

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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13 March Program Canadian Research

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By Charlene Talbot

Mary Yoke and Bill Gleaves will provide information on researching Canadian roots and host an open discussion by Society members who have researched Canadian records and the sources they used.

Upcoming Programs

April 10 - Dr. Robert Holcomb will talk about Jean Baptiste, who was the son of Sacagawea.

May 8 - 2nd Annual Genealogy Book Faire.

June 12 - Potluck and book sale.

September 11 - Show and Tell.

Mark Your Calendars

March 19-20, 2004—Sweet Home Annual Genealogy Workshop. (See inside for details)

April 17, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Spring Meeting, Madras, OR. (Open to all Genealogists).

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

BCGS Board Meeting Date/Location Changes

Board members, please note the following meeting changes:

April 26, 2004 - meeting will be held at Ken Bielman's. Contact Ken for directions.

June 1, 2004 - the meeting originally scheduled for Monday, May 31st, will be held on Tuesday at Damris Reynolds.

Emergence of a Genealogist: Leila Crawford

The fun thing about interviewing Leila Crawford is her enthusiasm. She said she became interested in where her forebears came from when her daughter had to do a genealogy project. She recalls it was either school or the Girl Scouts. "The best thing about it was that it got me started," she said. "I began saving letters, pictures, wedding announcements, anything family related. I wrote to my grandmother. She wrote back this wonderful letter with lots of information. Among other things, she told me her husband was a womanizer and got run out of the Kansas town where they lived. My grandmother supported the family by sewing and mending. One time she mended a tent for a circus that came to town. There seem to have been a lot of skeletons in my ancestors' closets. I've found out some other things, too."

As a young man Leila's father, Lyle White, joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (the CCC) back in the 'Thirties and was sent to Idaho, where he met Leila's mother, Margaret Stewart. Leila, however, grew up in Long Beach, California. She said the idea of having a family cemetery in your back yard was something totally out of her experience.

When she reestablished contact with her cousins on her mother's side in Salmon, Idaho, one of her cousins filled her in on a lot of family information. Their grandfather, Matt Stewart, had been the sheriff and Leila found his picture hanging in a row of former sheriffs on the courthouse wall.

"He had quite a reputation as a hard drinker. In the picture he was standing between two horses, in his chaps and boots and the whole outfit," she related, "And one of the men in the office said, 'It looks like the horses are holding him up.' However, they were nice enough to make me a photocopy.

"Salmon's such a small town that everybody knew I was there visiting, and why. A couple of weeks later I got a phone call from a woman who said, 'We have the same relative.' She said she and her sister were out-of-wedlock children. Their mother's father had brought them up. Of course I called my cousins in Salmon. *Continued next page*

They didn't know anything about it."

Leila estimates that she has about thirty notebooks filled with genealogy.

"The other nice part of genealogy is the Society," she told us. "--the various levels of commitment and the way everybody shares. I'm absolutely fascinated by how much everybody knows. I met Jean Grube through her son. I contacted her and brought all my stuff. Jean was so helpful. We spread it all out on the dining room table, which was bare when I arrived. I was there about two hours, and by the end of that time, we had the whole table covered with books and papers.

"Becoming an officer has really clinched it." (As can be seen on the back of this newsletter, Leila is currently secretary of the organization.) "I like all of you, and we have this common interest. I learn so much. Talking about generosity, I went to the Family History Center in Corvallis. A woman was helping me, but it was getting time to go. But after I'd gone, she found this additional information and she left it there for me to pick up. People are always extending themselves. It's a good hobby. My stuff takes up a whole room in my house."

Leila's suggestion to other genealogists is to get a good genealogy software program. "It inspires you to work, and you can share the information you find with others that way," she concluded.

HODGES DESCENDENTS REUNION

This July 31 there will be a **Hodges** descendants reunion in Hollister, San Benito Co., CA.

Representatives of the 9 children of **Jesse Monroe Hodges** and **Catherine Stanley** who had descendants are invited. As you know - some children emigrated 1847 to OR, some children stayed in western MO-eastern KS area, one emigrated later 1853 to CA.

