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December 11 Program

Annual Christmas Party & Auction

The December 11th program will be our annual Christmas party and auction where you can get unique Christmas gifts (perhaps some special jam, Christmas bread, or other goodies) 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, finger food, etc.) for a buffet potluck lunch and be prepared to have a good time. Ted Gump has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year and we all know how much fun he puts into the bidding. We'll also have a table set up for garage sale items if you want to bring something for the sale.



*Wishing Everyone a
Wonderful Holiday
Season.*

Get Well Wishes

The Society extends Get Well Wishes to Charlene Talbot. We hope you are feeling better soon.

BCGS Library Closure

The BCGS Library will be closed on Tuesday, December 28th and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 3, 2005.

Upcoming Programs

January 8, 2005 - Judy Juntunen - Crystal Lake Cemetery.

February 12, 2005 - John Baker - Camp Adair and Prisoners of War

BOOK LOOKS

By *Charlene Talbot*

When Your Ox Is in The Ditch, Genealogical How-to Letters

by Vera McDowell

If you enjoy reading about how to do genealogy, this paperback is 158 pages of good entertainment. The foreword says that the title, When Your Ox Is in The Ditch, has its roots in the Bible (Luke 14:5, Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?) It is an old expression often used in the South to convey a thought common to anyone who has ever gone down the research road: a condition where one is in dire need of help from someone, anyone, to move things forward!

The book is in the form of letters of advice to a friend. They first appeared in the Augusta, Georgia, Genealogical Society's monthly newsletter, *Southern Echoes*, in July, 1982.

Interestingly (to us anyway), when we read the book for the second time, with this review in mind, we realized that we had corresponded with the lady. We had placed an item in a Maine newspaper about our Wortman family, and one of the Wortman girls had married a man named Adonijah Munson. Vera McDowell was tracking the Munsons of Maine. Our exchange of letters took her one step farther on the research road. And she took us a lot of steps further. She tipped us to the fact that just because my ancestor John Wortman's children were all listed in the Eastport, Maine, town records didn't necessarily mean they had all been born in Eastport. Thanks to her we believe he may have been a Loyalist and went from New Jersey to New Brunswick, Canada, with his wife and first four children on the Spring Fleet of 1783.

Her how-to letters were written before computer researching had taken over. Actually, we don't think computers are mentioned. But her advice is good, whether you're following a computer program or not.

We're recommending this book on the theory that even when a person knows all about how to do research, there are things we forget. Look for it on our How-To shelf.

Corvallis Newspapers Project Update

For those new members who aren't familiar with our Society's Corvallis Newspapers Project, and for everyone in general, here's an update:

After some searching of memories of long-time members, it was concluded that the project was begun in the late 1980's. Ed Stratton remembers that the Society had finished the Benton County Cemeteries project and was looking for something new to take on. About that time the Gazette-Times gave the Benton County Museum all their old microfilm reels, along with a cabinet to keep them in. The Society decided to index the early births and deaths reported, from 1865 to 1926. The names of the newspapers changed throughout the years, and included *The Corvallis Gazette* 1865-1909, *The Corvallis Times* 1894-1898, *The Oregon Union* 1897-1899, *The Daily Gazette Times* 1910-1922, *The Weekly Gazette Times* 1907-1920, *The Corvallis Times*, *The Benton Democrat*, and *The Corvallis Gazette Times* 1922-1926.

It was thought at the time the project would be begun that it would take about ten years. As it now stands the Index has about 8,627 names, and there are several reels that have not yet been adopted, as well as several unfinished reels.

When contacted, Mary Gallagher at the Benton County Museum said, "Oh, yes, the index gets used several times a week. Today I had a woman come in who was looking for her family. She used the index and she was thrilled."

Mary went on to say, "A couple of weeks ago a man came in off the street. He was on his way to Alsea. He had a marriage date, but when he looked his family up in the index, he discovered that the couple had had a big write-up on the front page of the paper. They had both been teachers at the college here. After their marriage the groom had taken up a post at Alsea. The point is that without the index we wouldn't have known about the front-page story. It's so easy to look in the index. It has been much appreciated. If the people who come to the museum are doing genealogy, the index gets used."

The index gives deaths, births, marriages, divorces, legals and other. "Other" may be a fiftieth wedding anniversary or a letter home from a young man in World War One, or anything the abstracter thinks significant. Each year an addendum of about a thousand names is being added. A copy goes to the Benton County Museum, the Corvallis main library and the Society's library.

The list of names also goes on Benton County's GenWeb page. Lee Gentemann is the Society's webmaster. We urge you to take a look at it and be impressed.

