



NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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DECEMBER 14th CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AUCTION

The December 14th meeting will be our annual Christmas party and auction where you can get a unique Christmas gift (perhaps some special jam or Christmas bread) and socialize with fellow BCGS members. If you have something to offer for the auction, fine, but come anyway with a snack to share (cookies, nuts, etc.) for a buffet lunch and be prepared to have a good time. Ted Gump has agreed to be our auctioneer and we all know how much fun he puts into the bidding.

Our December 14th meeting location has been moved to the Fireside Room across from the church sanctuary.

***Best Wishes to All for a
Wonderful Holiday Season
and a Joyous New Year!***

Many Thanks

Thanks to Gene Newcomb for his generous donation of the CD collections: *Pedigree Resource File (25 CD's)* and the *British Isles Vital Records Index (15 CD's)*.

BCGS Library Closures

The BCGS library will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and also on Tuesday, December 31, 2002.

The library will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

Using AncestryPlus Free

After Christopher Rumbaugh's talk at the October general meeting about the genealogical resources at the Corvallis/Benton County library, we decided to investigate AncestryPlus for ourselves. It is not available to at-home users.

We signed up for an hour's computer use at the library (Philomath branch). The handout Christopher Rumbaugh distributed showed that AncestryPlus has indexes and images of the 1790 Census through the 1850 Census. The 1860 Census has images and a partial index, whatever that means. What it seems to mean is that AncestryPlus comes up with the exact image you're looking for, or maybe we were just lucky. For 1870 through 1910 there are only images. The 1920 Census has both images and index; the 1930 Census has images and a partial index.

With help from the research librarian we got the library's home page on the screen and clicked on the listing Magazines and More. That's where AncestryPlus is to be found. Our aim was to find Henry Schroeder in Maryland in the 1840 and 1850 census, and it worked!

The 1840 Census showed Henry Schroeder in the City of Baltimore. The 1850 Census showed him in Baltimore, 13th Ward, and by clicking on the full image button, we were able to see the actual census. Henry Schroeder was age 35, his wife, Dorothy Schroeder, was age 33, both were born in Germany. He was a shoe manufacturer, with \$5,000 worth of property. His sons, Henry, 10, and Augustus, 7, were born in Maryland and attending school. Three younger children were listed -- Frederick, Louisa and William.

Next we went to the 1870 Census. We were looking for a woman in Maine whom our research showed as age 74 that year. We found her in Cumberland County, Westbrook Township. In order to see the actual census image, which would tell who she was enumerated with and what she was doing there, it was necessary to look through 13 sheets of Westbrook Township before we found her. Evidently Westbrook had cotton mills. The other person sharing her house was a weaver, female, age 42, from New Brunswick. Her women neighbors, some of them also from Canada, worked in a cotton mill.

One thing to be aware of is that the page numbers on the Index (stamped on presumably by the National Archives) are not

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the same as the image numbers at Ancestry. The other thing to learn in using AncestryPlus is how to enlarge the image. Click on the button that shows the magnifying glass, then move the cursor to the area you want to see enlarged and click again. Simple, once you know how.

AncestryPlus doesn't show an index for the 1880 Census, but they do have the images. By combining the recently launched 1880 Index on the FamilySearch site and the AncestryPlus images, and some luck, you may be able to find the family you're looking for.

One last thing. We found that an hour of computer time goes by quickly but is tiring. There was no one waiting to use the computer when our hour was up, but we were ready to quit.

CONFIRMATION OF 2003 OFFICERS

The election of BCGS Officers for 2003 was held at the November 9th meeting and will be sworn into office at the December 14th meeting. Elected officers are:

President	Danell Aukerman
1st Vice-President	Bill Gleaves
2nd Vice-President	Margaret Hays
Secretary	Jim Russell
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb

Genealogy Collection

The estate of Irene Harding has donated a genealogy collection to BCGS consisting of 24 boxes of books, CD's, pamphlets, films and newsletters pertaining to N. E. Canada and the U.S. Ken Bielman has inventoried them and a list will be available at the BCGS library along with instructions on how to check them out.

January Program

January 11, 2003 - Danell Aukerman will give a presentation on the Investigation of Military Records.

BOOK FOR SALE

The latest WPA book, *Commissioner Journals: Probate Court A & B - 1850 - 1856*, is now available for sale. Cost is \$20.00. Please contact Danell Aukerman if you are interested in purchasing this book.

BCGS New Members

(since last newsletter)

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(503) 589-4467
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2003 Membership Renewals

(since last newsletter)

Norman Barnes	no e-mail
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Joan Shaw	jofrshaw@proaxis.com

THIS 'N' THAT

Our new copier, computer, printer, and CD player are all up and running. Copies are \$.10 per copy,

WPA - Currently 3/4 way through transcribing the Baptist Church records and should be ready in a couple of months.