We are actively searching for descendants of **Thomas Hodges, Alexander Hodges, Drury Hodges, Jane Hodges, Lewis M. Hodges, and Elizabeth Hodges**. Descendant representatives of **Charles, Margaret, Emeline, and Calaway** (myself) are already planning to attend.

Please contact me if you are a descendant who might be interested or if you know of someone else who would be interested. Thank you.

Ken Robinson, 9938 Pineknoll Lane, San Diego, CA 92124-1810, (858) 565-2724.

*It's hard to be humble with
ancestors like mine!*

BCGS New Members (since last newsletter)

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2004 Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

Ralph Batchelor	No e-mail
Geralyn Barry	gbarry@proaxis.net
Sheila Myers	No e-mail

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE POLICY

Our new policy for providing research help, as outlined below, is also posted on the society website at:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/aboutresearch.html>

Our purpose for doing research is to raise money for Benton County Genealogical Society, to help with operating expenses and for the purchase of more books for the society library. The research is done on a volunteer basis by our members, as time allows. We will process your request as soon as possible and will appreciate your patience.

Minimum Fee is \$10.00, which covers a maximum of one hour of research and up to \$1.00 in copy and postage cost. The \$10.00 fee should be mailed with your initial request. Reimbursement for additional costs for copies and postage may be requested. If you wish more than one hour of research, please indicate a maximum number of hours, or a maximum dollar amount. Additional research will be charged at \$10.00 per hour plus expenses for copies, postage, parking fees, etc.. Copy costs will vary from 10 cents to 25 cents, depending on the cost at the resource being used.

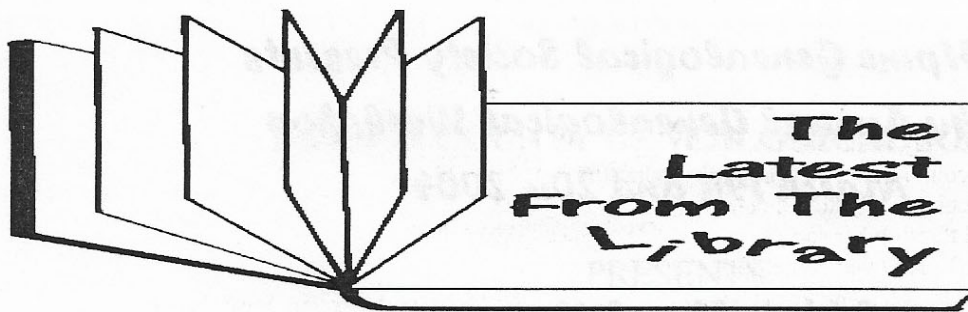
If you have an e-mail address, please include it so you can be contacted if questions arise.

A Research Request Form is available on-line, to print and indicate your research wishes.

Mail your request and check to:
Benton County Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 1646
Philomath, OR 97370

If you have questions about your research request, e-mail to:
bentonquery@ciosa.net

If you wish, a Research Request Form can be mailed to you by request.



Ken Bielman, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2218	OR	Phillips/Gartner	Benton, Corvallis. <i>Murdering Holiness</i> . Creffield Trials. Red hardback. Gift of Lee Gentemann.
2219	REF	Time	Webster's New Ideal Dictionary. Red hardback. Gift of Damaris Reynolds.
2220	CD	SAR	<i>Revolutionary War Graves Register</i> .
2221	FH	Compton	<i>Exercepts From James & Louise Compton Family Bible</i> . Red 3-ring binder.
2222	OR	Benton Bulletin	<i>Obituaries From Benton Bulletin, 1984-86</i> . Navy 3-ring binder. Gift of Jean Grube.
2223	CAN-NS	Punch	<i>Nova Scotia, Genealogical Research in</i> . Green paperback. Irene Harding Collection.
2224	New Eng	Salls	<i>Manuscript Collections of New England Hist. Geneal. Soc.</i> Tan paperback. Gift of Damaris Reynolds.

