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11 May 2002 Program

Our program for Saturday will be video sessions from our library collection, beginning with a video on military records. Those wishing to view other videos can choose from the remainder of the series.

Our videos can be checked out of the library by members for home viewing.

Passages

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Rebecca "Becky" Bell Sears Kiger, a long time and honorary life BCGS member, on May 2, 2002.

Becky was our original newsletter editor during the late 1980's, publishing the newsletter using a typewriter. She served as president during 1986 and 1987 and was one of the early teachers of the Beginning Genealogy Class. Becky also served as activities and trips chairperson and over the years made many contributions to our society. She was always happy to lend a helping hand whenever needed.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at the McHenry Funeral Home.

Copies of Becky's obituary will be available in the BCGS library.

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. A sign up sheet for the field trip will be circulated at the May 11 general meeting.

Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

Emergence of a Genealogist: Jane Woodward

Jane writes: "I will not be renewing my membership, although I have enjoyed being a part of the Benton County Genealogical Society. I have developed macular degeneration and can no longer read or drive." She kindly offered to send the following write-up.

My mother was a DAR Regent and was working on our New England ancestry when she died, at a young age. She also carried on an extensive correspondence with older members of my father's family. I was busy raising five children. It was not until the death of my husband in 1981 that I found time to pursue genealogy on my own, although my son says, "You worked on genealogy before that. I remember in the 60's when you learned Norwegian so you could translate a book on Norwegian emigration."

One of the first things I did was to attend an Elderhostel workshop in Provo, Utah. Our second week was devoted to putting our genealogies on a computer disk.

Back home in Florida, I joined the Palm Beach County Genealogical Society, which has a very fine library, and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society in Boston. They have a printed catalog, and will send books to members by mail. Eventually I joined and received newsletters from a dozen or more family and location genealogy societies.

At first I ignored my New England ancestors, thinking my mother had "done" them. Then I realized how many gaps were left. One whole paternal line had been omitted because my great grandparents had divorced and all communication was cut off. I knew only that Samuel White had married Phoebe Aldrich, a Quaker. Through NEHGS I found the Aldrich genealogy. I learned that some of my ancestors were persecuted in Salem and Boston 25 years before the witch trials, just for being Quakers.

The White family I found by attending an NEHGS conference in West Palm Beach. I found Lee White, who has researched all the Whites.

At an NEHGS conference in Boston, I didn't find any of my "dead ends," but Gary Boyd Roberts found three of my ancestors with royal descents! Another Elderhostel took me to Decorah, Iowa, home of the large Norwegian American Museum. Decorah was where my Norwegian ancestors settled. There was a wealth of

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information about them, the church they started, and my great grandfather's brother and sisters. I have since made a trip to Norway, and found my great grandmother's relatives still living on the family "gaard."

I neglected our local Benton County Genealogical Society library until I became a volunteer. Only then did I discover how many resources we have. It helped flesh out my New England story.

When I finally started using the Internet, I found some useful information, but it is also a big time waster. The data bases have become so large you can spend hours surfing without coming up with anything pertinent.

I have paid professional genealogists to research some dead ends, with great success at times, and with no success at other times. I always feel like it's cheating to use a professional instead of doing my own research, but when materials are not available to you, it can be very helpful.

I find my interest in genealogy gives an extra dimension to travel. I've visited England, Scotland, Norway and Poland, as well as Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and even if I don't find records, I can imagine my ancestors living and working there.

In Vermont a group of cousins found a lost cemetery in which my 3 great grandparents were buried. I have since worked with Vermont Old Cemeteries Association to get it cleaned up and rehabilitated.

My advice to newcomers is to volunteer. You will get a lot more out of your Society if you become a working part of it. And confirm your data.

Gazette Times Obit Project

Charlene Talbot has 400 names towards Addendum III. There are 2 - 3 reels not yet adopted out and volunteers are needed to work on them. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact Charlene at the May 11th meeting.

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TWO FOR ONE

June 8th is a very special day so be sure to mark it on your calendar. It is the date of our annual book sale, potluck lunch, and general fun get together AND this year it is the date of an "Appraisal Day" at the Benton County Museum. Bring some books to sell, browse what others have brought, share some lunch and get two of your treasures appraised by experts.

