

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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10 DECEMBER 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 nice items) 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.) and a potluck dish 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.

All proceeds from the auction goes to the Society's book fund to purchase books, periodicals, and CD's.



*Wishing Everyone
a Wonderful Holiday
Season.*

Book Looks

By *Charlene Talbot*

We looked over the eight volumes of the Indiana Source Book this month. The books are sub-headed, Genealogical Material from *The Hoosier Genealogist, 1961-1966*. It is a compilation of information printed in that magazine during those years, and is well worth your time if you have Indiana ancestors. Various Indiana counties are represented in these volumes.

It should also be pointed out that most of the marriage records are indexed only by the groom's name, so if you think you have the right county, be prepared to take pains to look over the brides' names as well.

Also, not all of the sources deal exclusively with Indiana. Some years ago we happened by chance (how much of genealogy research is due to good luck?) to find a copy of our great-great-grandfather's obituary in the Midwest Christian Advocate in one of these volumes, even though he lived in Campbell County, Kentucky, a county across the Ohio River from Indiana. This Methodist publication covered a larger area than just Indiana at that time. What we found was an abstract. (We later sent for a complete copy of the obituary, but learned nothing more, except that the obituary was written by another of his sons, not our great grandfather.)

The preface to the second volume says that prior to the publication of *The Hoosier Genealogist*, genealogical materials were published in 1979 as *Genealogical Sources Reprinted From Indiana Magazine of History*. This book is also in our library.

If you have Indiana ancestors, don't neglect these books!

Attribute of a Genealogist: *A good genealogist has an innate pride in family and country, and recognizes his duty to search out and record the truth. He (or she) becomes first of all, a full-time detective, a thorough historian, an inveterate snooper, and at the same time, a confirmed diplomat, a keen observer, a hardened skeptic, an apt biographer, a qualified linguist, a part-time lawyer combined with quite a lot of district attorney, a studious sociologist, and—above all, an accurate reporter.*

—Quoted by Fonda D. Baselt in his book, *The Sunny Side of Genealogy*.

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**Why waste your money looking up your family tree?
Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.**

— Mark Twain

BCGS 2006 Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

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

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NEW MEMBER

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Our Library Gets Some Newspaper Publicity

For those members who don't have access to the Corvallis Gazette-Times, it should be noted that our library was given front-page attention on Friday, November 11th. We got a nice write-up that was headlined "*Genealogical delight draws in family finders; Museum annex offers up history in many forms.*" The article was accompanied by a two-column photo of some of our more than 2,400 volumes, as well as Betty Swan and Leila Crawford, who were in charge of the library that day. The hours the library is open were listed and members Damaris Reynolds, Ken Bielman, Danell Aukerman and Dave Kribs were mentioned.

BCGS Library Closure

The BCGS Library will be closed on Tuesday, **December 27th** and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, **January 3, 2006**

Upcoming Programs

- 14 January, 2006** - Researching British Genealogy by our own **Bill Gleaves**. Methods from a recent seminar in Salt Lake City and research experiences Bill has had in England. Bill presented this program in Albany and it's good!
- 11 February 2006** - **Wagon Trains East** (coming west through eastern Oregon that is)?
- 11 March 2006** - ? **DAR**
- 8 April 2006** - ? **Civil War**
- 13 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**
- 9 December 2006** - **Christmas Party**

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

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.

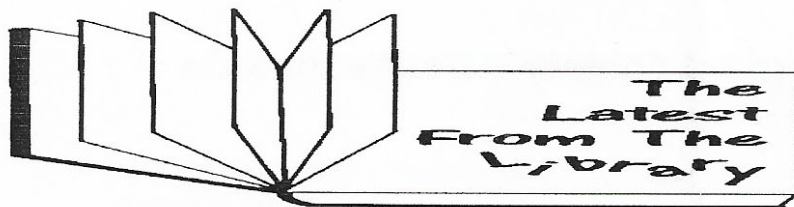
ELECTION and INSTALLATION OF 2006 OFFICERS

The election of BCGS Officers for 2006 will be held at the December 10th meeting and will also be sworn into office then. Elected officers are:

President:
1st Vice-President: Dave Kribs
2nd Vice President: Betty Brummett
Secretary: Kathleen Coan
Treasurer: Gene Newcomb
Librarian: Ken Bielman
Library Assistant: Sandra (Sandy) Potter
Membership: Leila Crawford

We are still seeking someone for the position of **President**. The **President** is to preside at all regular and special meetings of the society and to perform such other duties as necessary. This position usually involves 5 to 8 hours per month.

If you are interested in this position or know of someone who would be, please contact **Bill Gleaves** at 738-8189 or e-mail him at gleavew@peak.org.



Ken Bielman, Librarian

| Number | Category | Author | Title |
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| 2360 | NJ | Gibson | <i>Monmouth County Marriages of, 1795-1843.</i> Yellow paperback |
| 2361 | CT | Barbour | <i>New London, Genealogical Data from CT Cemeteries.</i> Gray hardback |
| 2362 | FH | Am Gen Institute | <i>Green Family. Gift of June Green.</i> Blue & white paperback. |
| 2363 | FH | Keith | <i>Keith, Keath & Keeth Genealogies in North America.</i> Gift of Jane Woodward. Green hardback. |

Cori Glasgow, a very generous lady, donated three Corvallis High School Yearbooks to the BCGS Library. One of the books contained three loose photos of a group of women (a sorority perhaps) probably taken in the 1915-1925 era judging from the clothes and hairdo's. Two pictures are embossed with the name "Romane Studio" and the other is embossed with the name "Harold Myrd." According to Mary Gallagher at the Museum, these do not appear to be Corvallis photographers. Those who have looked at the photos cannot identify any of the subjects.

