

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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June 8, 2002 Program

Annual Potluck and Used Book Sale

This is a chance to exchange ideas with fellow genealogists while enjoying lunch, so come with a snack and ideas to share...

AND

bring your used books and find some you haven't read. There will be cookbooks, genealogy books, whodunits, and who knows what else, all at bargain prices.

Benton County Historical Museum Appraisal Day

Don't forget the Art and Antiques Appraisal Day on Saturday, June 8, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Benton County Museum, 1101 Main Street in Philomath. Appraisers from Eugene will be available to evaluate up to two pieces per person for a contribution of \$5.00. Appraisals will be conducted on a drop-in basis.

The Appraisal Day event is being held in honor of a month-long celebration of collectors and collecting. Both the Corvallis Arts Center and the Museum will present special exhibits and events on art and antiques collecting. For further information, call the Museum at 541-929-6230.

Combine the BCGS picnic and book sale with this event for a fun and interesting day.

Sweet Home Genealogical Society Field Trip

An interesting trip to the Sweet Home Genealogical Society library is planned for Wednesday, June 12, 2002. Pre-paid cost is \$10. The library is open from 10 - 3 and the plan is to leave from Albertson's parking lot at 9:00 a.m. You can bring your own lunch or eat out at a nearby restaurant that has a pizza, sandwich and salad bar. For information, e-mail Mary Hardenbrook at Hardeme@exchangenet.net or call 745-5067. Deadline to sign-up is June 8th, and the cancellation deadline is June 9th.

Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

Emergence of a Genealogist: Pat Coolican

We interviewed Pat Coolican at the Family History Center in Corvallis where she volunteers on Thursday afternoons.

"I got started with genealogy in 1978," she said, "when I was planning my first trip to Ireland. Two weeks before I was scheduled to leave, I got in touch with an older cousin. I thought she would be able to tell me all about our family. Now, twenty-four years later, I still don't have it all for sure.

"My grandfather was the one who came to this country from Ireland, but I never knew my grandparents. My impression is that Irish families in particular never really talked about the past. Certainly, I started with a blank sheet of paper.

"One of the problems with Irish genealogy is that a lot of the records were burned, including the census records. And Catholic Irish genealogy is more difficult to do than Protestant. I guess you could say Ireland is my brick wall.

"Just about four years ago a relative was cleaning out some old stuff in Scranton, Pennsylvania and came across a letter from 1922 listing relatives in County Mayo. That was my first real breakthrough in twenty years. On my next trip to Ireland I put an ad in a newspaper. I had some results and met some people. We think we're cousins, but we can't prove it. I've narrowed that side of my ancestry back to the county and one little village. I don't really care. I was happy to get a feel of the place, and I'll be content with that."

"My mother's side was German," she continued. "I had really good luck there. My great grandfather came from Sussen in Wurttemberg. I've been to that village. And my great grandmother was from Rimbach, Hessen-Darmstadt. I've been to her village, too, and in the house where she was born. Relatives still live there, so that was kind of fun. I pretty much have that side done, as far back as records were kept."

Pat has been to two Elderhostel workshops on genealogy, both in Salt Lake City at the Family History Library, and considers she learned a lot.

Once when she felt at a dead end, she worked on a genealogy for her brother's wife. Her sister-in-law came from an Italian family. Pat found that fun to do. "That family came later, around 1900," she explained. "They all came pretty much at the same time, and went to the same small town, and stayed there."

She was pleased to talk about a recent success. "Just last summer in Scranton I visited a cousin to look at an old photo album. He had a second one with a black-and-white sketch of my great grandfather.

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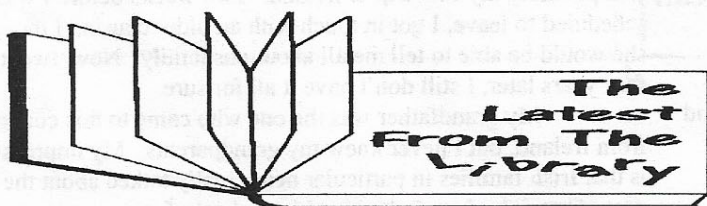
It was labeled with his name, and listed his birth and death years. It was kind of faded, but evidently someone in the family had done it. One of the librarians I work with here at the Family History Center scanned it for me, and I've framed it."