Appraisal Day at the Benton County Historical Museum

The Benton County Museum, 1101 Main Street in Philomath, will be having an art and antiques appraisal day on Saturday, June 8, 2002. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 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.

General Policy on Field Trips and Cancellations

- Sign up and pay for the field trip in advance.
- To get a refund if you need to cancel, BCGS **must** receive a cancellation notice 3 days in advance.

This policy has become necessary due to our commitments for van rentals.

Upcoming Programs

8 June 2002	Annual Potluck Picnic and Used Book Sale
14 Sept 2002	Annual Sharing Program - Share your most recent and most successful genealogical adventures.
12 Oct 2002	TBA
9 Nov 2002	TBA
14 Dec 2002	Annual Christmas Party and Auction.

Project Cancellation

The project of scanning and indexing the Oregon biography card files at the State Library in Salem has been cancelled.

Queries

Mabelle Martsching has completed a query about John (Jesse) and Lora Foster who were in Benton County circa 1910.

Other queries being worked on are the Harland, Glassford, Taylor, Helms, and Baldwin (Linn Co.) families, George Casper, Mrs. and Judge Chinoweth and the McFadden family

Corvallis City Directories

The BCGS Library has Corvallis City Directories for the years 1969 through 1984. As we are cramped for space, these volumes are shelved in the utility closet. If you would like to look at them ask the Librarian to get them for you

