



NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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January Program

January 11, 2003 - Danell Aukerman will give a presentation on **Researching Military Records**. She will also have books and CD's available for purchase from her new genealogy bookstore, **The Village Genealogy Bookshop**.

The Village Genealogy Bookshop

Our president, Danell Aukerman is now a distributor for Willow Bend and Heritage books, and has opened a bookstore, **The Village Genealogy Bookshop**. All paid BCGS members will receive a 10% discount on all books purchased through Danell and there will not be a shipping charge if purchases are picked up at the general meetings.

Classes

"**Genealogy on the Internet**" will be held on **January 25, 2003** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Benton Center. 12 people are needed to register for the class to prevent cancellation. Cost is \$28 (1/2 price for seniors).

Visit to the Linn Genealogical Society on January 4th.

Approximately 45 people from the combined Benton and Linn Genealogical Societies attended the January 4th meeting of the Linn Genealogical Society. Danell Aukerman talked about "The How To's of Genealogy." Many people took advantage of their "open" library, which is larger than ours.

Our thanks to the Linn Genealogical Society for inviting us.

I'm not stuck; I'm ancestrally challenged.

Kith and Kin

Emergence of a Genealogist, by Lee Gentemann

I didn't become interested in genealogy until I was about 55. I realized that I knew very little about my ancestors beyond my grandparents. I don't recall hearing anyone talk about earlier generations, except for the comments "you're named after Robert E. Lee" and "we are descended from King Victor Emmanuel of Italy."

My father died when I was five, and my mother suffered a massive stroke at an age when she might have developed an interest in family history, so I began with asking my aunts and uncles and cousins what they could tell me.

I learned that one cousin on my father's side (GENTEMANN), had been researching that family for a few years and had quite a bit of good information which she shared with me. The relatives on my mother's side (HAMAR), told me I should find a copy of "The Hamar Book" to learn more. I wasn't able to find such a book in any library, or genealogical society, but one day I learned that several of my aunts and uncles each had copies—I just hadn't asked the right questions of the right people. The Hamar Book turned out to be a compilation of HAMAR families that were descended from James A. HAMAR, who was reported to be the first settler on the Yaquina River. It also gave the name of James's parents and siblings. I was able to borrow it and make a copy for myself. I then proceeded to enter the information in a family tree software program. When I finished, I had about 1300 names.

As I entered names and dates from the "Hamar Book", I became aware that there were many dates and places missing, and I learned from volunteers at the LDS Family History Center, how to start researching the missing information. By the time I retired, in 1992, I had the bug. It seemed that I was having beginner's luck because I was able to find the information I needed quite easily. The earliest known HAMAR was David, who was born in Kentucky, but then he and his wife went to Indiana. There were so many marriages and children, I got pretty experienced about Indiana research. I branched out and started digging in Kentucky, and found David's parents' marriage bond and eventually a will. That helped fill in all the children, so I could research their families.

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In the process, I was able to tie in another HAMAR line from a booklet done by a descendant of one of David's brothers. I found that David's father, James, had a Bounty Land Warrant for service in the Revolutionary War. I have since proven my descendancy from James HAMAR, to gain membership in the Sons of The American Revolution.

A few years ago, I also became intrigued with learning more about my great great grandmother, who was born in Quebec and not much was know about her. She was reported to be the descendant from King Victor Emmanuel. To research her family, I eventually learned how to translate baptismal and marriage records written in French That led me back to Jean HEBERT d'EMMANUEL, born in 1683 in Nova Scotia, and then to Nicholas HEBERT, born about 1543 in France. Nicolas lived in Paris and was listed as a druggist. He practiced his profession in the Royal House of the Queen Catherine de Medici.

I've learned two sad things in all of this research: I'm definitely not descended from Robert E. LEE. I did have a LEE ancestor named James, who came from Ireland in 1785, and the nearest I can come to King Victor EMMANUEL, is Jean HEBERT d'EMMANUEL, who I'm quite sure had no connection to any Italian King.

The 1300 names I started with from the Hamar book has now grown to 13,000. All these names are in some way connected to someone in my family or that of my wife.

My most exciting find was discovering that Quebec has fantastic published genealogy records. All you have to do is locate a baptismal record for someone born in Quebec about 1850 or prior and the rest is like connecting a jig-saw puzzle. My hardest success was linking up all of the children of my Revolutionary War Patriot. My brick wall is that I've been unable to find a marriage record for my great-great grandparents from Quebec. I have proof of the female but I have baptismal records for two probable males with the same name from the same town in a two-year time period and without the marriage record which would name the parents.