Pat would like to recommend the Genealogical Research Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. to anyone researching that area. Their objective is to acquire, copy and computerize an in-house database of all existing records within the counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna and Wayne.

Her advice to people starting in genealogy is to verify information they get from the Internet or on CDs and not take it as gospel.

Donation Land Claim Map Update

Volunteers are needed to help update the Donation Land Claim Map. Check and compare the book with the map and make corrections.



The following notice was posted on grave stones in Palestine Cemetery for Memorial Day.

North Palestine Cemetery Association
Annual Meeting

June 9, 2002

Potluck at 1:00 pm
Annual Meeting at 2:00 pm

If you have family buried here, own lots here, are interested in owning lots here, or are just interested in this old cemetery and church, come find out about us at our annual meeting here in the church on June 9, 2002. For more information call Bob Pace at 928-6858 or John Koch at 928-0880.

Ken Bielman, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2036	GER	Periodicals	<i>German Genealogical Digest, Book 1, Vols 11-14.</i> Gift of Ken Bielman. Lg white notebook.
2037	GER	Periodicals	<i>German Genealogical Digest, Book 2, Vols 15-18.</i> Gift of Ken Bielman. Lg white notebook.
2038	GER	Periodicals	German Genealogical Society of America Newsletters. Dark brown notebook.
2039	OH	Periodicals	Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly Reports. Book A, 1989-1992. Gift of Jean Grube. Large white notebook
2040	FH/GAT	Gates	<i>Kiger Island.</i> History of Fred E. Gates Family. Benton County, Oregon. Dark maroon leatherbound.
2041	NY	O'Callaghan	<i>Colonial New York, Lists of Inhabitants In.</i> Gift of Damaris Reynolds. Gray hardback.
2042	ME	Anderson	<i>York County, Will Abstracts, 1801-1858. Vol 1.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Green hardback.
2043	ME	Anderson	<i>York County, Will Abstracts, 1801-1858. Vol 2.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Green hardback.

Thanks to Ken Bielman for purchasing and setting up new book cases in our front research room. Come to our June 8th meeting or visit the library and see our new look.

Bellfountain Cemetery Tour

A Walk & Stop tour of the Bellfountain Cemetery is planned for June 18 or 19, with the purpose of compiling a list of burials since 1986 and updating the Society's records. The Stop after the tour will be at the nearby home of Dorothy and George Burt. Contact Danell Aukerman if you are interested.

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QUERIES

Completed the **Nathan Taylor** family who lived in Lobster Valley. Located them in the 1880 census in the Alsea precinct although they never moved.

The **Huard** families have been located in Corvallis and Alsea.

Received more help with the **Moses** families in Corvallis and Philomath.

Six obituaries and six pages of other material was sent to a **Mc Fadden** descendant.

WANTED: Death date and place of death of **James William Baldwin**. He was born in May of 1877 and farmed near Tangent.
Also, the death date of **Rebecca Harlan**. It occurred after July 9, 1904.

Upcoming Programs

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| 14 Sept 2002 | Annual Sharing Program - Share your most recent and most successful genealogical adventures. |
| 12 Oct 2002 | TBA |
| 9 Nov 2002 | Identify, Retrieval, & Preservation of Family Photos, presented by Don Ferguson. |
| 14 Dec 2002 | Annual Christmas Party and Auction. |

Becky Kiger Memorial

Anyone wishing to contribute towards the purchase of a book set in honor of Becky Kiger may contact Frances Grotefend at the June 8 meeting or by mailing a check to: Benton County Genealogical Society, Attn: Frances Grotefend, P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370.

Service Project Reports

WPA — Most forms have been scanned and put on disk thanks to the hard work of GERALYN and William Barry.

Corvallis Obit Project —
Linda Olsen has adopted a reel to work on.