There is no way of knowing how often the copies of the index at the Corvallis library or the Society's library get referred to, or the list on the GenWeb site.

Anyone who wishes to get in on this project by adopting a reel should contact Charlene Talbot, 929-6071. She'll be glad to supply you with the necessary forms and suggest a reel.



BCGS New Members (since last newsletter)

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BCGS 2005 Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

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PICTURING THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY: The Lewis and Clark Expedition in Oregon Art at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem thru December 2004.
Hours are M-F 8:00-5:00, Sat. 12:00-4:00.

"BENTON COUNTY CONNECTIONS"

I want to thank the one person who responded to my request for Benton County Ancestors for the Connections Database. I'd love to be able to expand the file. If you want to contribute, send the names of your ancestors, including maiden names, dates of birth and death, and your email address or phone number to Tonyamra@aol.com or to Tonya Rawie c/o BCGS.

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INSTALLATION OF 2005 OFFICERS

The election of BCGS Officers for 2005 was held at the November 13th meeting and will be sworn into office at the December 11th meeting. Elected officers are:

President: Bill Gleaves
1st Vice-President: Dave Kribs
2nd Vice President: Margaret Hays
Secretary: Leila Crawford
Treasurer: Gene Newcomb
Librarian: Ken Bielman
Membership: Tonya Rawie



Ancestry Quick Tip

Yellow Plastic Helps Make Copies More Legible

If you are making a copy and the original seems too light to read, simply place a sheet of yellow Mylar down on the glass, then put your original over that and continue the copying process. (Mylar can be purchased in most office-supply stores.) No other color but yellow will do the trick. This has proven invaluable through the years in copying receipts and other information that were almost too hard to read.

"P.A." Almquist

Reprinted from Ancestry.com

Ancestry Daily News and *Ancestry Weekly Digest*

Newspaper Holdings Available on Merlin

The Missouri Society's extensive newspaper collection is now included on the University of Missouri's MERLIN Library Catalog. Researchers interested in determining whether or not the Society has newspapers from a particular county or town or a specific newspaper title can access the online catalog at <<http://laurel.iso.missouri.edu/>> and click on University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries. Newspaper holdings can be found by title or by searching for a county or town name under Keyword. The Missouri Society staff is currently working on the entries so researchers can locate the papers under the Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper Titles heading; newspapers in counties beginning with the letters A-C are now available under this heading. The catalog entries include previous titles, succeeding titles, and information about the Society's holdings of each newspaper. Information about borrowing microfilmed newspapers on interlibrary loan can be found on the Missouri Society's website <<http://www.umsystem.edu/shs/newspaper.html>> or by calling (573) 882-7083.

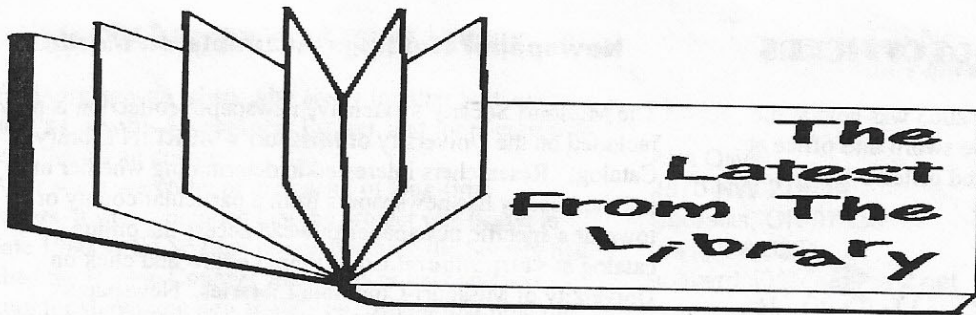
Reprinted from the State Historical Society of Museums Publication

