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# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 12 June Program - Annual Potluck & Book Sale

Annual Potluck Picnic and Book Sale. Be sure to bring a dish of your choice to share and books or novels to donate for summer reading.

#### *Many Thanks*

Many thanks to everyone who assisted with this year's Genealogy Book Faire. Your help was greatly appreciated.

### **SOUTH BENTON COMMUNITIES**

**HISTORICAL MUSEUM** invites you to visit our facility on Hwy. 99 in Monroe. In less than two years we have acquired, with the help of the people of our communities, a diverse display of historic items. Whether your interest is in household items, tools, logging or schools, you will find something to interest you. Most interesting to genealogists is our growing collection of information about and genealogies of the settlers of our communities beginning in the late 1840's.

The fact that this is the 60th anniversary of D-Day in WWII, has spurred a project to collect the names, pictures, and branch of service of all persons from our area who have served in the military. The response to this project has been outstanding.

The museum is open each Wednesday afternoon and all day the last Saturday of each month.

*Submitted by Janice Barclay*

***If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.  
Benjamin Franklin***

### **September Board Meeting**

The September BCGS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, August 30, 2004 from 7-9 p.m. at Damaris Reynolds house.

### **kith and kin** By charlene talbot

#### **Emergence of Two Genealogists: Dennis and Peggy Haney**

"I have a cousin who lives up in Clatskanie who has been researching our father's Davis family genealogy," Peggy Haney said when we asked her what started her interest in genealogy. "She asked me to research some records at the courthouse in Corvallis. Our great grandfather had come from Virginia with his family and settled in Benton County in the early 1900's. I found I liked doing research. My mother and aunt had never met either of their grandparents and knew very little about their relatives. While my Aunt Stella is still living I decided to research her family genealogy and provide her with information about our Chisamores and McAndrews. But I find myself branching out to my dad's side from time to time."

Dennis Haney said, "I have a cousin who was working on my dad's side, but I didn't know anything about my mother's line. I ask myself from time to time, 'why am I doing this?' The answer is that I'm just curious, I suppose. I had a long list of things I wanted to do when I retired, but genealogy is addictive."

Dennis and Peggy got interested in their forebears about the same time. They took a class on beginning genealogy at the Senior Center from Danell Auckerman, (our current president). Dennis and Peggy were both born in Eugene. Neither of them had met any of their family beyond their living grandparents. Dennis's parents met when they attended high school in Cottage Grove, but *their* parents had come from Nebraska. Peggy's forebears, the Chisamores and McAndrews, came from Ontario and Quebec and then immigrated to Wisconsin.

"It's a challenge, getting things out of Canada," she said, but she has been able to contact quite a few cousins via internet. "I like being in touch with live cousins," she said. "They're scattered all over the U.S. and Canada."

Dennis and Peggy are looking forward to attending a reunion of Chisamores in Wisconsin in June. Peggy was the one who organized it. She'll be able to meet some of her contacts face to face, including some of the Canadians.

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The Haneys are members of the Cottage Grove Genealogical Society as well as ours. Dennis said, "They have a nice big house there and one of the things they have is a file with obituaries of Cottage Grove people, and other pieces of information. I found a hand-written note there from a woman in Arizona who was looking for information about my family." Dennis spends a lot of time on genealogy, three hours a day at an estimate.

"My mother and my grandmother and my great-grandmother were all collectors," he says. "I guess I'm probably a collector, too." He was checking some cartons that had been taken from his parents' house and found a whole box full of letters dating back to the early 1900s. The letters explained some brick walls. "Thank goodness, they didn't get sold, or just tossed," he added.

Peggy said, "I spend a lot of time making contacts by e-mail and telephone. I'm really into collecting family pictures and newspaper articles which I have used in the three genealogical scrapbooks I've assembled. I made one for my aunt in Lake Oswego for her ninetieth birthday and she loved it. I keep contacting more and more people who are sharing photos.

It's Dennis's job to make the entries into their genealogy program.

They say they've also sharpened their interest in history. Dennis finds that he has ancestors who came to this country much further back than he had any idea. "I don't like to take people's word for things," he stated. "So I've got an itinerary to go and look at the sites myself."

The Haneys take their RV and try to stay on back roads. They don't go very fast. They feel they have had lots of luck and have met nice people. They bought a lap-top computer just for their genealogy records. It bothers Dennis when he has names but no dates and places to go with them. They also take one of their grandchildren on their trips when possible. "Hopefully generating an interest in history and their background," Dennis remarked. Peggy has had her granddaughters down at the library helping her look for obituaries.

They've also taken further classes on genealogy. Their most recent class was on using a digital camera.

Dennis's advice is to follow all your leads and don't give up. Be persistent. Also, have a good filing system. "But probably the most important thing," he added, "is that family stories that get taken for fact may not be right."

