

NewsLetter

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11 FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Linda Crew, author of *A Heart for Any Fate*, a historical novel about our own Kings Valley Family, will tell us about her research for this story and about what became known as the **Lost Wagon Train**. It is a compelling story based on a real woman's everyday life while traveling west. I highly recommend this program. Linda will have copies of her book available.

Duplicate Book For Sale

Two of our very observant members, Charlene Talbot and Dave Kribs, have noted that books numbered 1591 and 2163 are the same. Consequently, one of these, #2163, "Collections of the New Jersey Historical Society, Vol. IX" is offered for sale. It is a paperback edition which has been disassembled and bound in a 7" x 10" 3-ring notebook. The book will be disposed of at the General Meeting February 11, to the highest bidder, or if no bids it will be discarded.

NIMROD

Submitted by Janice Barclay

A book of interest to local history lovers has just been published. Many of us have heard of Nimrod O'Kelly, called the first murderer in Benton County, but it has always seemed an unfinished story. Now, Ronald B. Lansing, a professor of Law from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, has done a thorough job of research and written Nimrod's story from the time the murder was committed, through the several efforts to hang him on the street of what was then called Marysville to his final punishment. The book named "NIMROD, Courts, Claims, and Killing on the Oregon Frontier" has recently been published by and may be purchased from Washington State University Press, PO Box 645910, Pullman WN 99164-5910. Their phone number: 800 354-7360.

The story not only tells the incredible murder story but includes the names of other early settlers who were involved in the affair. It also details the valiant effort that Nimrod made to retain ownership of the mile square of land he had homesteaded and which was the cause of the murder.

Book Looks

By *charlene talbot*

BOOK LOOKS

by Charlene Talbot

On our US shelf the Society has the two-volume set of **A SURVEY OF AMERICAN CHURCH RECORDS**, by E. Kay Kirkham, Researcher in American Genealogy. Under the title it says "...for the period before the Civil War...East of the Mississippi River. But actually under the listing of states, we found brief write-ups about Missouri and Minnesota and notes on the available church records in these states.

Aside from that quibble, we have found these books very useful. Volume One deals with the major denominations and Volume Two with the minor ones. At the back of Volume One the abbreviations are listed. Many of the records are available on tape from the Mormon Church library in Salt Lake, and can be sent for at our local Family History Center in Corvallis.

Out of curiosity to see if we could get it, and because we had reason to believe that the ancestor we're searching for in Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, might have been a Baptist, we requested through interlibrary loan a copy of the book, *Seventh Day Baptists in West Virginia*, which was listed under Monmouth County. We got it! It seems these few families settled first in Monmouth County, N.J., before they went to West Virginia. (Unfortunately we didn't find our ancestor among the list of their members.) The Second Volume explains who the Seventh Day Baptists were.

Elsewhere the writer says: "The immigrants to this country, both early and late, came here primarily for religious freedom--and land. In the old country they were denied ownership of land generally, but they were dependent upon their churches for the recording of the vital records of their lives. Their way of life was centered upon the religious activities. Thus we should not be surprised if in this country the immigrant people made exceptional efforts to establish churches in the wilderness and by custom, recorded the events of their lives upon the books of their church."

As genealogists this is something we should not forget. People came to this country to establish their particular religion. As we learned in school, Roger Williams was tossed out of Congregationalist Massachusetts because of his religion (Baptist) and founded Rhode Island. Then later Rhode Island outlawed the Quakers.

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We found the section on religious migrations of particular interest. "In colonial times," the writer says, "and of course later on, religious affiliation was a serious matter.... Actually, religious freedom for the individual was not achieved throughout the United States until some years after the Revolutionary War. Massachusetts in 1833 was the last of the states, or commonwealths, to disestablish its state religion."

These volumes are well worth looking through, whether you know to what religion your ancestors belonged, or are hoping to discover that fact.