These three pictures will be available at the membership meeting, December 10th for inspection. We hope one of you can help us with some info on the people in the photos, what organization they belonged to, or where the photographers were from.

A Genealogists Christmas Eve

'Twas the night before Christmas and inside my house
 Little was stirring, except my computer mouse.
 Our descendents were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of ancestors danced in their heads.

So I at my laptop, near trusty old printer
 Put the finishing touches to the project of winter,
 The gift I had promised for under the tree
 A product of love, the family genealogy.

My table with clutter galore was aspread
 With pedigree charts of the living and dead;
 Old yellowed photos, letters of yore,
 Wills and diaries chronicling days from before.

While others bought gifts at Wal-Mart or Sears,
 I'd spent my time searching birth dates and years,
 No need for ribbons or fancy gift wrappings,
 This gift had a way of transcending the trappings.

While surveying the charts with one final proof,
 I must have missed the sound on the roof.
 For what to my wondering eyes did appear,
 But the jolly old elf, replete in his gear.

Searching my face, old Santa could sense
 My Christmas spirit was extremely intense.
 He spied my research on the table spread out,
 "A genealogists!" he exclaimed, "that removes any doubt."

As I climbed up the stairs feeling quite in the pink,
 I looked back at Santa and shared a sly wink.
 For he and I know that the give of oneself,
 Beats anything bought from a department store shelf.

By Sandra Devlin (approximately 2000)
Gefunden bei Sneakeasyjoint.com

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WEBSITES

- Oregon Census Records web site for Oregon links - <http://www.censusfinder.com/oregon.htm>
- 17th Century English Recipes. If you're just dying to learn how to stretch sheep's guts for sausage and/or to make a foole - not of yourself, but rather a popular dish of cream, eggs, and wine - you'll enjoy this website:
<http://www.godecookery.com/engrec/engrec.html>

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Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

Benton County Marriage Records

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

WPA Historical Records

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| 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 Church Records (398 pages + All name index) | \$35.00 |

Benton County Cemeteries

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| 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 |
| Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 6 (not indexed) | \$10.00 |

Benton County Pioneers - by Shirley O'Neil \$27.50

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

Corvallis Newspapers Project Update

This project of abstracting the births, deaths and marriages from the early Corvallis newspapers is moving along. We now have more than ten thousand alphabetized names on the Benton County website and since both the Benton County Museum and the Corvallis/Benton County Library have access to the web, it was judged unnecessary to print out hard copies of the latest addendum for those institutions. Our genealogical library in the Benton County Museum Annex has copies of all of the addenda in the notebook entitled Corvallis Newspapers Project. Seventeen reels have been finished out of the total thirty-three. The others are in various stages of being worked on, except for the last two -- July, 1925 to March, 1926 and February 1926 to September 1926. No one has as yet undertaken these last reels. Some of the unfinished reels are nearly done, and others are barely started. Our next addendum is slated for June, 2006.

Mark Your Calendars

- **January 9-13, 2006** - Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will feature five days of classes. This event is sponsored by the Utah Genealogical Society. For information, call 1-888-INFO-UGA, e-mail them at institute@infouga.org or visit their website at: <http://www.infouga.org>.
- **March 17 & 18, 2006** - Sweet Home Genealogical Society's Annual Workshop. Details later as they become available.
- **October 6-7, 2006** - Genealogical Council of Oregon Biannual Conference. This event will be held at the Wittenberg Inn in Keizer. Paula Stuart-Warren, CGRS, will be the keynote speaker. She is the co-author of *Your Guide to the Family History Library*. There will be 4 tracks of genealogical lectures plus vendor booths. Expected cost for the 2 day event (includes lunch & dinner) is \$125. For information and to receive their mailings, e-mail to: oregonconference@yahoo.com or visit the web at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orgco2/>

Marion County Historical Society Presents *Magic at the Mill*, December 19-23, 2005.

One of Mission Mill Museum's biggest events of the year creates five evenings of history and merriment at the Holidays. Festive lights adorn the historic buildings, trees, and bridges and each evening music and entertainment fills the air.
Monday - Friday, 5:30—8:30 pm. Cost is \$2.50 per person.

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Program Review
By David Kribs, Program Chairman

12 November 2005

Update on our LDS Family History Center

By Gary Templeman, Director

The current hours at the Family History Center are Tue-Fri 9 am-4 pm and Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30 pm. Phone 541-758-0857 ext. 8.

Probably the most popular tool they now have is: high speed internet access for their six computers with free access to the resources at www.ancestry.com.

There are a number of valuable databases available at www.ancestry.com, but perhaps the most used are the digitized census images. Many of the census years are fully indexed for easier searching.

Current data for the International Genealogical Index, the Family History Catalog, and the Ancestral File can be accessed through the LDS Church site at www.familysearch.org. This site is also available from your home computer.

The Corvallis Family History Center has various flyers, worksheets and forms to help you with your research—some are free, others are available for a nominal fee.

Films can still be ordered from the Family History Library for a small fee and read at the Center. The Center currently has one microfilm and microfiche reader/printer and four other microfilm readers, along with two or more microfiche readers. Many of their compact disc databases are now housed on their server for quick access without needing to handle the disc.

Gary went over several of the genealogy programs they have available. Perhaps the most unique is GenSmarts where you can put your data in and it analyzes it for you, suggesting areas and places to do further research.

Applegate Pioneer Museum

The Applegate Pioneer Museum is located at 7th and Broadway in Veneta, OR. All school records, among other valuable items from around the area, can be found here. Call 541-935-1836 or 541-935-1344 for hours.

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2006 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, 2006.**

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 2006 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.

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 **14 January** meeting. Cookies—**Leila Crawford**
30 January for the **11 February** meeting. Cookies—**Charlene Talbot**

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!