



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### II June Program

#### Potluck and Summer Book Sale.

This will be a good chance to update yourself on the extensive resources in our own Library and talk genealogy. Bring a dish of your choice and some books to donate., and plan to purchase some for summer reading.

Genealogical books will be available from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*, and from BCG Society new and used books.

### Program Review

By David Krebs, Program Chairman

#### 14 May 2005 – Archival Storage - Danell Aukerman

It is important to use non acidic paper—older acidic documents can be tested for acid and deacidified if necessary. Metal paper clips and staples will corrode—damaging the material they are meant to hold—instead use plastic clips, archival storage boxes, paper or plastic folders, and ribbon ties. Avoid writing on photographs and 'Magnetic Photo Albums'—photographs need to be tested for acidity and placed in folders, encapsulated (not laminated), and stored out of the light. Scanning onto CDs or DVDs is an excellent way to share.

For more information the worthwhile booklet *A Preservation Guide* (\$6.95) is available along with archival supplies from Danell's *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*.

### Best Wishes and Many Thanks

BCGS extends Best Wishes to Tonya Rawie in her new teaching position and relocation to Brookings. We would also like to thank her for all of her contributions to the Society. Tonya will be greatly missed.

### Book Looks

By charlene talbot

The Society's librarian, Ken Bielman, suggested that we write about the contents of the vertical file, so this month's "review" is a list of the contents of the top drawer and some comments.

The first folder contains Ken Mumford's columns about Oregon that have been published in the *Gazette-Times*. The next folder contains Oregon stories by native Oregonians. This is a folder that was made up back in the days when our Society was named the Mid Valley Genealogy Society. It turned out to be good reading. Some of the people who contributed are still members, and it's interesting to learn about their backgrounds – the Ihrigs, who moved to The Dalles a few years ago, Ted Gump, Daniel Froehlich, Ed and Nellie Stratton, Janice Barclay (writing about her husband's family), Pat Rawlinson and others. We daresay a good many more members could add their names and some pages to this project if it were taken up again today.

Under Benton County stories, we found three pages entitled *The New Road, or the Evolution of a Right-of-Way*, by Bessie Gragg Murphy. It recounts the history of what is partially now called Highland Drive and includes a map listed as courtesy of Benton County Road Department. The residents of Crescent Valley made a formal petition to the Benton County court, but were regretfully told that the county had plans and money for another road at that time. So they built it themselves. The writer was a child at the time.

In a folder called *The Lost Wagon Train*, Elijah Elliot Emigrant Party of 1853, there is an interesting handout about it which came from an LBCC history tour of Oct. 14, 1995. There is also a booklet by Pete Peterson called "Our Wagon Train is Lost" and a small folder about the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road published by the U.S. Forest Service.

A folder on Oregon Postal History holds three copies of the *Oregon Postal History Journal* dated Winter 1986, Summer 1987 and Fall 1987. These made entertaining reading, containing articles such as "Postal History of Fort Klamath." We learned that people collect envelope covers showing postal cancellations. A note on one of the journals dated 1994 says the person who donated them is trying to get a whole set. One wonders if he ever did.

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Other folders are: Oregon Miscellaneous, Oregon State Archives (a list of their holdings), Oregon maps, Oregon Family History Center (a list of the books and printed manuals currently on file), Oregon genealogical societies, Linn County, Benton County, Canada, England, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Scandinavia, Scotland, and Wales.

### ***Help Wanted: Membership Chairperson***

Tonya Rawie has accepted a teaching position in Brookings for the next school year. She feels that 250 miles is too great a distance to give the proper time to the position and therefore has resigned. The Society needs someone to fill this position until the next general election in December.

The job is not demanding. Duties include updating the membership files as new members join and current members renew or update information. Tonya also was in charge of printing the mailing labels for the newsletter, and making nametags for new members.

If you are interested in the position, contact Leila Crawford at 541-929-5935 or via e-mail at leila@peak.org

### ***Sharing Genealogical Resources***

"I have quite a few books that might be of interest to someone in the Society. I propose to list a group in the newsletter each month. If there is something that might interest you, give me a call and we can set up a time when you can come to my house and look at the book or books. I will not loan them as I have lost a few that way. I would be willing to look up one or two names, but not a whole lot of stuff and send you the information by email."

Damaris Reynolds (541) 753-1810 or e-mail to: damarisreynolds@webtv.net

Family histories: FLAGG, PECK, TUTTLE, WHITCOMB, WOODBRIDGE, SPOONER, RUGGLES, BUTTRICK, CUTTER, DEWEY, SAWYER, MORSE, CARTER, GOODRIDGE, GOODRICH, WELLS, EDSON, DEAN, GARFIELD, and Virginians PRESTON and HART. There is more than one book on some of these families.

