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# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 12 February Program

Our guest will be John Baker, who will give a presentation about Camp Adair and the German prisoners of war held there. Did you know we had German prisoners held at Camp Adair? John Baker's book and genealogical books will be available for purchase.

### Upcoming Programs

**March 12, 2005** - ? We're hoping Judy Juntunen is recovered and will be able to present her recent experiences with **Crystal Lake Cemetery**. Genealogical books will be available for purchase.

**April 9, 2005** - ? We would like to have an update on the Family History Library at Salt Lake and the Corvallis Family History Center branch. It may be more appropriate to have **A Lewis and Clark Presentation** being this is the 200th anniversary year of their exploration.

**May 14, 2005** - Danell Aukerman - **Archival Storage** - Archival storage material will be available for purchase.

**June 11, 2005** - Potluck and summer book sale with a program about our own genealogical society library.

**September 10, 2005** - "Show and Tell" What Genealogical Experience I had this summer. Impromptu reports by individuals.

**October 8, 2005** - ? Update on the **Family History Library**.

**12 November 2005** - ? **Wagon Trains East** (coming west through eastern Oregon that is).

**10 December 2005** - Raffle, Auction, Christmas Party.

Genealogical books will be available for purchase at every meeting during 2005.

*You can never do a kindness too soon  
because you never know how soon it  
will be too late.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Book Looks

By *Charlene Talbot*

This is going to be a review of the VCR tapes that the Society owns and are available to watch in the comfort of your home.

Probably the best of the how-to tapes are the Genealogists Video Research Guide series, Parts I through VII. Each tape lasts an hour. They were made at the Mormon Genealogical Library at Salt Lake and we considered them very well done. They are entertaining to watch, even if you already know it all. Each one deals with a different subject. Part I is pretty elementary. Part II covers census and probate records, and so on through Part VII. That last one covers the National Archives and its suggestions sound difficult to follow up. There are now better ways of using your research time.

Do Your Family Tree is a two-part series by Dr. Arlene Eakle. The first one is 50 minutes long. The second takes 75 minutes. As you can tell by the title, it's another how-to.

Ron Bremer's seminar of November, 1989 was taped at the Corvallis Senior Center by Ed Stratton, who was then the Society's president. We thought we recognized several current members, looking ten years younger. Bremer suggests a number of different approaches, which are as good today as they were then. He gave another seminar a few years later in Philomath, which was also taped, but seems to have disappeared. We have his big, red COMPENDIUM book in our library as one of our reference books. (It's too heavy to take home for a good read!)

A Visit to Ellis Island is a walking tour by the National Parks Service. It's interesting, but contains no genealogical suggestions. Another tape called Ellis Island consists of three one-hour segments with commercials. These tapes are both out-dated by the new listings on the Internet of people who came to this county via Ellis Island at the time when it was the arrival point.

Orphan Train, a 52-minute video tape made by Oregon Public Broadcasting tells briefly at the beginning about the discovery of a closet-full of records of the Children's Aid Society of New York City and then goes on to interview several people who were brought west shortly after the first World War. Watching it at home, we felt the people interviewed complained more than they should have, because

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certainly the idea of taking these homeless city children to the west was a good one. Two of the resettled orphans became governors--of North Dakota and Alaska.

Members of the society who attended this year's January meeting got to see the first half of Cemetery and Funeral Home Records, by Leland K. Metzler, Heritage Quest Productions. The first part dealt with how to find the records. In the second part Metzler tells how to make gravestone rubbings and how to photograph gravestones. It is our impression that gravestone rubbings are not as popular as they were.

To sum up, any of these videos will make an interesting evening's watching.

### Genealogy Book Shoppe News

Good news! For those of you who don't like to wait for the once a year book sale, there are now going to be a more opportunities for you to find books to add to your genealogy library. Starting this month, Danell has agreed to bring a selection of books **each month** to our meetings. Books on Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Missouri will be featured this month, along with a complete selection of the Delorme Atlas & Gazetteers, one for every state. And don't forget that all members of the society get a 10% discount on purchases! Plus, all \$19.95 Atlases will on sale the day of the meeting, Feb. 12, for 20% off, or 15.95.

