



# NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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## 8 March 2003 Program

Sally Hilles is our guest speaker and she will talk about the "Lost Wagon Train." Sally's great-great grandfather, John Rickard, came across with the 1852 wagon train and homesteaded what is now Hazelnut Hills in 1853, which Sally and her husband Rob own and operate.

The museum staff is invited to attend.

## Upcoming Programs

**April** - The topic will be "How to Study Genealogy of the Siletz Indians," presented by Lorna Avery Scott.

**May** - Genealogy Book Faire

**June** - Annual picnic and book sale.

**September** - Show and Tell

## Philomath Library Presentation

March 8, 2003

Saturday afternoon at the Philomath Library  
Have cookies and coffee at the Annex after the Society's meeting and then check this out:

**We Pine for Murder: Mark Twain, Folklore, and Western Journalism**

2:00 p.m.

This free, public presentation is made possible by funding from the Oregon

Council for the Humanities. Contact the Philomath Community Library at

541-929-3016 for more information.

## Benton County Pioneer Database

The URL for the Benton County Pioneer database is listed below. There are 26,545 entries. Danell Aukerman and Dorothy Burt have both worked on compiling it.

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=benton>

## Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

### Emergence of a Genealogist: Cecilia Anderson

Cecilia Anderson said, "I became active in researching genealogy in California. There was a time there when adult education courses were being offered practically free. Also the LDS Church in Santa Clara had tremendous outreach, and they gave classes. They had very good people there as teachers. One woman was a native of Germany. So I got off to a good start. My sister-in-law was also interested. My mother said to me, 'I didn't tell her everything, but I'll tell you.'"

Two sides of Cecilia's paternal line came from the same village in Germany to San Francisco at different times. They met and married in San Francisco. Her maternal line is from France and Austria.

"A boatload of people, some 300, left this German village to go to Australia," she says, "at the time of the Australian gold rush in the 1850's. There was no way of making money in the village. They would go to England or the U.S. for a time and then go back home. Of the boatload who went to Australia, some families stayed, some went home, and some went to California. My great grandfather Knipper went with his parents on this boat and after a few years they returned to the village in Germany, disliking Australia. By this time my great grandfather was an adult and came to California according to the record, 'with a bunch of men.' The Hildebrands came to San Francisco about 1859. They took a ship to Panama, walked across the isthmus, and got a ship up the other side."

She went on to say that in the 1700's in this particular village, 30 miles north of Frankfurt, the rector of the village took the records home and his house burned. So her research on those lines came to a screeching halt.

Cecilia usually goes to the Family History Center in Corvallis once a week and spends three hours looking at films and chatting with other people. "You learn a lot from what they're doing," she says. "Then some time when you're doing dishes or something that leaves your mind free, you think, *Why didn't I do that!* Actually, my ancestors are pretty dull. My husband has a horsethief in his family, and some other colorful characters."

She uses her evening hours to work at the computer. She also paints and belongs to a quilting group. Her husband told her when they were first married that as long as she had

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dinner on the table, and he had a clean shirt in the drawer, her time was her own. She has completed the reading of two microfilms for the Society's Benton County Newspapers Project.

She has also put her research into book form and had photocopies made for members of her family. She thinks the maps she put in are important. There are also photographs, of course. She has helped her husband with his research and he has a book, too, ready to publish except for some final work he is doing on the photographs.

She enjoys helping other people with their genealogy problems, and has learned to do research in Swedish, Portuguese, French and German. She tried to do Finnish, but gave it up as just too difficult. She has helped various in-laws. One daughter-in-law's family was Portuguese, from the Azores. "That was a different kind of research," she says, "and I learned something from that."

She tells a story about a friend who volunteers at the Vina Moses center. In a box of contributed stuff this friend found a Bible from the Noe and Smith families. Cecilia took a couple of hours at the computer and found the Noe family. They said the Smiths should have it, and forwarded Cecilia's e-mail. She learned that the Bible's owner, Lloyd Smith, was here in Corvallis in a nursing home. His mother had given him the Bible years ago. The upshot was that his son came down from Kent, Washington, and was extremely appreciative to get it.

"That was very satisfying," Cecilia says, "and it didn't take long."

She complains that she is just about out of research things to do. "I haven't done the studying needed for a certificate as a genealogist," she told us. "I have found that many people don't want to accept things, and you can't tell them, 'Well, here's the record. You're wrong!'"

She thinks genealogy is the best mystery story. Her advice to other genealogists is to take notes and keep a record of all that you do.

## **FREEDOM IS NOTHING ELSE BUT A CHANCE TO BE BETTER.**

*Albert Camus*

### **THIS 'N' THAT**

The Bend Genealogical Society has announced the publication of their book "*La Pine Cemeteries of Deschutes County*." This is the seventh book in their series of cemetery books containing records and gravestone photographs of Deschutes County. For a full list of books, visit the Bend Genealogical Society's web site at:  
<http://www/rootsweb.com/~ordeschu/bend-gs/>

## **BCGS New Members** *(since last newsletter)*

Ellen N. Borowski  
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## **2003 Membership Renewals** *(since last newsletter)*

Janice T. Barclay  
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George & Dorothy Burt  
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Alethea DeSautel  
althea@proaxis.com  
Leon & Harlene Stratton  
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## **New Info**

Lee Gentemann  
rootsfinder@ciousa.net

## **Queries**

The following is a query we recently received:

Hello-

I was wondering if you could help me find any descendents of Cornelius Batelle Starr.

