



NewsLetter

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14 February Program

Researching Native American Tribal Records

Our guest speaker will be Robert Kentta, the Cultural Research Director of the Siletz.

He will give a presentation on Researching Native American Tribal Records and also the Siletz Tribal Records.

Upcoming Programs

March 13th - Dr. Robert Holcomb will talk about Jean Baptiste, who was the son of Sacagawea.

2nd Genealogy Book Faire

The **2nd Genealogy Book Faire** has been expanded to be a joint participation of five genealogical societies and will include workshops, new and used books and genealogical merchandise for sale. Opening the **Book Faire** will be ten minute introductions by each of the five participating genealogical societies: Yaquina, Benton County, Linn County, Lebanon and Sweet Home. The **2nd Genealogy Book Faire** will be held on **May 8, 2004, 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.**, at the College United Methodist Church in Philomath. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Mark Your Calendars

March 19-20, 2004—Sweet Home Annual Genealogy Workshop.

April 17, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Spring Meeting, Madras, OR. (Open to all Genealogists).

October 1-3, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Biannual Statewide Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Salem, OR. (Open to all Genealogists).

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By *Charlene Talbot*

Emergence of a Genealogist: Bill Gleaves

"I suppose you could say I first started with genealogy when I was in college," Bill Gleaves told us. "We had a choice of doing a term paper or a family tree. I wrote up what I knew about the family and asked my sister to send it to a couple of aunts. I don't remember what grade I got, but I think it was an A.

"My family moved from Tennessee when I was about five, so I never had the benefit of being around the family homestead. When I really got serious a few years ago, I took a course from Danell [Benton County Genealogical Society's current president, Danell Aukerman] at Linn-Benton Community College. Through her I joined the Society. The first Saturday after joining, I opened a book in our library and found my great, great grandfather in a list of soldiers in the War of 1812. I thought, 'Gee, this is easy!' But I've found out different since."

Some time after that he learned about the Gleaves family organization through the Internet. That summer they held their first reunion in Branson, Missouri, mainly because the president of the family organization lived there and Branson has good facilities for meetings. Bill flew back in his own plane.

"About thirty people attended," he remembers. "They meet every two years. At the second one in Wytheville, Virginia, we had a hundred and five and it will probably double next year."

At the first reunion he was given a 412-page book on the Glaves/Gleaves family in America. The researcher had been working on it for twenty years, and had just finished it. Bill has used that framework to do work on his direct ancestors, including two trips to England.

"It appears that the ancestor in England had three sons," he explained. "According to the man's will in 1720, each son got £150. We think that the third son, Matthew, the progenitor of all the Gleaves in America, took his money and came to Virginia. A later generation moved to Tennessee.

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During our reunion in Virginia, we went to the house of William Gleaves, who was the son of the original immigrant. The place is still being farmed. They were very welcoming. They had two trunks in the attic with all kinds of documents and letters. Don't ask me how they survived till now. Someone in our group got in touch with the Virginia Historical Society and people from there are helping with the inventory. So far, among everything else, they've found letters signed by four different U.S. Presidents."

Between trips to England and Tennessee, Bill feels he has made a fair amount of progress.

"I've gotten information faster than I can get it into my computer. One of my goals is to get all my records into my Family Tree Maker program so I can take copies back to the next reunion," Bill said. At a guess, he thinks he spends about four or five hours a week on genealogy. "I used to think I was a neat person," he added, "but now I'm not so sure. Half the shelves in my computer room are devoted to genealogy."

He has been impressed by how complete the Confederate War records are at the Tennessee Archives, and learned that the head of the Archives is a cousin, Dr. Edwin Gleaves. Bill met him and feels he has gotten Dr. Gleaves interested in searching for his own ancestors.

"The archives there have their war records cross-indexed by name and by unit. They have a complete unit history of every regiment that served, and copies of enlistment papers, pay lists, and discharge papers. I've been able to obtain copies of the actual documents for three great grandfathers," Bill said. "Research in England is a little different. Records there were kept by the parish or by the lord of the manor. Those were written in Latin."

Bill has gotten four more generations back on Matthew Graves's mother, whose maiden name was Sneezby. He found a Sneezby site and put a question on it. His advice to other genealogists: "Don't leave any stone unturned, because you never know where something will turn up."

