

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society



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January Program

"Cemetery and Funeral Home Records"

"Cemetery and Funeral Home Records" by Leland K. Meitzler, President of Heritage Quest. A video program assisted and enhanced by Society members. Well worth your time.

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.

Upcoming Programs

- February 12, 2005** - John Baker - Camp Adair and Prisoners of War.
- March 12, 2005** - Judy Juntunen - Crystal Lake Cemetery.
- April 9, 2005** - Update on the Family History Library at Salt Lake and the Corvallis Family History Center branch.
- May 14, 2005** - Computer Programs and Information available on the Internet — Concurrent with a small Book Fair (genealogical books for sale) - "Intermediate How To" for those without computer interest.
- 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.

Book Looks

By *Charlene Talbot*

The **NEWSPAPER GENEALOGICAL COLUMN DIRECTORY, 6th edition**, by Anita Cheek Milner, is a book to check out only if you're feeling very, very lucky, and in the mood to write query letters. It is filed in our library under US. Its 110 pages seem to contain listings of all the genealogy columns that used to be printed in various newspapers, but no longer exist. In addition to all this negativism, the book was printed in 1996, so it's anybody's guess how many of the columns that are shown as still existing may have bitten the dust in the last nine years.

However, on the plus side, we did have some good luck a few years ago when we used it to send some queries. The columns are read by people who aren't ordinarily interested in genealogy, but might dip into a query if they see a familiar name.

The back of the paperback book says: "This is the 1996 edition of a collection loaded with updated information and is a good source for today's serious genealogist. The author obtained the information contained herein by surveys sent to newspaper column editors."

One query we sent was to a give-away nickel-ads sheet in Illinois. We were working on a book for the Tarvin Family Association at the time. The woman who answered the query was very helpful, even though she wasn't particularly interested in genealogy and would probably never have looked at a genealogy magazine or a web site on the Internet. She sent us a photograph of her grandparents and one of their children at a young age. We got a lot of good information from her about the next generation, such as where some of the people had moved to and what happened to them.

The book also lists miscellaneous columns, such as Australian research and regional United States.

So if you're in the mood to write letters one of these rainy days, check out this book to see if there's a column that covers the area you're researching. Incidentally, while you're in the library, you might want to get a few #9 envelopes at 5 cents each to enclose in your letters as SASEs.

*Life is lived forwards,
but understood backwards*

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Program Review - December Christmas Party and Auction

On 11 December 2004 The Benton County Genealogical Society held our annual "Christmas Party and Auction." Attendance was good with all having a fun time as we raised an additional \$175.50 for the book fund. Ted Gump our own auctioneer and master of fun conducted ceremonies with help from Pat Cooligan, Leila Crawford, and Gene Newcomb, as well as the rest of us to lesser extents.

This event has proven fun for many of us as the way we make our annual contribution to the Society Book Fund as well as picking up some Christmas presents for the grandkids.

INSTALLATION OF 2005 OFFICERS

The election of BCGS Officers for 2005 was held at the November 13th meeting and it was decided at the December meeting to wait until The January 8 meeting to be sworn into office by outgoing president Danell Aukerman. Elected officers are:

President: Bill Gleaves
1st Vice-President: Dave Kribs
2nd Vice President: Margaret Hays
Secretary: Leila Crawford
Treasurer: Gene Newcomb
Librarian: Ken Bielman
Membership: Tonya Rawie

Picture This: A History Mystery

The State Library has hundreds of unidentified pictures from the Trover collection and other studios from in and around Salem. In an effort to identify at least some of them, a regular feature of each Willamette Valley Genealogical Society "Beaver Briefs" issue will be to present one of these "orphan" pictures with the hope that one of our readers might recognize a person, time period or location pictures.

The December 2004 issue's selection is timely, for it depicts a young girl in front of the three (minimally) decorated Christmas trees. Probably for an organization or special yuletide celebration, the picture is from the 1890's and the young lady appears to be about age 10 or 11. If you have any idea who the girl might be or the occasion pictured, please contact the editor of The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society "Beaver Briefs." The picture of the girl mentioned above is found in "Beaver Briefs" Newsletter, Volume 36, Number 4, December 2004, where this article was reprinted from.

BCGS New Members (since last newsletter)

Ruth Fisher
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BCGS 2005 Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

Allen Co. (Indiana) Public Library
Norman Barnes No e-mail
Jan Barton Lewjb@comcast.net
Dorothy Buckingham (Mutchler) No e-mail
Earle & Vangie Greig egreig@pioneer.net
Susan Howard sahowar@comcast.net
Mary Huston No e-mail
Dean Johnson deannancyj@comcast.net
John & Mabelle Martsching No e-mail
John & Sandra Potter sanjohn@proaxis.com
Hilmer & Sarah Schmidt No e-mail
Leon & Harlene Stratton No email

Renewal Reminder!

Please check you mailing labels! If your membership code next to your name is F4 or S4, you have not paid your dues for 2004/2005. This will be your last newsletter unless we receive your dues. Thank you!