Name: **Cornelius Battelle STARR**  
Sex: M  
Birth: 11 AUG 1838 in Belmont Co., OH  
Death: 22 MAY 1916 in Portland, Multnomah Co., OR  
Burial: Alpine Cemetery, Benton Co, OR

I have their family Bible with much historical information for the family including a few pictures. I am not looking to sell it I just want it to get into the right hands. I am no relation to this family. I purchased the family Bible and information from a family member that was going to throw it away. Any help you could give me would greatly be appreciated.

Contact Danell Aukerman if you know of someone who is a descendant AND would appreciate receiving the Bible.

Also, we received another query requesting information about **Charles Lutjens**.

**MY FAMILY TREE IS A FEW BRANCHES SHORT! ALL HELP APPRECIATED.**



# A Genealogy Book Faire

Presented by Benton County Genealogical Society

**WHEN:** May 10th, 2003 10 a.m. to Noon

**WHERE:** College United Methodist Church  
1123 Main St, Philomath, Oregon  
next to the Benton County Museum

**WHAT:** New and used genealogy books for sale

The Benton County Genealogical Society invites you to attend a Genealogy Book Faire. We will be selling off a large collection of used books from our library.

We invite you to reserve table space, free of charge, to sell your books too, whether from a society library or an individual.

Invitations to this event are being sent to every genealogy society in the state, so here is your chance to sell your society publications to a large audience as well.

Also present will be the newest genealogy bookstore in the area, The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe with their inventory of books and CDs.

The Benton County Genealogy Society Library is right next door, and tours will be given starting at Noon. The library itself will be open from 12:30 to 3 PM. Tables must be reserved by Friday, May 9 at 3 PM.

Plan now to attend. For more information or to reserve table space, call:  
Program Chairman - Bill Gleaves (541) 738-8189 E-mail to: William Gleaves  
President - Danell Aukerman (541) 745-2003 E-mail to: Danell Aukerman

(See back of newsletter for Danell Aukerman and Bill Gleaves e-mail addresses.)

## WEBSITES

Here are some Websites that provide research information to genealogists which may be helpful in your research.

To locate addresses for any state: <http://www.everton.com/societies/search.php>

**A list of the officers and men on board the ship Defence, the 19th of September 1776.**

This list includes the names and ratings of sailors and marines on the ship Defence which was commissioned for the defense of Baltimore, Maryland during the American Revolution. The URL is:

<http://www.Genealogy-Quest.com/Collections/1776Defence.html>

**Link to State Archives and some State libraries:** [www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/6365.asp](http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/6365.asp)

**Cemetery Transactions.** Online cemetery transcriptions, related message board, links and other offsite databases.

<http://www.awesomegenealogy.com/cemeteries.html>

**Oregon Newspaper Research** Source for obtaining Oregon Newspaper Obituaries:

<http://hometown.aol.com/gtoftdahl/myhomepage/profile.html>



Sweet Home Genealogical Society Presents  
**The 23rd Annual Genealogical Workshop**

March 14th and 15th, 2003

**Friday, March 14**

- 9 AM Registration
- 10 AM Good, Better and Best - Genealogy Computer Programs  
Which one for you, PAF; FO; FTM; Legacy; Roots Magic
- Noon Lunch 12 to 1:00 PM
- 1 PM Transcribing Old Documents  
by Ginger L. Christmas-Beattie
- 3 PM Tombstones of Our Ancestors  
by Dorothy Rose

**Friday Evening at 6:30 PM**

**Armin Lehmann "Hitler's Last Courier"**

**Saturday, March 15**

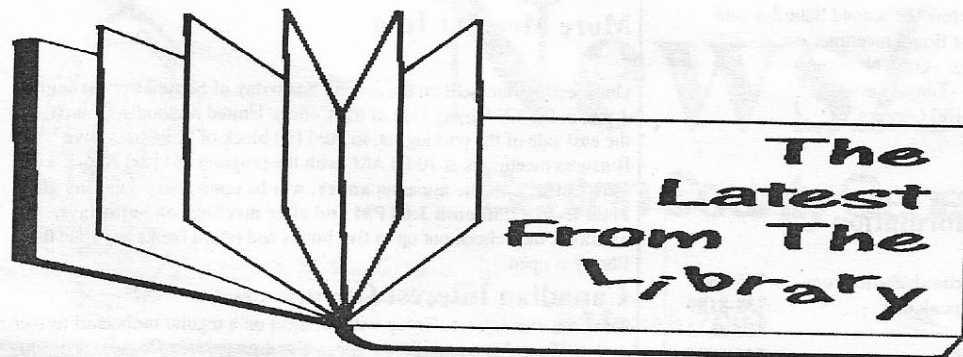
- 10 AM Conducting Research Overseas  
by Marianne Southworth
- NOON Lunch
- 1 PM Can You Believe What Your Computer Tells You  
by Jean Baker
- 3 PM Deciphering old Writings  
by Marianne Southworth

Admission: \$20.00 both days, One Day \$12.00 - SHGS Members, \$15.00 and \$8.00

Vendors Tables: Limited, call early, 541 367 5646.