Future Field Trips

University of Oregon Library, week of September 16. Sign up at the June 8 meeting. The library has the Oregon Collection consisting of local newspapers, including those from smaller towns, from around the state.

Revisit the State Library in Salem in October.

Discovering Our Heritage

The 2002 Family History Fair

Sponsored by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.

Saturday, June 29, 2002

Parkrose High School, 12003 NE Shaver, Portland, OR

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

See May newsletter for details

Why Should You Attend?

Get started on your family history; learn new skills; meet with representatives from regional genealogy societies, historical societies and special interest groups; buy from book and software vendors; shop the GFO White Elephant table; encounter kindred spirits.

Classes Offered:

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| 9:30 | Never Too Young For Family History..... | Jane McDowell |
| 11:00 | How To Compare Genealogy Software..... | Marty Krauter |
| 1:00 | Genealogy on the Internet..... | Anne Leptich, AG |
| 2:30 | Why Vital Records Are Vital To You..... | ...haron Wodtke |

Open to everyone

No admission fee

Free parking

Vendor Inquiries: hihopes@teleport.com

Further info: www.gfo.org

Additional info: Contact Ray Ashmun at hihopes@teleport.com OR call the Forum at (503) 963-1932

**YESTERDAY'S TOMORROWS:
Past Visions of the American Future**

A Museum on Main Street Exhibition

June 29—August 10

411 SW 2nd Street

Open Tues - Sun, 12 - 6 p.m.

Ray guns, robots, the Atom-Bomb House, and a nuclear powered car are all part of the exhibition, *Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future*, which offers a unique history of expectations and beliefs about the shape of things to come. Curators Joseph Corn of Stanford University and Brian Horrigan of the Minnesota Historical Society use objects from popular culture, such as toys, books, movie stills, World's Fair memorabilia, car designs, advertisements, and architectural designs to examine the ways in which Americans of yesteryear have envisioned our collective future. In 2001, *Yesterday's Tomorrows* will embark on a five-year tour, traveling to approximately 150 towns in 25 states.

The 500-square foot exhibition focuses on the past 100 years in America, when visions of the future have fluctuated between secular utopias characterized by breathtaking leaps of science and technology and urban chaos fraught with danger and disintegration. The exhibition contains materials ranging from the buoyant and optimistic tomorrows of General Motors' "Futurama" at the 1939 World's Fair to the bleak future presented in the films *Metropolis* and *War of the Worlds*. Though many of the predicted futures never came to pass and seem naïve from our 21st-century perspective, other visions still challenge our concept of the future - such as personal flying machines that strap to one's back or cars that can be transformed into airplanes in just a few minutes.

For generations, Americans have used the image of the "home of the future" to reflect their yearning for the ideal domestic life. Buckminster Fuller's 1928 Dymaxion House is complete with all the modern conveniences that will emancipate the housewife from the drudgery of housework. Illustrations from Popular Mechanics magazine imagine a house in which everything is made of plastic so that the housewife could do her daily cleaning with a hose!

Urban planners, such as Henry Dreyfuss in his "Democracy," envisioned communities of the future that restructure the urban and suburban environment with aerial towers, underground caverns, and greenbelts. However, such plans were not limited to the earthly sphere. For at least 50 years planners have projected cities in outer space, a faith documented by illustrations commissioned by NASA in the 1970's of a donut-shaped space colony that supports 10,000 people in a lush, suburban type environment.

Futuristic vehicles are uniquely American ways of imagining tomorrow, reflecting Americans' faith in progress and technology. Examples of futuristic vehicles range from atomic-powered automobiles like the Ford Nucleon and wheel-less, air-propelled vehicles. Some of the most popular visions of the future are of the sky darkened by swarms of commuters piloting their own personal air car—indeed, an airplane in every garage!