Ancestor File Disclosure

It was brought to the attention of the Board concerning access to personal information in the Ancestor File. In light of identity theft issues, this is not a matter we wish to ignore. The Board will be formulating a clear policy on this issue before taking future actions regarding the Ancestor File. Please direct any input you have to the Board. Email addresses are on the back of this newsletter, or you may send you concerns to the BCGS post office box.

New Seattle Library

The city of Seattle has a new 165 million dollar library located in the same location as the old one, 1000 4th Ave., which opened the week of May 23, 2004. The genealogical collection is now housed on level 9 and is billed as "the biggest in the Northwest." They also have a genealogist on duty to assist patrons.

The best way to get there is via mass transit. Parking is limited and very expensive.

Excerpted from The Heritage Newsletter, Volume 18, Issue 9, September 2004.

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Each year the BCGS inventories its library research holdings to determine which of our documents are not accounted for, and to identify errors or how we can improve our published shelf list. The inventory this year was conducted July 27, 2004. **The list, which appears below, shows which volumes could not be located** . All of you who have checked out BCGS library items **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** double check your genealogical material to see if any of the missing items have ended up in YOUR library. If so, we'd appreciate your returning these at your earliest convenience. Of our total inventory of approximately 2300 volumes about 50 items could not be located. That constitutes roughly 2% of our documents which by normal library standards is well within the acceptable range for inventories. Nevertheless, we need to continue to carefully adhere to our established "Check-in, Check-out" procedures to keep future "unaccounted-for" items to a minimum.

**BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY INVENTORY 27 JULY 2004.
UNACCOUNTED FOR BOOKS**

BOOK NO	CATEGORY	AUTHOR	TITLE, DESCRIPTION, DONOR
1354	CA	Siskiyou Cty His Soc	Siskiyou County Historical Society, Vol. 1, #4, Yearbook, 1949
2010	CD	Ancestry.com	Civil War Service Records. Three CD's Overdue checkout. Need to contact
758	FH	Lane Cty Hist Soc	Brakeman, Family Rev. Josiah and Mary Goss BRAKEMAN**
1000	FH	Seaver	CAMPBELL Family History
614	FH	Roberts	HOFFMAN Family, George Roberts and the
1800	FH	Stone	Ramsey Family; "Wild Garlic Islands; a Genealogical Account of the Ramsey Family
641	FH	Brown	STOCKWELL Family
776	FH		THORNTON, Heirs of John
1162	GER	Thode	Address Book for Germanic Genealogy
1944	HT	Camp	English Genealogy; "Everyone Has Roots"; An Introduction To. Small navy hardback. Found, but check CAT. "ENG"?
204	HT	US Gov't	Guide to Genealogical Records in National Archives - 1964
498	HT/IRE	LDS	A Genealogical Research Guide for Ireland
1983	MA	Galvin	Cities and Towns of Massachusetts, Historical Data. Lt Blue
874	MIL	Johnson	How to Locate Anyone Who is or Has Been in the Military Appears to be lost. Borrower says she doesn't have it.
1799	MIG	Nat Archives	Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals; A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications
680	NC	Griffin, Clarence W.	Western North Carolina Sketches
573	New Eng	x	NEHG Register, Vol 100, 1946, (Index only)
1701	NY	Scott	Marriages and Deaths in the New York Magazine, 1790-1797
1872	NY		Ulster County, NY, Baptismal and Marriage Records of the Old Dutch Church
479	NY	Livsey	Western New York Land Transactions
1550	OH	Stebbins	Atlas of the State of Ohio, 1868
693	OR	Parish, Philip H.	Before the Covered Wagon
1324	OR	Reynolds & Grube	Benton County, Corvallis Church Records (to 1920) (Evangelical, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran)
691	OR		Benton County, Corvallis City Directory, 1988
665	OR	Clackamas Co Hist Soc	Clackamas County Historical, 1958
649	OR	Miles & Milligan	Donation Land Claims, Oregon Territory
1443	OR	Preston	Early Oregon Atlas
435	OR	Williams	Illus. Hist. Atlas Map, 1878, Marion & Linn Counties
651	OR	Miles & Milligan	Linn Co., OR - Pioneer Settlers, V.7
174	OR	Haskin	Linn County Cemeteries - 1939
54	OR	Hoeye & Hoeye	Oak Ridge & Powell Cemeteries - copy 2
828	OR		Polk County Historical Society
1060	OR	Montgomery	The Brazen Overlanders of 1845

QUERIES

By Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay

Since there aren't any takers for free queries by members, I'll submit one on behalf of my friends:

PATTERSON

Alexander PATTERSON md. Ethel May STRICKER in Benton county, May 15, 1902. In 1910 census, the family was living in Kings Valley. In 1920, Ethel was living in Okanogan county, WA, as the wife of John W. "Jack PATTERSON", a nephew of Alexander.

Does anyone know what became of Alexander?