### THIS 'N' THAT

- This year's proceeds from the Genealogy Book Faire were \$83.55.
- Did you know there were once two colleges in Philomath? The Philomath College opened its doors in 1867 and closed in 1929. The Radical College, later called the College of Philomath, started classes in 1889 and closed its doors in 1913. (Courtesy of the Benton County Historical Society and Museum)

## King Family Reunion

The King Folk Reunion (descendents of Nahum & Sarepta Norton King, Benton Co. Pioneers of 1845) is always held the first Saturday after Father's Day. This year, the reunion will be held on June 26, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Kings Valley Charter School, located at 39088 Kings Valley Highway, Kings Valley, Oregon.

The morning session will be a workshop. Bring family information and photos to share. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

A copy machine will be available.

Lunch is at noon. Bring a main dish and another item of choice (dessert, salad, or snacks). Also, bring your own plates and utensils.

The general meeting and sharing time will begin at 1:30.

### BCGS 2004 Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

Nancy Linden No e-mail

We currently have 153 members.

### Address correction

Nancy Basque 2404 NW Maser Dr.  
(The complete address and e-mail information will be in the next newsletter).

**Please note:** Our Membership Chairperson, Tonya Rawie, is responsible for all member information. Tonya submits this information for the newsletter via e-mail which is then downloaded into the newsletter. She also provides the mailing labels for the newsletter. Any additions or corrections need to be sent directly to Tonya at the e-mail address provided on the back page of the newsletter or call her at the phone number listed so that she can keep the membership information current.

### QUERIES

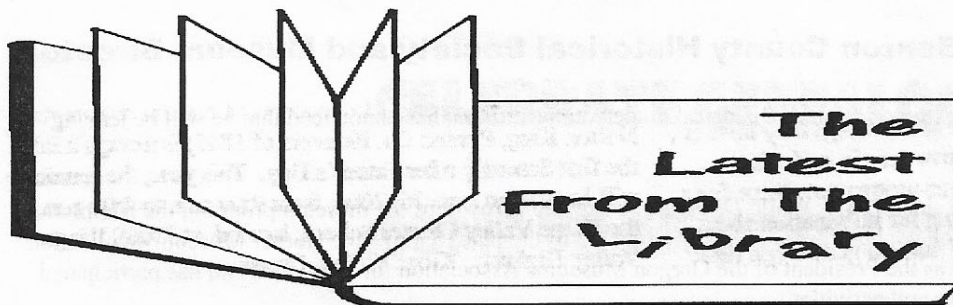
By Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay

Lee Gentemann has changed internet providers and asks that all requests related to queries or research be sent to him at: rootsfinder@pioneer.net

We did not receive any new queries this month.

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Ken Bielman, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2243	REF	BCGS	<i>Ancestor File of the BCGS, Vol. 1 (Pedigree File)</i> . Navy 3-ring binder. <b>DOES NOT CIRCULATE.</b>
2244	REF	BCGS	<i>Ancestor File of the BCGS, Vol. 2 (Pedigree File)</i> . Navy 3-ring binder. <b>DOES NOT CIRCULATE.</b>
2245	GA	Schweitzer, Geo.	<i>Georgia Genealogical Research</i> . Red paperback. Gift of Mary Milam Huston.

## Chautauqua 2004 Summer Lecture Series "A World of Ideas"

Staying at home this summer? Then come explore **A World of Ideas** presented at Chautauqua 2004. The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library once more teams up with the LBCC Benton Center and the Benton County Historical Museum to offer a wonderful series of Chautauqua programs on Tuesdays at 12:10 pm in the Library's Main Meeting Room. These free presentations are made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities (OCH), an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**June 29 - Where the Buffalo and the Camel Roamed: Oregon's Earliest High Desert Occupants.** Dennis Jenkins, presenter. Jenkins draws on his experience with over 50 archeological investigations in central Oregon to illuminate questions about the earliest occupants of the High Desert region.

**July 6 - "Our" Shakespeare: Creating the Bard.** Sandra Ellston, presenter.

**July 13 - Demystifying Intelligence.** Emily Francona, presenter.

**July 20 - Burning Forests: Humans and Fire in the Pacific Northwest.** William Robbins, presenter.

**July 27 - Written in the Stars: The Story of Women in Science.** Susan Butruille, presenter.

**August 3 - When Oregon Rocked: The Far-Out Story of Vortex 1.** Matt Love, presenter.

## Mark Your Calendars

**August 8-15, 2004—Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), National Convention, Fort Vancouver. Red Lion at the Quay, Vancouver, WA.** Meeting, tours and workshops, re-enactment, banquet, BBQ-Salmon Bake, music and more. See brochure in BCGS library.

**September 8-11, 2004—Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, "Legends Live Forever."** Open to all Genealogists. Detailed booklet describing daily programs and a registration form is in the BCGS library. You may also register on-line at: [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)

**October 1-3, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Bi-annual Statewide Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Salem, OR.** (Open to all Genealogists).