### WEBSITES

**February is African-American History Month, and Oregon Statehood Month!** Check out these websites for more information about African-American pioneers to Oregon.

<http://www.endoftheoregontrail.org/blakbios.html>

The site includes information on Benton County's own Reuben Shipley & Mary Jane Holmes.

**Timeline of Black History in The Pacific Northwest**

<http://www.endoftheoregontrail.org/blaktime.html>

**Slavery in the Oregon Territory**

<http://www.endoftheoregontrail.org/slavery.html>

All three sites are part of the online history library from The End of the Oregon Trail Center in Oregon City. For those who would like to see the Black Pioneers Exhibit in person, the Center is open seven days a week. Hours vary by season, so call ahead (503) 657-9336. Admission is \$7.50 for Adults, \$6.50 for Seniors (65+), and \$5.00 for children aged 5-12.

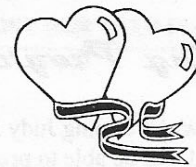
If you haven't already done so, you should search the Oregon Historical Records Index at:

<http://genealogy.state.or.us/start.lasso?location=search>

This index is provided by the Oregon State Archives, and has some great clues you might not find otherwise.

### BCGS 2005 Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

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### THIS 'N' THAT

- Plan Ahead! The Corvallis Family History Center is planning a big remodeling project this spring. On July 30, 2005 they will have an unveiling and a full day of workshops. Stay tuned for more details.
- The Library inventory has been reconciled. New book lists will be available for purchase on February 12 in the Library.
- The Book Committee will be meeting in mid-February. If there is a specific book that is of interest to you, please contact Damaris Reynolds.

### CLASSES

#### GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET

Saturday, April 16  
9 AM to 5 PM  
Albany Main Campus - room TBA

#### INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY

Mondays, 8 weeks, 28 Mar - 16 May  
2 PM - 4 PM  
Albany Senior Center

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# **Program Review**

Notes on the 8 January Program  
**Cemetery and Funeral Home Records**

Heritage Quest Video (VID 417) Leland K. Meitzler, managing editor

Cemeteries, only mothers and grandmothers are a better source. Anything might be wrong; however what can be better source information? There they are—the record chiseled in stone.

## **5 types of Cemeteries**

1. **Commercial Memorial Parks** - Not likely to use as they haven't been around too long.
2. **Municipal Cemeteries**- County, State, National - mostly likely place genealogists will be looking around.
3. **Church Cemeteries**- find the church records, at the church, town hall, Church Repositories.
4. **Fraternal Cemeteries** - Common burial sites late 1800's - early 1900's records may be at local lodges, city hall, or individual cemeteries.
5. **Family Cemeteries** - find the deed location, look on USGS County maps, ask an old timer, at times the present owner doesn't even know that there is a cemetery there.

The **Sexton** is the one to find concerning municipal cemetery records. (I've found that many cemeteries are either owned or maintained by the local mortuaries.)

Death Certificate, Burial Permit, Funeral Homes, Cemetery indexes, are other sources for information. Information on one can often give further family information lacking on another.

When looking in the cemetery—record all the information on the grave marker— record who is buried around them—look for other relatives, names of interest (in-laws) in the cemetery.

**Military: Cemetery Service**  
National Cemetery System  
Veterans Administration  
810 Vermont Ave NW  
Washington DC 20422

**Funeral Homes in US and Can**  
The Yellow Book  
Nomis Publication  
Youngstown OH 44512  
1-800-321-7479

Contact area funeral homes. The ones out of business are usually taken over by current ones. Our society's library has an older copy of the yellow book, only ours is named *THE RED BOOK!* It's large and bright red—located on the front references shelves near the annex door.