THIS 'N' THAT

- The Board Meeting for January will be held at 7 pm on December 27, 2004, at Damaris'.
- **Reminder:** Due to New Year's Day falling on the 1st Saturday or the month, our January General Meeting will be held on January 8th.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Through December 31, 2004 - Shep Levine Retrospective.** Oregon State University Professor Emeritus Shep Levine has been painting for five decades. The exhibit looks back at the artist's prolific career. The Benton County Historical Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Free.
- **The National Genealogical Society (NGS) will hold its "Warm up Your Research" conference January 20-22, 2005 in Phoenix, AZ.** The workshops will cover family history software, professional research and general genealogical knowledge, with planned topics that include Web site design, scanning, writing, and communication skills. Registration information is available at: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutripsphoenix.htm>
- **February 11-12, 2005 - Genealogy and Family Heritage Jamboree 2005** at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George, UT. Genealogy speakers and vendors from across the United States will be participating. Sixty-three training seminar classes and over sixty exhibitors and vendors will represent companies, groups and products. Early bird pre-registration cost is \$32. For more information, log on to their website at: <http://www.cgslink.com/jamboree/>
- **Ancestor Seekers** is offering **British Ancestors Research Week** at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. It will cover Britain, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. **Dates are February 13-18, 2005.** Cost is approximately **\$890 per person**, double occupancy, but a **discount is offered for early registration before November 30, 2004.** This includes research, hotel, and most meals. Several classes are included, plus professional help by British Researchers at the Center each day from 10-5 PM. This sounds like a bargain for serious British researchers. Check their website: <http://www.ancestorseekers.com/BRW/>



Ken Bielman, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2281	TN	Allen	<i>Revolutionary War, Tennessee Soldiers In The.</i> Gray paperback
2282	IL	Patten	<i>Argyle Patent, The. Washington County, IL Families.</i> Gray paperback. Irene Harding Collection
2283MA		Winsor	<i>Duxbury, A History of the Town of.</i> Tan paperback. Gift of Damaris Reynolds.
2284	New Eng	Seattle Gen Soc	<i>New England -New York Ancestors Before 1850.</i> Gray paperback. Irene Harding Collection.
2285	OR	State of OR	<i>Archives Inventories.</i> Blue report folder. Irene Harding Collection.
2286	OR	Dyal	<i>Polk County, Census 1856.</i> Green paperback. Irene Harding Collection.
2287	OR		<i>County Maps, 1850-1960's.</i> Red report folder.
2288	OR	OR Pioneers	<i>Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. 2002 Roster.</i> White with spiral binding. Gift of Tanya Rawie.
2289	FH	Edwards	<i>Edwards; Genealogy of a Rebel.</i> Light blue paperback.
2290	FH	Coffin	<i>Coffin, Elijah, Life of.</i> Black hardback. Gift of the Benton County Historical Society.
2291	CD	LDS	<i>Personal Ancestral File, Versions 5.1.5 and 5.2. Program updates,</i> In book-like container.

BCGS Library Inventory

Each year the BCGS inventories its library research holdings to determine which of our documents are not accounted for, and to identify errors or how we can improve our published shelf list. The inventory this year was conducted July 27th. Sincerest **THANKS** to those who assisted with the inventory, namely: Damaris Reynolds, Jean Grube, Betty Swan, Betty Brummett, Mabelle Martsching, Julie Bielman, David Kribs, Tonya Rawie and Bill Gleaves. The list, which will be published in the next newsletter, shows which volumes could not be located. All of you who have checked out BCGS library items **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** double check your genealogical material to see if any of the missing items have ended up in YOUR library. If so, we'd appreciate your returning these at your earliest convenience.

Of our total inventory of approximately 2300 volumes about 50 items could not be located. That constitutes roughly 2% of our documents which by normal library standards is well within the acceptable range for inventories. Nevertheless, we need to continue to carefully adhere to our established "Check-in, Check-out" procedures to keep future "unaccounted-for" items to a minimum.

WEBSITES

- We can get a free credit report by logging on to: www.annualcreditreport.com (from The Wall Street Journal Nov. 24, 2004)
- A new web site to me is "Maps in Genealogy." Many genealogy research URLs about maps are included in this article. This informative site includes tips on where to find various types of maps and the specific information you might find in the maps. Visit the website at: <http://www.ancestornews.com/mapsingenealogy.html> This website was submitted by Linda Olsen. Thanks!

I should have asked them BEFORE they died!

Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

Benton County Marriage Records

Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924	\$25.00
Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945	\$25.00

WPA Historical Records

Benton County Interviews	\$35.00
Bible Records and Cemetery Records	\$10.00
WPA Commissioner Journals: Probate Court A & B, 1850 - 1856	\$20.00

Benton County Cemeteries

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 1	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 2	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 3	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 4	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 5	\$25.00
Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5	\$25.00

Add Shipping Charges **\$3.00 for 1st book, \$1.50 each additional**

Donations to the book fund can be made using the membership renewal form below.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewing your membership allows continuation to participate in Society activities, which includes the use of the Genealogy Library which has over 2200 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 your membership benefits, dues must be paid by January 31, 2005.**

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 2005 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:
27 December for the **8 January** meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves
31 January for the **12 February** meeting. Cookies—Leila Crawford
28 February for the **12 March** meeting. Cookies—Tonya Rawie

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!

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