Hosting museums will develop ancillary community events and activities expanding on the themes presented in *Yesterday's Tomorrows*. These activities may include design and invention contests in local schools, oral history projects, dramatizations, or historic preservation initiatives. While the exhibition playfully invites the creation of town time capsules, it also is the perfect springboard for community future-planning activities. The exhibition will be accompanied by announcement posters and postcards, a banner, public service announcements for radio broadcast, and an exhibition catalogue. Project partners also will develop a website - yesterdaystomorrows.org - that will link exhibition-specific resources, bibliography, and filmography to community-sponsored activities throughout the five-year exhibition tour.

Public Service Announcement

Genealogy Council of Oregon 2002 Conference

October 5 - 6, 2002. Red Lion Hotel, Salem, OR
(503) 370-7888

"Find it in the Past ~ Preserve it for the Future"

Featuring Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List

Presentations by several leading Oregon lecturers
Vendor booths & society publication sales.

Brochures available June 2002

Write to: GCO 2002 Seminar, Connie Lenze, Program
Chair, P.O. Box 2639, Salem, OR 97308-2639

Submit: Name, address, phone #, and e-mail address.

Look for detailed information in September newsletter

Aviation Information Wanted

Bill Gleaves is updating the Benton County Aviation History and he is seeking information about early landing fields in the Monroe area. Early crop dusters in the 1920's flew over the area around Monroe. If anyone knows where these flights originated, please contact Bill at (541) 738-8189. He has already located 11 old landing fields in Benton County.

The Oregon Trail and Interpretive Center in Baker City will be having special events and activities as part of their 10th annual celebration from May 24th to the end of the year. The events are in celebration of shared heritage and to keep the pioneer spirit alive.

Excerpted from the Linn Genealogical Society June minutes.

KING FOLK REUNION

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2002

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

KINGS VALLEY SCHOOL GYM
(Located behind the school)

39088 KINGS VALLEY HIGHWAY

Morning Session - workshop. Bring paper, pencils, books, family info. and pictures to share. A copy machine will be available. Coffee and donuts will be served

Lunch at Noon - Bring a main dish and another item of your choice (dessert, salad, or munchies) to share. Also bring your own eating utensils. Coffee and iced tea will be available.

General Meeting & Story Time - 1:30 p.m. Discussion items: Kings Valley Cemetery, Newsletter, Website (up & running), Results from Kings Boulevard issue, Dues.

NEW THIS YEAR - DOORPRIZES! Let Mimi Stang know if you have anything you would like to donate.

INFORMATION:

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King Family Website

<http://www.all-oregon.com/king/>

Jackie Farris, Webmaster

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

On May 28th, the Executive Board voted to increase the annual membership dues. Several factors precipitated this decision. First, the cost of renting the library annex has increased by \$100 per year. Second, as of June 31, the cost of mailing the newsletter will increase by 3¢ per ounce, as ordered by the U.S. Postal Service. Third, the cost of paper and printing has increased over the last several years. And last, an inflation rate of 5% has been added. The total of these costs will be covered by a dues increase of \$2.00 per membership. The new rates, \$12.00 for an Individual and \$15.00 for a family, will begin September 1 for the new fiscal year, 2003.

1930 Census Microfilm

The 1930 Census Microfilm (population schedules and Soundex indexes for 12 Southern states) from the National Archives and Records Administration is now available.

The microfilms include: "address; name; relationship to head of household; home owned or rented; if owned, value of home; if rented, monthly rental; sex; race; age; marital status; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; mother tongue of foreign born; if foreign born, year of immigration to U.S.; whether naturalized; ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class or worker; employment; and whether a veteran."

Cost is \$34 per roll (domestic) and \$39 per roll (foreign) which includes shipping & handling per roll.

To obtain a catalog of National Archives microfilm call 1-800-234-8861. ISBN 1-880875-25x, #200043 - soft cover - 112 pgs, \$3.50.

The brochure with detailed information is available at the BCGS library, or you can log on to the NARA website at <http://1930census.archives.gov>

Genealogists never die; they just lose their census.

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

4 September for the **14 September** meeting. Cookies—Ken Bielman.

30 September for the **12 October** meeting. Cookies—TBA

28 October for the **9 November** meeting. Cookies—TBA

2 December for the **14 December** meeting. Cookies—TBA

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Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 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: 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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