BCGS 2006 Membership Renewals
(since last newsletter)

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

- Roberta Bier
- D. Ray Powell
- Marlene McDonald
- Sharon Osborn-Ryan
- John Chapman
- Peggy & Dennis Haney
- Julia Lenoker
- Carl Baker & Joyce Loper

Raffle Items Sought

We are planning ahead for our annual Christmas Raffle which is held at our December meeting. Do you have a nice item of more than nominal value which you would consider donating now for the Christmas Raffle next December? The raffling of quality items is a way to ensure your items bring the most for their value. We ended up without any suitable raffle item this year and need to get the raffle ticket sales going as soon as possible.

Proceeds from the Christmas Raffle and Auction go to benefit the Society's book fund. We have raffled off some wonderful items over the past years and we would hate to cancel this event due to lack of interest.

"Finding Your African American Ancestors,"
by David T. Thackery

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=20918&key=P2166>
There has never been a better time to research your African American ancestors. The same advances in technology that have created a boom in the exchange of information have made it possible for a family historian to cover great distances and conduct in-depth investigation for a fraction of the cost of a traditional research trip. Census schedules, plantation records, and military records, among other resources, are at your fingertips in the form of online databases, CD-ROMs, and individual websites. Sale price \$5.

Reprinted from "Ancestry Daily News," January 7, 2006 <http://www.ancestry.com>

Upcoming Programs

- 11 March 2006 - DAR
- 8 April 2006 - Internet Resources - Danell Aukerman
- 13 May 2006 - Civil War
- 10 June 2006 - Potluck
- 9 September 2006 - Show 'N' Tell and/or ? Fort Hoskins—150 year celebration
- 14 October 2006 - ? County and City Archives
- 11 November 2006 - ? State Archives
- 9 December 2006 - Christmas Party, Auction, and Raffle

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.

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

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.
--- Theodore Roosevelt

Epitaph of Henry Edsel Smith of Albany, NY

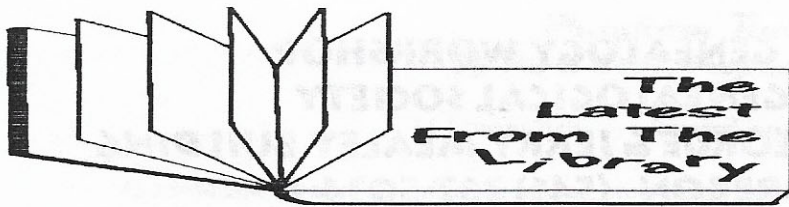
Born 1903 - Died 1942
Looked up the elevator shaft
To see if the car was on the way down.
It was!



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Ken Bielman, Librarian

Old Periodicals to be Discarded

In order to make room for newly acquired genealogical reference books the library will be discarding issues of *Heritage Quest* and *Genealogical Helper* that are more than two years old. If anyone wants these let Ken Bielman know bielman@pioneer.net or 758-3769. Copies of these volumes are available at the LDS Church's Family History Center on Harrison Blvd. if anyone wants to look at them.

We will also be discarding newsletters from other genealogical societies that are over one year old as most of these concentrate on society activities and contain very little genealogical data.

Heritage Quest URL

OK, just as promised, here is the URL for Heritage Quest, where you can see the actual census microfilms on-line. I forgot to mention that Heritage Quest has PERSI (index of over 1.6 million genealogy and local history articles) AND Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-land Warrant application files - the microfilms of the originals, not just an index.

One thing I ask in return is that if you have found one or more internet sites that have really helped you with your research, (or might help someone else) that you send me the URL so that I can include it in the April class that I'm going to do for the society. Even if you think "Oh, Danell probably already knows about this site", send it along anyway. The only ones that I hope EVERYONE already knows about and that you don't have to send to me are Rootsweb, FamilySearch, and Cyndislist.

* http://search3.webfeat.org/wf3_tacomap1.html#a

scroll down the page until you see HeritageQuest, click on it, and you're in!

One last thing - if you want to transcribe the census files onto your computer, I can send you a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet workbook that has blank forms for all of the census years except 1930.