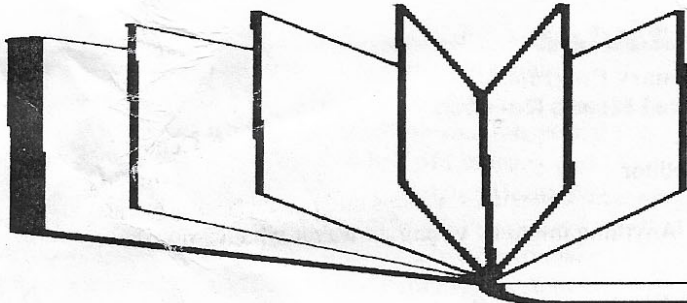
*Heritage Quest Magazine* - subscribed to and in the Benton County Genealogical Society Library

## **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

There have been several comments from BCGS members regarding the large number of books that could not be found during our annual inventory last July. The list was published in the newsletter last month. Fifty five volumes were identified as "*unaccounted-for*," requiring more detailed searching to locate them, or to determine the reason they were not found during the inventory. Further probing revealed that of the 55 volumes listed:

- 18 have been missing for more than two years, some for four years, but these were never dropped from the shelf list.
- 5 were sold or discarded, but not removed from the shelf list.
- 4 have been checked out (long overdue), but borrowers claim they don't have them, or have not responded to reminders. These will probably end up on the "missing" list.
- 8 have been returned or found since the unaccounted-for list was published.

That leaves 20 volumes that "disappeared" in 2004, which is less than one percent of the Library's inventory, which is well within the usually acceptable library standards. The search continues for these missing 20 volumes, as well as any others that may be recovered. For example, in every inventory during the past four years, several unaccounted-for volumes have been found before the next inventory took place.



The  
Latest  
From The  
Library

Number	Category	Author	Title
2292	CD	NYG&Bsoc	New York Genealogical & Biographical Record. Disk 1, 1870-1899.
2293	CD	NYG&Bsoc	New York Genealogical & Biographical Record. Disk 2, 1900-1928.
<b>END OF 2004 NEW ACQUISITIONS</b>			
<b>BEGIN 2005 NEW ACQUISITIONS</b>			
2294	OR		Benton County, " <i>Corvallis High School Alumni Directory, 1928-1998.</i> " Lt Blue hardback. Gift of Hilmer Schmidt
2295	IRE	Yurdan	<i>Irish Family History.</i> Orange hardback. Gift of Pat Rawlinson
2296	CanOnt	McKenzie	<i>Notices From Methodist Papers, 1830-1857"</i> Red hardback. Gift of Pat Rawlinson
2297	IRE	Heraldic Artists	<i>Handbook on Irish Genealogy.</i> Blue paperback. Gift of Pat Rawlinson
2298	CanOnt	McKenzie	<i>Obituaries From Christian Guardian, 1873-1880.</i> Light green paperback. Gift of Pat Rawlinson
2299		Bunnell	<i>New Loyalist Index, Vol III.</i> Light green paperback. Gift of Charlene Talbot.
2300	FH	Coleman	<i>Shields Genealogy.</i> White paperback
2301	GER	Periodicals	<i>German Genealogical Digest, Book 3, Vols 19 to ____.</i> Large black notebook. Gift of Ken Bielman
2302	HT	Rillera	<i>Adoption Searchbook.</i> Black & white paperback. Gift of Pat Rawlinson.
2303	HT	Ames	<i>Write &amp; Publish Your Family History Using Word Perfect.</i> Light blue paperback. Gift of Pat Rawlinson.
2304	CanOnt	Livingston	<i>York County, Index To Commemorative Biographical Record.</i> White hardback. Gift of Pat Rawlinson.
2305	OK	Logan Co. Exten	<i>Logan County, Oklahoma, Vol 1.</i> Large black hardback. Gift of Nione Bethell.
2306	OR	Miles & Millican	<i>Linn County Pioneer Settlers, 1880 Census.</i> Green paperback. Irene Harding Collection
2307	OR	Worthington	<i>Curry County, OR, 1910 Census.</i> Blue report folder. Irene Harding Collection.
2308	OR		<i>Crook County, OR, Marriages and Cemeteries.</i> Blue report folder. Irene Harding Collection
2309	OH	Mikesell	<i>Butler County, OH, Land Records, Vol 1, 1803-1816.</i> Orange paperback. Gift of Ted Gump
2310	OH	Mikesell	<i>Butler County, OH, Land Records, Vol 2, 1816-1823.</i> Yellow paperback. Gift of Ted Gump
2311	GER	Hansen	<i>Baden, Map Guide To Parish Registers.</i> White paperback. Gift of Ken Bielman
2312	GER	Jagstkreis	<i>Wurtemberg I, Map Guide To Parish Registers.</i> White paperback. Gift of Gene Newcomb
2313	REF	Smolenyak	<i>DNA, Tracing Your Roots With.</i> Black and White paperback.
2314	TN	Allen	<i>Soldiers in the Revolution, Tennessee</i> Gray paperback.
2315	VA	Hatch	<i>First Seventeen Years, The. 1607-1624.</i> Orange paperback
2316	SCO/IRE	Dobson	<i>Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725, Parts 1 and 2.</i> White paperback