QUERIES

By Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay

NEW QUERIES POLICY

Queries will be a method of advertising the surnames you are researching, or describing your "brick wall", with the hope of getting replies by mail, from others with the same interests. These Queries will be published in the society newsletter. The following, is posted on the society web site at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/#queries>

Society members may submit up to two queries per year, free of charge.

Non-member queries will be published for a fee of \$5.00.

Queries should be limited to 50 words, not including name and address.

Publications will be made on a "space available" basis.

Your name and mailing address must be included to allow those without internet access to contact you.

Your e-mail address may also be included if you wish.

Mail your query to:

Benton County Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 1646

Philomath, OR 97370

or

Submit by e-mail to: bentonquery@cusa.net

(non-members must mail fee prior to publication)

The new QUERIES AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE POLICIES were approved at the BCGS Board meeting on March 1, 2004.

We did not receive any new queries this month.

THIS 'N' THAT

Delta Airlines is promoting their new direct service from Eugene to Salt Lake City. Service starts May 1, 2004. The round-trip airfare is about \$90. That is a real bargain. For those of us that have always wanted to go the Family History Center there, this may be a good chance.

Danell Aukerman will be bringing a selection of new books and books on sale from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe* to the March 13th meeting on Saturday. BCGS members receive a 10% discount.

Sweet Home Genealogical Society Presents
The 24th Annual Genealogical Workshop
March 19th and 20th, 2004

Friday, March 19th

- 9 AM** **Registration, Coffee & Donuts**
- 10 AM** **Corp of Discovery, Lewis & Clark Expedition**
 Tony Farque
- NOON** **Lunch: 12 to 1:00 PM**
- 1 PM** **Quakers**
 Joanne Shelton
- 3 PM** **Writing your Family History**
 Lori Mc Nulty

Saturday, March 20th

- 10 AM** **Discovering Native American Heritage**
 Weewith Sema Huante
- NOON** **Lunch: 12 to 1:00 PM**
- 1 PM** **On the Oregon Trail**
 Robin Krebs
- 3 PM** **Native American Researching**
 Weewith Sema Huante

Admission: \$20.00 both days. One day \$12.00. SHGS Members, \$15.00 and \$8.00.

Vendor Tables: Limited, call early, 541-367-5646.

Computers, Internet, Ancestry.com and CD's are available for your research.

Sweet Home Genealogical Society, 1223 Kalmia St., Sweet Home, OR 97386. Phone: 541-367-5034.

E-mail: shgs@centurytel.net

Directions: Turn south at stop light on 12th Ave. Go two blocks past City Hall and turn left on Kalmis Street. Go one half block on Kalmia. The Sweet Home Genealogical Society Library is on the right, White bldg., Blue roof.

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Philomath, Oregon

PRESENTS

**A Genealogy Book Faire
and
Family History Workshop**

May 8th, 2004, 9 AM to 4 PM

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

**New and used genealogy books for sale, workshops on how to do
genealogy research and, how to safely store family heirlooms**

The Benton County Genealogical Society invites you to attend a Genealogy Book Faire and Family History Faire. There will be 3 counties and five societies represented at the Faire.

Workshops will include Beginning Genealogy, Genealogy on the Internet, and Archival Storage of Family Heirlooms.

Also present will be the newest genealogy bookstore in the area,

The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe

with their inventory of books, CDs, archival storage supplies and wall charts.

The Benton County Genealogy Society Library is right next door. See our shelf list at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/booklist.html>

Plan now to attend. For more information or to reserve table space, call:

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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:
29 March for the **10 April** meeting. Cookies—Leila Crawford
26 April for the **8 May** meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves
1 June for the **12 June** meeting. Cookies—Teri Greene

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. 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!

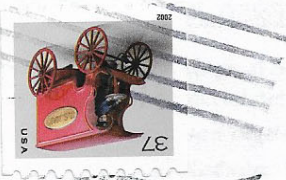


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 L0 is Charter Honorary Life Member

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