*Am I the only person up my tree... sure seems like it?*



## Bill Lewis Resigns as Benton County Historical Society and Museum Director

Bill Lewis, Executive Director of the Benton County Historical Society and Museum, has announced that he will be leaving his position at the end of June.

Bill has been director of the museum since 1983. While *Director*, he saw the "growth of the museum program, the completion of the renovation of the Philomath College building and the development of the plan to move the Horner Museum's collection to downtown Corvallis." Bill served as the President of the Oregon Museums Association for four years and has participated in numerous community organizations and activities.

BCHS Board President, Alice Rampton, said "Bill Lewis has been invaluable to the development of the Benton County Historical Museum and the efforts to find a home for the Horner Collection. He has served our community for over two decades and we owe a debt of gratitude for his vision and contributions."

During his years as director, the museum has grown, flourished, and has gained prestige throughout Oregon. Bill stated that he has "worked on the Horner Project - saving the collections of the former OSU Horner Museum - for more than eight years. The Horner Collection is too important to our community, our state, and the nation to be lost." The Horner Museum collection has over 60,000 artifacts and will be housed at the new museum location (the former Copeland Lumber Company building) on the corner of Second and Adams Streets in Corvallis.

Tom Wogaman, former Historical Society Board President, will serve as interim director until a new director is found.

*Come say "Thank You" to Bill Lewis*

*For his 21-year career at the Benton County Historical Society. Join us for a reception.*

*Friday, June 18, 2004 - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Museum*

*No Gifts Please, but donations for the Horner Project in honor of Bill Lewis will be gladly accepted*

## New York City Death Indexes Online

The Italian Genealogy Group has made available an index of almost 1,400,000 records of NYC deaths online. They cover 1891-1899 Manhattan and 1900-1911 for all boroughs. The site also has available a printable form to request Death Certificates from the New York City Municipal Archives. You can find the site at [www.italiangen.org](http://www.italiangen.org)

*By Steve Zalewski, Bend Genealogical Society*

## CNN.com

### Famous wills, including Shakespeare's, posted online

Thursday, March 18, 2004 Posted 2:15 PM EST (1915 GMT)

#LONDON, England (AP) - When William Shakespeare bequested his "second-best bed" to his wife almost 400 years ago, a scribe scratched out his last wished on parchment with a quill pen dipped in ink. Now the public can see the playwright's final will and testament almost instantly on a computer screen with a click of a mouse button. Shakespeare's is free to download, the others cost \$5.40 each.

[Http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/internet/03/18/famous.wills.ap/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/internet/03/18/famous.wills.ap/index.html)

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## WEBSITES

### Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon

<http://www.interment.net/data/us/or/multnomah/willanat/index.htm>

### Lebanon Genealogical Society

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/or/town/lebanon>

### Oregon USGen Web Page

4 <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orgenweb/>



# CELEBRATE GENEALOGY!

## COME TO AN OPEN HOUSE

Sponsored by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2004**

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Library  
1505 SE Gideon Street, Portland, OR

The largest Genealogy Library in the State -- Something for Everyone.

- **Free Admission**
- **Free Classes** (see list below)
- **Free Tours of the Genealogy Library**
- **Free Research Assistance**
- **Free Use of the library holdings** (something for every state)
- **Free Use of the Genealogy CDs**
- **Free Parking White Elephant Book Sale**

10:00 a.m. *Secrets of the Genealogy CD Collection* by Byron Blankenship

11:30 a.m. *How to Find Your Ancestor's Passenger Lists* by Connie Lenzen

1:30 p.m. *Military Records in the GFO Library* by Gerald Lenzen

3:00 p.m. *Courthouse Research With the W.P.A. County Guides* by Connie Lenzen

### Genealogical Forum of Oregon

A genealogy library containing materials for every state & many foreign countries.

Address: 1505 SE Gideon Street, Portland, OR

Mailing Address: PO Box 42567

Portland, OR 97242-0567

Telephone: (503) 963-1932

Website: <http://www.gfo.org> (Check our library catalog & research guides.)

### *Upcoming Programs*

September 11, 2004 - Show and Tell.

October 9, 2004 - TBA

November 13, 2004 - TBA

December 11, 2004 - Christmas Party and Raffle

### **Seeking Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to serve on the nominating committee for the 2005 election of new officers. If you are interested in serving on this committee contact Danell Aukerman at 745-2003 or e-mail her at [danellauk@comcast.net](mailto:danellauk@comcast.net)

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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:  
**30 August** for the **11 September** meeting. Cookies—Margaret Hays  
**27 September** for the **9 October** meeting. Cookies—Danell Aukerman  
**1 November** for the **13 November** meeting. Cookies—Teri Greene  
**29 November** for the **11 December** meeting. Cookies—Gene Newcomb

### 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, 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.

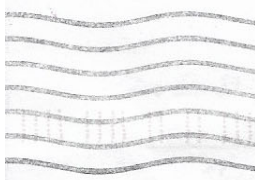
### Canadian Interest Group

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](mailto: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.

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