Happy Hunting! Danell

Mark Your Calendars

- **March 17 & 18, 2006** - Sweet Home Genealogical Society's Annual Workshop. Details on page 4.
- **April 1, 2006** - GFO Spring Seminar, Portland, OR. Certified Genealogist and Author, Paul Milner, will present a program which will focus on England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- **April 22, 2006** - OGS Spring Seminar. "Tracing the Threads of Our Ancestor's Lives Across the U. S. - Regional Genealogical Research." Speakers & Topics—TBA.
- **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/>

26TH ANNUAL GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
SWEET HOME GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
1223 KALMIA STREET (GEORGE & JERRY MEALEY BUILDING
SWEET HOME, OREGON (541) 367-5034
E-MAIL: SHGS@CENTURYTEL.NET

FRIDAY MARCH 17, 2006

9:00 AM Registration at door
10:00 AM Danell Aukerman (Corvallis) "Archival Care of Records"
Noon Lunch (brown bag it or check with society for local eating places)
1:00PM Emily D. Auilicino (Portland) "DNA: Your Paper Trail"
2:30 PM Brief Break
2:45 PM Emily D. Auilicino "Care and Feeding of a DNA Project"
4:00 PM Rod Fielder "Oregon Bill" (end of day entertainment)

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2006

9:00 AM Registration at door
10:00 AM Phyllis Harworth (Bend) "Where's Grandma?"
Noon Lunch (brown bag it or check with society for local eating places)
1:00PM Connie Lenzen (Portland) "Find Your Overland Trail Ancestor"
2:45 PM Brief Break
3:00 PM Gerald Lenzen (Portland) "Military Records Through World War I"

Admission: \$12 per day or \$20 for both days (non-SHGS member)
 \$8 per day or \$15 for both days (SHGS member)

*Lunch Discounts *Door Prizes *Freebies *Books for Research *Genealogical Materials For Sale*

We will have something new this year for "lunch time." SHGS has contacted the manager of the local Thriftway Store Deli and a box lunch menu will be offered. There will be one price for the box lunch which will be ordered to your personal preference. When you register /Friday or Saturday, you may fill out your box lunch request and pay for it at that time. The lunches will be delivered to the Genealogical Library building and we will designate an area for eating. There will be a \$1 discount coupon for this special boxed lunch. A&W will also offer a \$1 discount on meal items for the March Friday & Saturday dates. A menu list of box lunch items will be provided.

Sponsored by Linn-Benton Community College and the Sweet Home Genealogical Society

FAVORITE WEBSITES

USGenWeb- Links to all states
<http://www.usgenweb.net/>

Oregon USGenWeb - Links to all counties
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orgenweb/counties.html>

Benton County USGenWeb
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/>

Benton County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/>

Benton County Books for sale
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/Books.html>

Benton County Pioneers Database
<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=benton>

Benton County Marriage Database
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/marriagesearch.html>

Program Review
By David Krutz, Program Chairman

14 January 2006 Researching British Genealogy

Our own **Bill Gleaves** presented the January program on English research as he has made two trips to England and recently attended a seminar about research in England and Wales at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Early records, we learned, were kept in the parish chest: land, property, taxes, occupations and poorhouse. The church wardens kept track of who came to church and paid their tithes, and the wardens were in charge of the repair fund.

Researchers are urged to visit the county records office, if possible, as local people are the ones who know what records exist. There may be emigration records, too, as people needed permission to leave. Had they paid their taxes, for instance.

Records are often dated by the reign of the king or queen, and a chart of the dates may be needed.

After they stopped writing in Latin, the vicars used Old English script. Booklets for the old writing are available and an on-line tutorial exists.

Bill says he will be happy to help anyone who needs more explicit information.

New at Ancestry.com

U.S. NEWSPAPER UPDATE

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/periodicals/news/default.aspx>

Additions have been made for 92 newspapers in 22 states: Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

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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:

27 February for the 11 March meeting. Cookies—Dave Kribs

27 March for the 8 April meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves

24 April for the 13 May meeting. Cookies—Betty Brummett

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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: 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!