The Book Committee has purchased 6 volumes of *Irish Potato Farmer Immigrants* and they should be in the BCGS library soon.

IT'S 2002... DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR GR-GR-GRANDPARENTS ARE?

BCGS members have been invited by the **Linn Genealogical Society** to attend their meeting and tour their library on **Saturday, January 4, 2003**. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. and is held at the courthouse in Albany.

The field trip to the Wilsonville Library, scheduled for November, was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Since there has been declining interest in the Field Trips, no more trips are being planned after our trip to the Linn Genealogical Society on January 4, 2003.

Directions to the Linn Co. Courthouse

From I-5

Take Exit 234B: Albany/Hwy 20, onto Pacific Blvd. Follow Pacific Blvd west through six stop lights. Exit to the right: City Center/Corvallis/Hwy 20 onto Lyon St. Turn left at 5th St. and go two blocks. Courthouse is on the right. Covers the block between 4th and 5th on Ellsworth St.

From Hwy 20 east from Corvallis

Take Hwy 20 east. Cross the Ellsworth St. bridge. Courthouse is on the right between 4th and 5th Streets.

From Hwy 20 west from Lebanon

Take Hwy 20 west. It becomes Santiam Blvd. Follow Santiam Blvd. until it merges with Pacific Blvd. Exit to the right: City Center/Corvallis/Hwy 20 onto Lyon St. Turn left at 5th St. and go two blocks. Courthouse is on the right. Covers the block between 4th and 5th on Ellsworth St.

From Hwy 34, East from Corvallis to Albany

Take Hwy 34. Exit right to Hwy 99W. Turn left at the light at the bottom of the ramp. Follow 99W (aka Pacific Blvd) to Albany. Exit right to Corvallis/City Center/Hwy 20 at the Train Station. Turn left onto Lyon St. Turn left on 5th and go two blocks. Courthouse is on the right.

Parking is allowed on the street in the vicinity of the courthouse.

Quilt Raffle

The Benton County Historical Museum is raffling off a quilt. Cost is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be later this month.

Destination Column

Every genealogist has their favorite research facilities. Those places we spend hours combing through books, films and documents. We want to hear about them. Please submit the location (street address, too!), hours of operation, the resources available, and contact information, including web address and phone numbers.

Visit To University of Oregon's Knight Library

Submitted by Deloras Martin

Here are some web pages that may assist with your visit:

Our Genealogy resource guide:

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/subjguid/humanities/geneal/geneal.html>

List of Oregon Newspapers

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/govdocs/micro/papers.htm>

The UO Libraries do not generally keep older issues of U.S. newspapers, with the exception of the following titles, which are available on microfilm, shelved first by city, then by title in the Microforms section of Knight Library: Boston Sunday Globe, 1872-1906 Chicago Tribune, 1849-1887 Christian Science Monitor (Boston, MA), 1908-recent Los Angeles Times, 1941-recent New York Times, 1857-recent Pittsburgh Courier, 1966-2000 San Francisco Chronicle, 1869-current Seattle Times, 1896-recent Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN), 1968 Times-Picayune (New Orleans, LA), 1845-1854, 1908-1962 Village Voice (New York, NY), 1955-recent Wall Street Journal (New York, NY), 1889-recent Washington Post, 1877-recent

The following page has a map of campus (you want the Knight Library)

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/general/about/campusmap.html>

Generally, parking during weekdays can be extremely frustrating. There are meters along Kincaid and nearby streets.

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QUERIES

By Mabelle Martsching

Additional information has been received on the **Huard** family.

Queries on the **Holter** family, **George C. Starr**, and **Mary Jane Wellsher** have been completed.

Missing Books/CD's

Thanks to Jean Grube, Damaris Reynolds, Fran Grotefend, Mary France, Lee Rudisill and Julie & Ken Bielman, an inventory of the BCGS library was conducted last July. A number of books and CD's were not accounted for, but fortunately, most of them have since been located. Some are still missing. We ask each of our members who have checked out documents to carefully inspect their own libraries to see if any of our missing items have unexpectedly wound up where they shouldn't be. No reprimands given; we'll just be glad to retrieve any of our missing volumes. The list follows:

MISSING BOOKS AS OF DEC 3, 2002

301	IN	Heiss	Indiana Source Book I
1983	MA	Galvin	Cities and Towns of Massachusetts, Historical Data. Lt Blue Paperback. Gift of Damaris Reynolds
649	OR	Miles & Milligan	Donation Land Claims, Oregon Territory
691	OR		Benton County, Corvallis City Directory, 1988
693	OR	Parish, Philip H.	Before the Covered Wagon
719	OR	Gen. Forum of Oregon	Donation Land Claims, Abstracts Rejected ODL applications, Oregon City, Roseburg, etc.
720	OR	Gen. Forum of Portland	Donation Land Claims, Index to Oregon Donation Land Claims
828	OR		Polk County Historical Society
943	OR	Gen Forum	Bulletin" Index, Vols. 38-41**
776	FH		THORNTON, Heirs of John
1000	FH	Seaver	CAMPBELL Family History
788	HT	Oates	The Art of Collecting Genealogy & History
1453	HT	Consumer Guide	Tracing Your Roots
174	OR	Haskin	Linn County Cemeteries - 1939
1324	OR	Reynolds & Grube	Benton County, Corvallis Church Records (to 1920) (Evangelical, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran)
1987	OR/VF		Kiger, Henry E., Descendants of, Vol 5, No 4 of the Kiger Kounter, a newsletter.
841	PA	Bleidner	Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Lucerne Co., Census Index, 1870
762	SL	Natl Archives & Records Svcs	Federal Population Censuses, 1790-1899
945	SL		Catalog of Eugene, OR Branch Genealogical Library, 1975
1137	SL		Oregon Genealogical Society Library Shelf List (Eugene), 1994; Filed in white notebook, #2014, SL
320	TN	Hathaway	Genealogical Research in Tennessee**
109	US	Dubester	State Censuses
740	US	Kirkham	American Church Records, V. I., A Survey of
853	US/SL		US Gov'tCatalog of 1790-1890 Fed Pop Census Data
855	US/SL		US Gov'tCatalog of 1910 Fed Pop Census Data
1702	VA	Gannett	A Gazetteer of Virginia and West Virginia
1853	VA		Will Records, "Virginia"
1603	VF/Misc	Meitzler	Locating Your Ancestor's Family When all you Know is the State
1328	VID	Video Knowledge	Genealogist's Video Research Guides, Part IV, Compiled Sources
1475	WAVF	Cully/Coan	St Andrews, WA, Recollections of Homesteading in
1507	WAL	Lloyd	Beginning Welsh Research, rev. ed.
948	WI/VF	Danky	Intro to the Resources of the State Historical Soc of WI
968	WI/VF	Bailey, indexer	Dane County, WI, Index to Biographical Review of, 1903

Linn County Historical Museum

The Linn County Historical Museum is located in Brownsville, OR and has research materials, historical resources, exhibits, and programs.

TRIVIA

From The Heritage Newsletter, October 2002

1853 OREGON TRAIL

On November 4, 1853, the ST. LOUIS MISSOURI REPUBLICAN reported the following on Immigrants that passed Ft. Kearny up to August 15, 1853 on the Oregon Trail.

Males	9,909
Females	2,252
Children	3,052
Horses	5,477
Mules	2,190
Cattle	105,792
Sheep	48,495
Wagons	3,708

ANY FAMILY TREE PRODUCES SOME LEMONS, SOME NUTS, AND A FEW BAD APPLES

BOOK INTEREST

The book committee would like to learn the interests of members, so would you please fill out this form, sign it, and bring it to the meeting or mail it to the Benton County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1646, Philomath, 97370.

In which two states are you most interested? _____

What particular fields are you searching; ie: census, probates., military records, etc? _____

In which country besides the US are you most interested? _____

If there is a book which you believe the Society library should have, please name it and, if possible, give the publisher- _____

If there is, would you be willing to contribute to the cost? _____

If you wish to donate a book in memory of someone, a bookplate will be placed in the book.

Visit to University of Oregon's Knight Library

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Knight Library Reference Email Service
University of Oregon Library
Tel: (541) 346-1818
Email: libref@oregon.uoregon.edu

Two copies of the list of Oregon newspapers at the University of Oregon's Knight Library are in the BCGS library.

Membership Renewal

Renewing your membership allows continuation to participate in Society activities, which includes the use of the Genealogy Library which has over 1800 volumes of various books, periodicals and CD's; sharing in the Society's activities (potlucks, Christmas buffet and craft auction, used book and periodicals sale); receiving the monthly newsletter; field trips, and the research assistance and sharing of information of other members. **To continue receiving the newsletter, dues must be paid by January 31, 2003.**

Benton County Genealogical Society Membership Renewal Form Mail to: BCGS P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

**Membership by the calendar year.
Dues paid after September 1st are
credited to the next year.**

Please enroll me in the Benton County Genealogical Society for the Year 2003 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

Individual Membership \$ 12

Family Membership \$ 15

Book Fund \$ _____ Contributions to the Book Fund are tax deductible and a receipt for that purpose will be mailed to you.

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

- 2 January for the 11 January meeting. Cookies—Dave Kribs
- 27 January for the 8 February meeting. Cookies—Mary Hardenbrook
- 24 February for the 8 March meeting. Cookies—Teri Greene
- 31 March for the April 12 meeting. Cookies—Gene Newcomb

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 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: 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. **THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!**

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 S=Single; F=Family; E=Exchange.
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 L0 is Charter Honorary Life Member

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 LOCATED IN THE LINDSEY CENTER