Bill is currently First Vice President of the Society and is in charge of finding speakers for our meetings.

BCGS New Members

(since last newsletter)

Susan "Snick" & Robert Iltis and family
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2004 Membership Renewals

(since last newsletter)

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Shh! Be very, very quiet.... I'm hunting forebears.

THIS 'N' THAT

February 14th is Oregon's Statehood Day and this year marks the 145th anniversary.

Winners of our Christmas Raffle were: La Rea Gump who received the beautiful bowl made by John Martsching and Ken Bielman who won the lovely throw. Congratulations!

Florida State Library and Archives

For those of you who have done research or have ancestors in Florida, you may want to go online and check out what is going on with the Florida State Library and Archives. It could be dismantled. This is one of the oldest libraries in our nation with vast holdings. Gov. Bush is wanting to dismantle it and move collections in the archives and library to several different locations. Ancestry.com has had articles concerning this in its newsletters.

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February is Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month with Ancestry.com. Below is a collection of articles from the Ancestry.com Library and some websites to help you get started.

Genealogical Sources Online

["Finding Your African American Ancestors: A Beginners Guide"](#) by David Thackery.

["African American Family Research, Part 1"](#) by Roseanne Hogan, Ph.D.
[Part 2](#)
[Part 3](#)

["The Challenge of African American Research"](#) by Curt B. Witcher, FUGA

Websites to Help You Trace Your African American Ancestry

[NARA's Genealogy Pages: African American Research](#)

[Christine's Genealogy Website](#)

[Freedmen's Bureau Online](#)

[Africa WorldGenWeb Page](#)

[The African Native American History and Genealogy Home Page](#)

[Afrigenas](#)

[Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System: U.S. Colored Troops](#)

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WEBSITES

[accessgenealogy.com](#)

This is a website with a large choice of places to search. This site has a good selection of Native American sites.

[genforum.com](#)

The message board area of [genealogy.com](#). Free access.

[www.library.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html](#)

Illinois States Archives has a website that has a very good Civil War database. It also covers some other was on this database. Interesting site

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QUERIES

By *Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay*

Marilda Twitchell Busby, widow, resided in Benton Co. during the 1860's. Looking for living **Twitchell, Busby** and **Bartrim** family members to compare research results.

Query from someone looking for living descendants of **John William Van fleet**, who was from around the Philomath area and some family members relocated to the Bandon and Coquille areas.

Please address all queries to BCGS, Attn: Lee Gentemann, P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370.m or e-mail them to: Bentonquery@ciosa.net

Member Web Pages

Tonya is trying to put together a directory of member web-pages. If you've put in hours of hard work and would like to share, please send an e-mail with you page's web address, and any surnames of Benton County families you've included to Tonyamra@aol.com. We hope to be able to publish this information in a future newsletter.

Corvallis Obit Project

The "Obit" project has 922 names completed for Addendum 5.

Charlene Talbot could use your help. She needs some Volunteers to "Adopt" a reel. You would read and record the names of people who died, got married or were born from newspaper information. If you are able to spend some time doing this, please call her at 929-6079. This is one of our Society Service Projects.

Gazette Times Obituaries

The following is part of a letter received by BCGS regarding transferring Gazette Times obits to Rootsweb.

"I've been doing the Gazette Times obits for Rootsweb as I do the Democrat Herald's. But I'm finding that the Gazette Times on-line does not always have them (just like the Democrat Herald), so I 'm sure I'm missing some (maybe lots). I was wondering if there might be someone in your group that gets the paper that might like to take it over. It's not hard, and if on-line it just needs copying to documents in case someone asks for full obit after seeing the essentials on-line. The obits can be scanned into the document from the paper. I always compare the on-line with the 'real' paper." "This is easily done with a program that you are given." **If there is anyone from BCGS that is interested in taking on this project (Benton County only), please contact Daneil Aukerman at 745-2003 or at the e-mail address on the back cover of the newsletter.**

*NOTE This is not the same as the Corvallis Obit Project.

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

- 1 March for the 13 March meeting. Cookies—Charlene Talbot
- 29 March for the 10 April meeting. Cookies—TBA
- 26 April for the 8 May meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves

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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!