## ***Upcoming Programs***

**September 10, 2005 - "Show and Tell"** What Genealogical Experience I had this summer. Impromptu reports by individuals.

**October 8, 2005 - Genealogy of DNA** - Save all the articles references whatever you see. It is felt that we need this program and will put it on ourselves. What DNA is how it works for genealogy, the different programs underway, reports from our members on their DNA projects, sites and costs of getting your own DNA tested.

Mary Snelling recommended the book *The Seven Daughters of Eve* a narrative by Bryan Sykes. If you want to get introduced to DNA genealogy, this is a good book.

**November 12, 2005 - ? Update on the Family History Library.**

**December 10, 2005 - Raffle, Auction, Christmas Party.** 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.

If you have an item of more than a nominal value please consider a donation right away as a possible raffle item for next December (donations do qualify as charitable tax deductions). We ended up without any suitable raffle item last year and need to get the raffle ticket sales going as soon as possible.

*There is some talk that maybe we should cancel this event due to a lack of interest.*

Genealogical books from *The Village Genealogy Bookshope*, and from the Benton County Genealogical Society's selection of new and used books, will be available for purchase at every meeting during 2005.

### **Family History Center Open House**

On July 31, 2005, the LDS Family History Center has scheduled an open house and tour of the remodeled center on NW Harrison Blvd. in Corvallis. You will need to check with the Center as to the exact dates and sign up in advance.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

**November 11, 2005 - March 11, 2006 - Oregon Historical Society hosts the largest event in history: Lewis & Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibition.**

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## **"A HEART FOR ANY FATE"**

**LOCAL AUTHOR, LINDA CREW,  
WILL BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER  
AT THE ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**JUNE 15, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**RELIVE THE ADVENTURES OF THE  
PIONEERS ON THE OREGON  
TRAIL!**

This book is based on the 1845 Meek Cut Off train and the King family.

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Oregon author Linda Crew's book, *A Heart for Any Fate—Westward to Oregon—1845*, based on the King family's trek to Oregon, with Lovina King as the central character, has just been published. Linda will be the special guest at the King Family Reunion and will present a slide show on her experiences writing the book. She will also have copies of her book to sell and autograph. The Oregon Historical Society Press recognized Linda's excellent book by awarding her the 2004 OHS Press Stevens Literary Prize.

The cost of the book is \$21.95 plus \$6.50 shipping if purchased from OHS, or it may be purchased through other bookstores such as Jackson's in Salem or Grass Roots in Corvallis.

## **KING FAMILY REUNION**

**Saturday, June 25  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**KINGS VALLEY SCHOOL GYM  
(located behind the school)  
39088 Kings Valley Highway**

The morning session is a workshop—please bring King family material to share. You might discover a new relative or be able to help someone else with their King family research. A copy machine will be available. Coffee and donuts served.

### **Lunch at Noon**

Please bring a main dish and another item of your choice (dessert, salad, or munchies) to share. Also bring your own table service. Coffee, soda pop, and bottled water will be provided.

### **General Meeting 1:30 p.m.**

Special slide presentation by Linda Crew, author of the book *A Heart for Any Fate - Westward to Oregon - 1845*

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## **FGS/UGA 2005 Conference "Reminders of the Past, Visions for the Future"**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Utah Genealogical Association invites you to attend FGS/UGA Conference, "Reminders of the Past, Visions for the Future", September 7–10, 2005 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, UT.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies classes start on Wednesday with a Special Interest Day which provides sessions for everyone including tracks offering Society Management, The Association of Professional Genealogists' Professional Management Conference, and LDS Family History Centers and Family History Library resources. Numerous topics for all skill levels are presented throughout the week, ending with sessions on Saturday afternoon. Meals become events with renowned speakers and a variety of topics, so check out the offerings for lunch and dinner. This year's program provides an opportunity to expand your knowledge and to learn about new sources, resources, techniques, and practical approaches that will help you trace your family history and solve research problems.

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is the home to over 3 million records from 110 countries around the world. The Library is located a half block away and extended hours will be available during the conference.

Walk through the Exhibit Hall and view a wide variety of the newest and best genealogical publications supplies and computer products that are available. Browse through books and purchase those that will help your research. A visit to Society Hall "Live" is where FGS members from all 50 states will have a place to display information about what their societies are doing, which could aid in your research.

Pre-register w/discount by July 28, 2005, after that fee increases. Booklets with forms & conference info. are in the BCGS Library.

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

29 August for the 10 September meeting. Cookies—Damaris Reynolds

### 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: [sprawlinson@proaxis.com](mailto:sprawlinson@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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