My advice to beginners is to ask questions of the old folks before they die!

I haven't tired of the search—if anything, I've become more obsessed.

BCGS Library New Look

Come to the BCGS library on Tuesday's and see our new look. The sofa has been removed from the front room and more bookcases have been purchased which will contain the collection of books donated by the Irene Harding estate. Other re-arrangements have been made giving us much more space.

BCGS New Members

(since last newsletter)

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2003 Membership Renewals

(since last newsletter)

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Reminder: Those who still need to renew their memberships have their mailing labels marked in pink.

HELP WITH FINDING YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

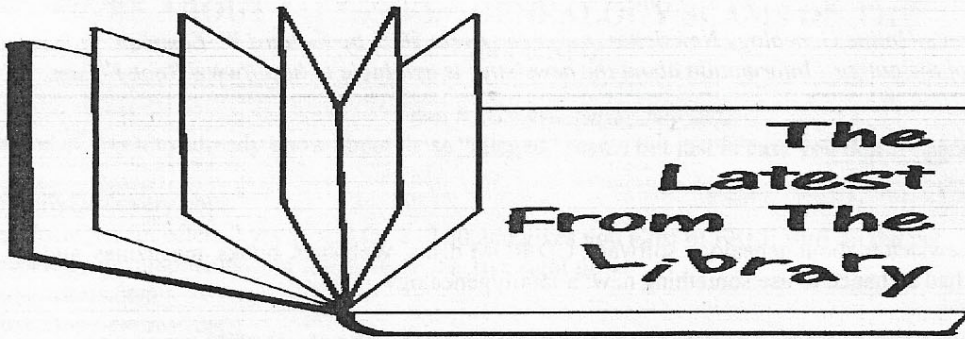
Mr. Clay Feeter will be in Lincoln City on Sunday, January 12th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Roberts Book Shop, 3412 S.E. Highway 101. Mr. Feeter will help people find their Civil War ancestor. He is a Civil War researcher, speaker, and publisher of TheHistoryCalendar.com. He says, "In most cases we can learn what rank an ancestor held, whether he was wounded or captured and what town and state he lived in at the time he enlisted; occasionally, we also find his wife's name. As long as you can provide a few details, we can usually find an ancestor in a matter of minutes."

THIS 'N' THAT

The new updated book list is now available for purchase in the BCGS Library. Cost is \$3.00 each.

Upcoming Program

Sally Hilles of Hazelnut Hills will be our speaker at the March 8th meeting. She will talk about "The Lost Wagon Train." The museum staff is invited to attend.



Ken Bielman, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2074	TN	Acklen	<i>Tennessee Records, Bible Records and Marriage Bonds, Vol II.</i> White paperback
2075	HT	Time-Life Books	<i>Caring For Photographs</i> Gray hardback. Gift of Betty Swan
2076	US	Rasmussen	<i>San Francisco Ship Passenger Lists, Vol II.</i> Blue hardback.
2077	IRE	Glazier	<i>Famine Immigrants, Vol II, 1846-1851.</i> Dark blue hardback.
2078	IRE	Glazier	<i>Famine Immigrants, Vol III, 1846-1851.</i> Dark blue hardback.
2079	IRE	Glazier	<i>Famine Immigrants, Vol IV, 1846-1851.</i> Dark blue hardback.
2080	IRE	Glazier	<i>Famine Immigrants, Vol V, 1846-1851.</i> Dark blue hardback.
2081	IRE	Glazier	<i>Famine Immigrants, Vol VI, 1846-1851.</i> Dark blue hardback.
2082	FH	Martsching	<i>Taylor, James Ira.</i> Family History of. Gift of Mabelle Martsching. Blue notebook.
2083	FH	Various	Findley/Finley Family Group Sheets. Gift of Wayne Anderson. Blue notebook.

Library Staffing Chairperson Position Available

We are looking for a Library Staffing Chairperson to replace Lee Rudisill who recently resigned. Duties would be to ensure that the BCGS Library is sufficiently staffed during the times the library is open and to provide a staffing list for posting in the library and another for BCGS records. If you are interested in this position, please contact Danell Aukerman at 745-2003.

Are you looking for a different place on the Internet to research that you haven't tried yet?

This may not be new to you, but I am sure many have not even thought of trying it. If you are aware of Google as most are, try clicking on Images from the home page. When Images comes up, type in genealogy and you may receive a whole new world of research material. To make it more interesting, type your surname in front of genealogy and who knows. Maybe, just maybe, you will find your relatives picture.