**Do I even WANT ancestors?  
Some I found I wish I could lose.**

## Mark Your Calendars

- **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. 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/>
- **March 12, 2005 - Siuslaw Genealogical Society** presents **Spring Seminar 2005** at the **Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St, Florence, OR**. Featured speaker is Leland Meitzler, Editor of Heritage Quest Magazine. Topics include: 1) Locating your ancestors family when all you know is the state. 2) The witness—an often overlooked source. 3) Doing Genealogy on site or “On The Road Again.” 4) Finding births, marriages & deaths prior to 1910. Pre-registration prior to March 1 is \$35.00; \$40.00 the day of the seminar. Registration form and flyer will be posted in the BCGS Library.
- **March 26, 2005 - Oregon Genealogical Society’s Annual Spring Seminar, “Genealogical Research Through Technology.”** The seminar will be held at the **Wesley United Methodist Church, 1385 Oakway Rd., Eugene, OR**. Cost is \$40 which includes buffet lunch and all handouts. For additional information, contact Ferne Kellow at 541-683-4309 or [fernemell@comcast.net](mailto:fernemell@comcast.net) or call the OGS Library at 541-345-0399.

## GERMANY RESEARCHERS---ACHTUNG!

Members, Gene Newcomb and Ken Bielman, have recently donated two of a series of books that may be valuable to those of you researching your German ancestry. The earliest vital records in what is now Germany were recorded in parish church books. Civil registration started about 1800, and all states included vital statistics in civil records by 1876. Many churches continued to record family data within the parish even though civil registration had begun. Frequently, researchers must search the records of the church that the family of interest was affiliated with as the civil records are not available or are incomplete. In those cases locating the proper church or parish is an essential element of the search.

The new books, each covering a German State (or political division), identify towns and villages by the parishes with which they are associated. Locating the correct parish is frequently a dilemma for German ancestry researchers, and these books can be very helpful in solving this problem. The church districts are classified as to Catholic, Lutheran and “other” faiths. We invite you to examine one of these books to see if this type of resource would be helpful to you in your search.

The two books now in the library cover Baden and Wurtemberg. If anyone is interested in obtaining a book covering a different German political division, the Book Committee has offered to pay half the cost if the member will pay the other half. The cost of each book is about \$32.

## Oregon Historical Society Research Library

The Research Collections are comprised of the following materials:

A **Book collection** of 35,000+ titles. A **Serials collection** of 3,000+ titles, over 700 of which are current subscriptions.

A **Newspaper microfilm collection** of 16,000+ reels covering Oregon, Washington, California, Hawaii, and Panama, the majority of which cover 100+ Oregon cities for the period of 1846 to present.

A **Vertical File collection** of 4,000+ subject headings pertaining to Oregon history & culture, and 1,500+ headings dealing with biographical & genealogical materials.

A **Government Documents collection** which is especially strong in the early territorial & statehood periods.

A **Scrap Book collection**, the core of which was created as a WPA project, of over 300+ volumes, indexed by name and subject.

The library is open to the public Thursday-Saturday 1:00-5:00.

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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:  
**28 February** for the **12 March** meeting. Cookies—Tonya Rawie  
**28 March** for the **9 April** meeting. Cookies—Dave Kribs  
**2 May** for the **14 May** meeting. Cookies—Leila Crawford/Teri Greene

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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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