.
- **August 30 - September 2, 2006 - The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the New England Historic and Genealogical Society Conference, Boston, MA.** For a list of topics and speakers go to [www.fgsconference.blogspot.com/](http://www.fgsconference.blogspot.com/). To register with a credit card online go to [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org). This event is being advertised as the "largest genealogical conference ever held."
- **October 6-7, 2006 - Genealogical Council of Oregon Bi-annual Conference. HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

# Oregon Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar

Theme: Tracing the Threads of Our Ancestor's Lives Across the United States

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2006

Time: 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

For more information phone 541-683-4309 or e-mail fernemell@comcast.net

Where: Wesley United Methodist Church, 1385 Oakway Road, Eugene, Oregon

Cost: \$40.00 (Includes lunch and materials). Early Registration recommended. Make checks payable to: Oregon Genealogical Society, Inc. and mail to Oregon Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 10306, Eugene, Oregon 97440-2306.

## Speakers & Topics

- 1) **Susan LeBlanc:** *"Researching your New England Ancestors."*  
Discover the rich heritage of your ancestors in the wealth of resources in the early records of the New England States.
- 2) **JoAnne Haugen:** *"After the Census What? Finding Your Lost Ancestors in the Mid-South States of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky."*
- 3) **Pat Baars:** *"Where Do I Look Next? Finding Migrations."*  
People who migrated were motivated by a complex combination of pushes and pulls. They were not dropped and picked up by aliens! Find clues suggesting where your people were before and where they went afterward, using history, geography, and psychology.
- 4) **Beverly Rice:** *"Railroads and the Western Migration."*  
Railroads and how they influenced migration and settlement of the mid-west and west. Research sources that may be offered by the railroads.

## Carriage Me Back to 1906

Brownsville, Oregon

May 6 & 7, 2006

A sometimes historical, often hysterical reenactment of life in Brownsville in 1906, including a carriage ride around town.

Saturday 10 - 3

Sunday 12 - 4

Price: Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00

For ticket reservations call  
(541) 466-3390

Several local restaurants will be open for lunch.



*Program Review*  
*By David Krebs, Program Chairman*

11 March 2006

DAR

As genealogist we are aware of the amount of material that has been saved and available to us through the efforts of the DAR. Anne Griggs Regent and Jane Buck Vice Regent from Benton County's Winema Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution came to tell us about our local and state organization.

**GENEALOGY POX**

**Genealogy Pox - Very contagious to adults**

**Symptoms:**

A continual complaint as to the need for names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression, often deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records on internet sites, at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters, swears at the mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote desolate areas. Makes secret night calls. Hides phone bill from spouse. Mumbles to self and has a far away look in eyes.

**NO KNOWN CURE....**

**Treatment:**

Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy meetings, subscribe to a magazine and be given a quiet corner in the house where they can be alone. The usual nature of this disease is that the sicker the patient gets the more they enjoy it!

Joyce Crete

Dan Barrett, Canada <barrett@vaxxine.com>

Submitted by Tanya Rawie

**The Bend Genealogical Society**

**Spring Seminar**

May 6, 2006 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Featuring Connie Lenzen, CGRS and Gerald Lenzen, President Genealogical Council of Oregon. They will present two lectures each.

**Gerald:**

"Exploring Your Roots in American Land Records"

"Footprints of Our Wanderers"

**Connie:**

"Evidence Analysis - How to Break Down Brick Walls"

Probate Records Where There is a Will"

**When:** May 6, 2006, 9 am - 3 pm, **registration is at 8 am.**

**Where:** Williamson Hall (recreation bldg. Rock Arbor Villa), 2200 NE Hwy. 20, Bend, OR

**Cost:** \$35.00 (includes box lunch if registered by April 27, 2006. Payments after April 27, 2006 lunch is not included. Lunch includes choice of sandwich, whole fruit, chips, cookie and drink.

**Please complete application and mail with your check to: BGS, P.O. Box 8254, Bend, OR 97708.**

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

1 May for the 13 May meeting. Cookies—Betty Brummett  
 30 May for the 10 June meeting. Cookies—Kathleen Coan

### Membership Information

Acting President	Bill Gleaves	gleavw@peak.org	738-8189
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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: [sprawlson@proaxis.com](mailto:sprawlson@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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