Try It

From the Sweet Home Genealogical Society Newsletter July 2002

Seeking Help

BCGS is looking for people with experience working with old records to scan records of the 1890 voter registration to put on long life CD's or photo copy with a digital camera. If you or your society can help us, please contact Danell Aukerman at (541) 745-2003.

TOPEKA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

QUARTERLY—Original records, Eastern KS and early KS state-wide. ANNUAL Index (by County) of records printed in KS periodicals. FREE Queries, yearly index.

MEMBERSHIPS: \$15.00 INDIVIDUAL, \$18.00 FAMILY (1 Quarterly).

ADDRESS: T.G.S., P.O. Box 4048, Topeka, KS 66604-0048.

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GENEALOGY: CHASING YOUR OWN TALE!

LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you have not yet renewed your membership, you have until January 15, 2003 to do it or your name will be dropped from the roll. **Reminder: Those who still need to renew their memberships have their mailing labels marked in pink.** The membership renewal form is located below for your convenience.

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Linkum!: A Real Family Game

I have written many articles in this newsletter about genealogy software, CD-ROM disks, Web sites, books, magazines, and similar items. However, this week I had a chance to use something new: a familygenealogy game.

Linkum! is a card game. There are two types of cards: Ancestor Cards and Research Cards. The object of the game is to create a link of generations that includes a child, his or her parents, one set of grandparents, and one set of great-grandparents. Remember, too, that each of these people also is a child of another couple, so a person can be an ancestor as well as a child.

Ancestor cards are the basic cards needed to win, while research cards are used to increase your chances of playing ancestor cards. The game begins in the normal manner for most card games: the dealer shuffles the deck and deals cards to all players. Each player then begins to create his own four generations by placing ancestor cards on the table and playing research cards.

Research cards generally help the player but occasionally have the opposite effect. Typical research cards include:

- Genealogist – Play this card to search through the piles of other unplayed or discarded cards to find the one you need.
- Generation Gap – Play this card to steal a husband and/or wife from any other player.
- Proxy – Use this card in place of any ancestor card that would otherwise be playable.
- Bridge – Play this card to counter the Generation Gap.

Linkum! provides the following guidelines:

- 5 cards to a hand
- start with what you know
- match colors to link generations
- match symbols to link marriages

Linkum! does not use your ancestors. Instead, the program supplies a fictitious family for you to use. The primary family surnames are Maker and Day and other family names appear throughout the family tree. Individual cards represent fictitious people, many with humorous names. Some of my favorites include: Rainey Day, Sonny Day, Wynn D. Day, June Weather, Justin Thyme, Spring Thyme, Norman D. Beach, Sandy Beach, and Doyle Lee.

Linkum! provides an understanding of basic family relationships to young children and helps encourage adults to find their own relations. Its rules are easy to learn, and the game's producer also suggests variations to the basic rules. You are also encouraged to create your own rules as well.

Phil Neil is the "brains" behind this game, and he has provided an entertaining method of learning about family relationships. The game is aimed at multi-generation players: parents, grandparents, and children can all play on an equal footing.

Linkum! costs \$12.95 (U.S. funds) and is available via online order as well as mail order. For more information, go to <http://www.idoneon.com/>

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MORE ABOUT "ALLEGED" GENEALOGY SCAMS ON THE INTERNET

From WVGS Newsletter, July 2002

Some of you may already know about these "alleged" scams but just in case you don't—please be careful of the following:

FamilyDiscovery.com
genlocator.com offers 2 yrs access for \$40.00 and gives you a list of FREE stuff on the net
genealogy-developments.com seems to be inactive right now
genseekers.com
genealogy-express.com

To check for yourself on "offers" you receive, just type the name into Google and see what comes up. Also, you can go to WHOIS.com and type in the domain name (the web address) and see the registration information on that site. On all the above—no address or a GPO, no phone numbers, or e-mail address to hotmail.com. A real company will list a full address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.

PLEASE be careful—these are just like the Halbert, Inc. outfits.

Thanks for listening,

Pat Glau

Editor's note: The preceding is from an e-mail received in June, 2002, from the respected Oregon genealogist, Pat Glau. They have been printed here for your information. They have not been checked out by wvgs. Jim Eddy

Membership Renewal

Renewing your membership allows continuation to participate in Society activities, which includes the use of the Genealogy Library which has over 1800 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 the newsletter, dues must be paid by January 15, 2003.**

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 2003 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 January for the **8 February** meeting. Cookies—Teri Greene
24 February for the **8 March** meeting. Cookies—TBA
31 March for the **April 12** meeting. Cookies—Gene Newcomb
28 April for the **May 10** 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 of 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. 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.
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