GILBERT, Mary (1849-1937)	born	Alpine	nd 1867 EDWARDS, Isaac Newton (1845-1916)
GILBERT, Philander (1934-1905)	1849	Alpine	md 1855 WATTS, Mary E.
GILBERT, Riley (1841-)	1849	Alpine	md 1865 ALLEN, Nancy D. (1849-75)
GILBERT, Sheldon W. (1833-)	by 1877		md Margaret I. (1858-)
GILLESPIE, Robert L. (1827-)	by 1860		md by 1852 Mary A. (1829-)
GILLILAND, Rebecca J. (1832-)	by 1860	Corvallis	md by 1851 FISHER, Orceneth (1803-80)
GINGLES, Almira (1846-1917)	1850	Soap Creek	md 1865 TOMLINSON, John (1840-1915)
GINGLES, James (1819-89)	1850	Soap Creek	m1 1842 MILLER, Sarah (1822-53); Gingles Cem.
GINGLES, Mary Elizabeth (1825-98)	1851	Wren	md 1842 MILLER, Isaac (1813-93); Mt. Union Cem
GINGLES, Sarah (1852-87)	born	Soap Creek	md 1882 SPENCER, Charles H. (1850-)
GIRTON, Charles Ward (1832-1914)	by 1868		md 1868 SKIPTON, Elizabeth
GLASS, James (1830-by 1870)	by 1858	Corvallis	Blacksmith; md 1856 RITCHEY, Jemima (1827-)
GLASS, Robert L. (1865-)	born	Corvallis	md 1911 PURDY, Esther M. (1879-)
GLASS, William (1832-)	by 1860	Corvallis	Dairyman; md Lucy (1841-)
GLEASON, Michael	by 1867		md 1867 DUNN, Mary Ann
GLOSSOP, Anna (1861-)	by 1880		md 1880 FULLER, Wesley A. (1860-)
GODLEY, Thomas M. (1858-)	by 1880	Monroe	m1 1881 GRANT, Mary E.; m2 1884 Aurelia Belle (1866-)
GOLDSON, James McCain (1831-1922)	by 1880		md by 1866 Mary J. (1845-)
GOLDSON, William H. (1835-)	by 1880	Corvallis	Druggist; md by 1869 Melinda (1847-)
GOLTRA, Nelson (1829-59)	1856	Corvallis	Benton Co. est. # 76; md 1851 ELLISON, Elizabeth Julia (1833-94)
GOODLIN, Eliza (1834-)	1853		md ULLERY, John (1825-)
GOODMAN, Allen Johnson (1847-)	1852	S. Benton	m1 1874 GRIGSBY, Jennie; m2 1888 FRONK, Mary Margaret
GOODMAN, Charles (1800-)	1853	Philomath	md Amy (1805-)
GOODMAN, Elizabeth Jane (1832-1903)	1853	S. Benton	md 1856 SHIPLEY, Robert (1814-83); bur. Monroe Cem.
GOODMAN, Frank Erwyn (1868-)	born	S. Benton	md 1890 McMURTRY, Fannie (-1891)
GOODMAN, George (1839-)	by 1860		md Angeline (1842-)
GOODMAN, George W. (1859-)	born		md 1889 SHIELDS, M.F.
GOODMAN, James Henry (1824-1906)	1852	S. Benton	md 1843 LOCKER, Mary (1827-1909)
GOODMAN, Julia (1860-)	born	S. Benton	md 1882 DAY, Jackson
GOODMAN, Louisa Adalaide (1864-89)	born	S. Benton	md 1882 GILBERT, Frank C.
GOODMAN, Lucy Jane (1854-73)	born	S. Benton	md 1871 LANDES, Winfield Scott
GOODMAN, Martha J. (1857-1925)	born	S. Benton	md 1878 BARBER, Hiram A. (1859-)
GOODMAN, Olive A. (1860-91)	born	S. Benton	md 1883 WEST, John J.; bur. Alpine Cem.
GOODMAN, Seymore Elbert (1859-85)	born	S. Benton	md 1883 FRONK, Mary Margaret
GOODMAN, William Benjamin 91856-)	born	S. Benton	md 1879 EBERT, Harriet
GORDON, A.H.	by 1862		md 1862 STEWART, Amanda
GORE, Anna A.	by 1880		md 1880 SCRAFFORD, James Butler (1842-1919)
GORE, Nettie (1863-)	by 1879	Corvallis	md 1879 BAKER, R.F. (1845-)
GRAGG, Anna (1787-1856)	1853	Philomath	md 1808 HENKLE, Jacob (1788-1875); Pleasant Valley Cem.
GRAGG, Betsey Minerva (1864-)	born	S. Benton	md 1892 McCLAIN, William Harvey (1865-)
GRAGG, John (1802-)	by 1855		md by 1834 Suzan (1812-)
GRAGG, Joseph (1827-1906)	by 1862	S. Benton	md 1862 BUCKINGHAM, Lavinia (1848-1903); Bellfountain Cem.
GRAGG, Marcus Edward (1879-1963)	born	S. Benton	md 1906 JACKSON, Ruby (1882-1963); Bellfountain Cem.
GRAGG, Mary (1829-1907)	1857	S. Benton	md 1846 STARR, John Wesley (1822-1910?)
GRAGG, Thomas Heman (1862-1934)	born	S. Benton	md 1892 HAINES, Mary Olive (1866-1954); Bellfountain Cem.
GRAHAM, Catherine M. (1852-)	1864	Toledo	md 1889 GRADY, D.O.
GRAHAM, H.S.	by 1858		md 1858 SOUTH, H.A.
GRAHAM, Jane	by 1859		md 1859 POOL, C.B.
GRAHAM, John (1813-83)	1864	Toledo	Probate 1883; md by 1840 Rebecca (1814-71)
GRAHAM, Joseph D. (1847-)	1864	Toledo	md 1880 MAXFIELD, Addie
GRAHAM, Lavinia (1843-1925)	by 1867	Toledo	md 1867 ALTREE, Edward Stephen (1847-)
GRAHAM, Margery E. (1848-)	by 1868		md 1868 ALEXANDER, William H. (1841-)
GRAHAM, Margretta A. (1851-)	1864	Toledo	md 1874 ROSEBROOK, George H.
GRAHAM, Martha J. (1852-)	by 1871		md 1871 ALEXANDER, Charles F. (1843-)
GRAHAM, Martha M. (1856-)	1864	Toledo	md 1876 HUFFORD, Walter S. (1853-)
GRAHAM, Mary (1851-)	by 1866	Corvallis	md 1871 JOHNSON, Joseph Dodson (1843-)
GRAHAM, Thomas (1839-96)	by 1866	Corvallis	Druggist; md 1872 HAMILTON, Mary F. (1846-)
GRAHAM, William (1818-)	1852		md Harriet
GRAHAM, William (1817-)	by 1866	Corvallis	Physician; md by 1839 Jane (1816-)
GRANT, Benjamin F.	by 1875		md 1875 OGLESBY, Lucetta (1855-)
GRANT, James Milton (1853-1922)	born	Kings Valley	md 1878 RITNER, Sophronia (1860-1942)
GRANT, Margaret Ann (1861-1939)	by 1878		md 1878 HERNDON, Adam Clark (1851-1933)
GRANT, Mary Ellen (1847-1924)	1853	Kings Valley	md 1864 BEVENS, Truman O. (1841-1927)
GRANT, Richard Jackson (1825-91)	1853	Kings Valley	md 1846 WILLIAMS, Sarah Jane (1826-1913; Kings Valley Cem
GRAVES, Flora Ann (1845-)	by 1852		md 1861 SPRINGER, Charles B. (1836-)
GRAVES, James (1830-1918)	1852	Corvallis	Cabinetmaker; md 1853 PYBURN, Melvina (1836-)
GRAVES, John C.	by 1866		md 1866 MAXEY, Frances Jane
GRAVES, Wesley (1818-)	by 1852	Corvallis	Cabinetmaker; md Rebecca (1822-)
GRAVES, William (1823-95)	1859	Corvallis	Cabinetmaker; md 1847 SHOMAKER, Barbara (1825-93); IOOF Cem.
GRAY, Cora Ann (1874-)	born	Muddy Creek	md PORTER, Mark
GRAY, Cornelia (1843-1915)	1853	Muddy Creek	md 1867 UNGER, McKelvie J.
GRAY, Edna Jane (1867-99)	born	Muddy Creek	md 1883 DAVIS, Edwin Zebediah (1859-1935); Oak Ridge Cem
GRAY, Eleanor H. (1821-)	by 1854		md by 1845 CONGLE, John B. (1818-87)
GRAY, Elizabeth Edna (1835-1916)	1853	Muddy Creek	md 1854 SLATER, James H.