Computers, Internet, Ancestry.com and CD's are available to research on.





*Ken Bielman*

Number	Category	Author	Title
2084	CD	FTM	Confederate Soldiers, 1861-65. Fam Tree Maker #119
2085	CD	FTM	New York, Selected Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1840. Fam Tree Maker #132
2086	CD	FTM	Kentucky Genealogies #1. Fam Tree Maker, Family Archives #185
2087	CD	FTM	Pennsylvania Vital Records, 1700's - 1800's. Fam Tree Maker, Family Archives #172
2088	CD	FTM	OHIO, County & Family Histories, 1780-1970. 6 CD set. CD # 450. Gift of Wilma Denué
2089	CD	FTM	New England, Local & Family Histories, 1600's-1900's. CD #449. Gift of Wilma Denué
2090	CD	FTM	Marriage Records, Selected US & International, 1340-1980. CD #403. Gift of Wilma Denué
2091	CD	FTM	Land Records, AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI, 1790-1907. CD #255. Gift of Wilma Denué
2092	CD	FTM	OHIO, Vital Records #2, 1750's-1880's. CD #177. Gift of Wilma Denué
2093	CD	FTM	OHIO Vital Records #1, 1790's-1870's. CD #175. Gift of Wilma Denué
2094	CD	FTM	Mid-Atlantic Genealogies, 1340-1940. CD #156 Gift of Wilma Denué
2095	CD	FTM	Social Security Death Index, 1937-1998. 2 CD set. CD #110. Gift of Wilma Denué
2096	CD	FTM	Birth Records, US & Europe, 900-1880. CD #17. Gift of Wilma Denué
2097	CD	FTM	Southern Genealogies, 1500's-1940's. CD #500. Gift of Wilma Denué
2098	CD	FTM	World Family Tree, European Origins, Vol 1. CD #802. Gift of Wilma Denué
2099	CD	FTM	Military Records, US Soldiers, 1784-1811. CD #146. Gift of Wilma Denué
2100	CD	Automated Archi	New York, US Census Index, 1860. CD #21. Gift of Wilma Denué
2101	CD	Automated Archi	Pedigrees, Linked, GENTECH 95. CD #108. Gift of Wilma Denué
2102	CD	Automated Archi	OHIO, Federal Census Index, 1880. CD #20. Gift of Wilma Denué
2103	CD	Automated Archi	Wisconsin, Federal Census Index, 1860. CD #39. Gift of Wilma Denué
2104	CD	Automated Archi	New England, NY & PA Federal Census Index, 1830-39. CD #140. Gift of Wilma Denué
2105	CD	Automated Archi	New York Federal Census Index, 1850. CD #42. Gift of Wilma Denué
2106	CD	Automated Archi	New England, NY, Federal Census Index, 1840. CD #141. Gift of Wilma Denué
2107	CD	Automated Archi	Ireland, Census Index. CD #197. Gift of Wilma Denué
2108	CD	Automated Archi	New England, NY Federal Census Index, 1810. CD #149. Gift of Wilma Denué
2109	CD	Automated Archi	Marriages, Early 1850, West of Mississippi River. CD #227. Gift of Wilma Denué
2110	CD	LDS Church	Family History Databases. Gift of Wilma Denué
2111	CD	Paladium	Ultimate Family Tree Program. Gift of Wilma Denué
2112	CD	FTM	Passenger & Immigration Index, 1538-1940. CD #354. Gift of Wilma Denué
2113	FH/VF	Harris, et al	Vassall Family of New England. 2 stories. Dark Blue folder. Gift of Wayne Anderson
2114	MA	Stratton	Plymouth Colony, Its History and People, 1620-1691. White paperback. Gift of Wayne Anderson
2115	FH	Thomas Long	Love. Story of Iva and Dora Long. Black comb binding with lightgreen cover.



Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:  
**31 March** for the **12 April** meeting. Cookies—Gene Newcomb  
**28 April** for the **10 May** meeting. Cookies—Tonya Rawie  
**2 June** for the **14 June** meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves

### Membership Information

President	Danell Aukerman danellauk@attbi.com	745-2003
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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.

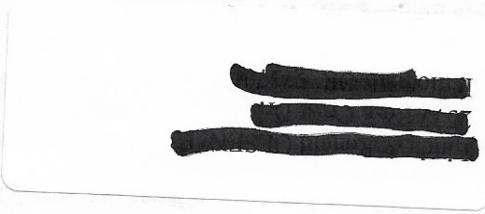
### Canadian Interest Group

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](mailto: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. **THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!**

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