Reply to Lee Gentemann at: rootsfinder@pioneer.net or snail mail at: 1820 Hamlet Ct. S., Salem, OR 97302

WEBSITES

- Do you have any ancestors who worked for the railroad? The Railroad Retirement Commission's website found on Cindi's List Railroad page provides links to several sites. <http://www.cindislist.com/railroad.htm>
- **Missing Federal Censuses.** "Our goal at www.censustrail.com is to restore missing censuses from alternate records that exist and make them readily available on our website. We currently have nearly 50,000 names on file and are adding more on a frequent basis. We are even building censuses for each decade before 1790!" *Excerpted from Census Trail flyer.*

Mark Your Calendars

- The National Genealogical Society (NGS) will hold it's "Warm up Your Research" conference **January 20-22, 2005 in Phoenix, AZ.** The workshops will cover family history software, professional research and general genealogical knowledge, with planned topics that include Web site design, scanning, writing, and communication skills. Registration information is available at: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutripsphoenix.htm>
- **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 pasted in the BCGS Library.

Oregon, My Oregon Permanent Exhibit at OHS.

The Oregon Historical Society is located at 1200 SW Park, Portland, Oregon. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00-5:00, Sunday, 12:00-4:00. Admission: OHS members are free. Adults \$8, Students with ID \$7, Seniors (60+) \$7, Youths (6-18 yrs) \$5, and children under 5 are free. The 24-hour information line for OHS is (503) 306-5198.

Get Well Wishes

The Society extends Get Well Wishes to Judy Juntunen. We hope you are feeling better soon.

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BOOK NO	CATEGORY	AUTHOR	TITLE, DESCRIPTION, DONOR
2022	OR	Yamhill Gen Soc	Yamhill County Genealogical Soc Quarterly Publications. 1997 to _____. Large yellow notebook
441	PA	Hoerstine	1972 Guide to Gen. & Hist. Res. in Pennsylvania
1238	REF	Barsi	Homesteads & Federal Land Records, Basic Researchers Guide Overdue book. Borrower has been notified
116	REF		National Directory of Morticians - 1978
1253	REF	Yates	Researching Masonic Records
2132	RW	Bunnell	<i>Loyalist Ancestors Research Guide</i> . Gray paperback. Irene Harding Collection
945	SL		Catalog of Eugene, OR Branch Genealogical Library, 1975
762	SL	Natl Archives & Records Svcs	Federal Population Censuses, 1790-1899
326	SL	Cerny & Elliott	Library Guide to the LDS Library
1444	SL	Gen Forum	Membership Directory, 1 Jul 1994 to 30 Jun 1995
1137	SL		Oregon Genealogical Society Library Shelf List (Eugene), 1994; Filed in white notebook, #2014, SL, "Other Geneal Soc."
320	TN	Hathaway	Genealogical Research in Tennessee**
740	US	Kirkham	American Church Records, V. I., A Survey of. Data included in #120.
1763	US	Heritage Quest	Federal Pensioners' Roll of 1883 Checked out. Verify if this is a book or a CD.???
1070	US	Johnson & Saintly	Genealogical Research Directory - 1991
2153	US	Coldham	<i>Loyalist Claims, American, Vol I</i> . Red hardback. Irene Harding Collection.
1702	VA	Gannett	A Gazetteer of Virginia and West Virginia. See #454
640	VA	Brown	Goochland County, Virginia, Census, 1820. See #535
695	VA	McDonald, Cecil D., Jr.	Marriages, Some Virginia, 1700-1799, Vols. 1-10
1853	VA		Will Records, Virginia"
3	WI/VF	Wilson	Wisconsin Genealogical Addresses
1474			Culley Recollections

LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The Corvallis, OR LDS Family History Center is located at 4141 Harrison Blvd. in the Northwest side of the building.

Phone: (541) 758-0857, Ext. 8.

Hours are: Tuesday—Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Closed: Monday, Saturday and Sunday

Major Resources of the Family History Center

Computer Compact-Disk Files (Family Search)

- *International Genealogical Index (IGI)*
- *Family History Library Catalog (FHLC)*
- *Ancestral File*
- *Social Security Index*
- *Military Death Index*
- *Scottish Parrish Records*

The Family History Center now subscribes to Ancestry.com

This is an excellent local resource for ancestral research and there is someone there to help you out.

MISSION MILL MUSEUM SPEAKER SERIES

Mission Mill Museum kicks off its annual Speaker Series, **the series takes place the third Thursday of the month, January-April, 7:30 pm**, at Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill St. SE in Salem.

Upcoming Events at Mission Mill in Salem

February 17, 2005, 7:30 pm
Tools of Survival: Weapons of the Corps of Discovery by Michael Carrick

March 17, 2005, 7:30 pm
The Lewis and Clark Expedition: America's Commitment to the Enlightenment by Steve Beckham

April 21, 2005, 7:30 pm
Sacajawea Beyond the Shining Mountains with Lewis and Clark by Joyce Badgley Hunsaker

Tickets are \$12 for non-memebers per event. Contact Mission Mill at (503) 585-7043, or check out their website at www.missionmill.org and click on events.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
31 January for the **12 February** meeting. Cookies—Leila Crawford
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

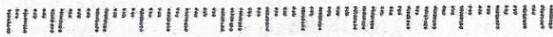
The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: sprawlins@proaxis.com. Thank You. **Pat Rawlinson**

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!

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 Number is last of year; S=2005
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Mailing Label Coding

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