2030	MA	Smith	<i>Cape Cod Library of Local History and Genealogy. Vol 1.</i>	Gray hardback
2031	MA	Smith	<i>Cape Cod Library of Local History and Genealogy. Vol 2.</i>	Gray hardback
2032	NY	Hoff	<i>Long Island Source Records.</i>	Light blue paperback
2033	CT	Kilbourne	<i>Litchfield, CT, Sketches and Chronicles of the Town of.</i>	Orange paperback
2034	NY	Jackson	<i>Steuben County, Marriage Notices from Newspapers, 1797-1884.</i>	Light gray paperback
2035	NY	Jackson	<i>Steuben County, Death Notices from Newspapers, 1797-1884.</i>	Pink paperback

Corrections to Early Benton County Pioneers

Send Additions and Corrections to Dorothy Burt 27321 Reese Creek Rd, Monroe, OR 97456, dgburt@pioneer.net, FAX 541-424-2076
The original list with many pioneers missing was published from October 1999 to October 2000.

BENTON CO. PIONEERS	ARRIVAL YEAR	LOCATION	NOTES
GRAY, Elizabeth Edna (1835-1916)	1853	Muddy Creek	md 1854 SLATER, James H.
GRAY, George Doke (1872-)	born	Muddy Creek	md 1896 DIXON, Alda Edna (1876-)
GRAY, George Grant (1840-1928)	1853	Muddy Creek	md 1874 JASPER, Sarah Sylvina (1855-1900)
GRAY, James S. (1841-)	by 1875		md by 1871 Margaret J. (1850-)
GRAY, Joseph (1828-1908)	by 1862	Philomath	md 1862 MEANS, Annie (1829-1910); Pleasant Valley Cem
GRAY, Joseph Mayberry (1838-1917)	1853	Muddy Creek	md 1862 MEANS, Susan Elvira G. (1844-)
GRAY, Maybelle Agnes (1865-1941)	born	Muddy Creek	md 1887 BETHERS, George (1861-1926); Mt Union Cem
GRAY, Melissa (1833-1912)	1853	Lloyds Prec	md 1853 GARRETT, Warren W. (1832-70)
GRAY, Nathan L. (1848-)	1853	Muddy Creek	md WRIGHT, Ellen
GRAY, Robert Doke (1805-70)	1853	Muddy Creek	md 1826 CHINOWETH, Agnes (1809-84)
GRAY, Sarh C. (1828-88)	1853	Lane & Benton	md 1845 TAYLOR, Elbert Elihu (1826-1921)
GRAY, Susan Effie (1870-)	born	Muddy Creek	md 1892 RICH, William E.

"Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" Offered June 6

Article from the OSU Extension Newsletter—May/June 2002

Most people have personal belongings that have special meaning for them and other family members. These belongings may have financial value but often have sentimental, historical or emotional value.

What happens to these personal belongings when you die? Who decides who gets what? Often the transfer of personal belongings creates more challenges among family members than the transfer of titled property, like stocks, real estate and bank accounts.

On Thursday, June 6, Donna Gregerson will present the program "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" at the Corvallis Chintimini Senior Center from 2:00 p.m. until about 3:30 p.m. Gregerson, an OSU Extension faculty member with the Family and Community Development program, will explore how to talk about this sensitive issue with family members, how to determine what you are trying to accomplish by passing on personal possessions, what fair means in the context of your family and different methods for equitable distribution of personal belongings.

It is important to share with family members the stories about special objects you want to pass on so they understand their past and appreciate the accomplishments of their ancestors. This sharing helps preserve family history, memories and traditions.

The Chintimini Senior Center and the OSU Extension Service jointly sponsor this program. For more information, call the Extension office at 766-6750.

Upcoming Events

June 29 thru August 10, 2002

Traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian -
"Yesterday's Tomorrows" (see June BCGS news-
letter for detailed information)

October 4 - 6, 2002

Genealogy Council of Oregon seminar in Portland

Excerpts from the Forum Insider Newsletter—April 2002

- You can get a free on-line subscription to Genealogy Pointers, a newsletter from the Genealogical Publishing Company by sending an e-mail to: jstromberg@genealogical.com and writing "subscribe" in the body of the message.
- New location for the Portland BLM office is The Duncan Plaza at 333 SW 1st Ave, 1st floor. Mailing address is PO Box 2965, Portland 97208. Phone: (503) 808-6001.

Field Trip Reports

We have had several successful and interesting field trips and our members have found valuable resources and have had enjoyable experiences. Below is a summary of our most recent trips.

Members who went on the field trip to the Eugene Family History Center on March 11th found the people there friendly and helpful. There was a nice selection of research materials which included microfilms and reference books.

Our next field trip was to the OSU Library on April 6, 2002. Laurel Maughan, OSU Humanities Librarian and Genealogical Research instructor conducted a library tour and orientation on the operation of computers when researching records. She also showed where maps and reference areas were located on various floors and what reference materials were available.

On Saturday, May 4th, 14 people went on a field trip to the Yaquina Genealogical Society in Toledo. Beverly Przybylski, a certified genealogist from Lincoln City gave a presentation on File and Record Management Systems. After the presentation, the Bay Bistro catered a sandwich luncheon for both societies which was followed by a very productive afternoon research session. Some examples of research material found included passenger and immigration lists and marriage records from eastern states.

Discovering Our Heritage

The 2002 Family History Fair

Sponsored by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.
(Information Release - April 18, 2002)

Saturday, June 29, 2002

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Parkrose High School

12003 NE Shaver, Portland, OR

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

- 9:30 Never Too Young For Family History.....Jane McDowell**
Passing the genealogy "bug" to the younger generation
- 11:00 How To Compare Genealogy Software.....Marty Krauter**
What features do you need and want in software programs
- 1:00 Genealogy on the Internet.....Anne Leptich, AG**
Making the most of this powerful resource
- 2:30 Why Vital Records Are Vital To You.....Sharon Wodtke**
20 sources to pursue just from reading a death certificate

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.

This is a great opportunity to make this a two day trip to include the Family History Fair on Saturday and a visit to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon's library on the day before or after.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
28 May for the 8 June meeting. Cookies: Teri Greene
4 September for the 14 September meeting. Cookies—TBA.

Membership Information

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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: 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!