

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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GENEALOGY BOOK FAIRE

MAY 10, 2003 10:00 AM to NOON

- NEW AND USED GENEALOGY BOOKS
- GENEALOGY RESEARCH SUPPLIES
- ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

PLUS

The area's newest genealogy bookstore,

THE VILLAGE GENEALOGY BOOKSHOPPE

With their inventory of books and CD's.

The Benton County Genealogical Society will be selling new books, plus a large collection of used books from our library.

Other genealogical societies have reserved tables to sell their books, so there will be a great selection of books to buy!

The Benton County Genealogy Society Library is located next to the Benton County Museum which is next door. BCGS Library tours will be given starting at 10:30 a.m. The Library itself will be open from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

This event will be the BCGS program for May 2003.

*Reminder: Refreshments are still needed. We are asking all BCGS members to bring cookies or snacks to share.

Thank You!

A huge thanks to Damaris Reynolds, Jean Grube, Betty Swan and Pat Coolican for completing an inventory and organizing the vertical files in the library. Each file is now clearly labeled and neatly organized. The list of files is available in the library.

Upcoming Programs

June - Annual picnic and book sale.
September - Show and Tell

Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

Emergence of a Genealogist: Danell Aukerman

"I became actively interested in genealogy when my husband and I were stationed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire," said Danell Aukerman, who is currently the Society's president.

"My mother sent me an old obituary that said my grandmother had been born in Portsmouth and we went to the courthouse there to see if we could get some verification. The lady at the courthouse went into a vault in the basement and came back with a huge ledger, about 18 by 14 inches. She put it on the counter and there we found the birth registration of my grandmother.

"It said her father had been born in Kittery, Maine, which is just across the river from Portsmouth, so then we went there. The woman at that courthouse was entirely different. I guess she was having a bad day. She was cranky, almost rude. But by that time I was already hooked."

Danell has inherited boxes of pictures from her mother's family. In the past her grandmother had written on the back of every photograph everything she knew about them -- date of birth, marriage, death, children's names. "I got back from New Hampshire and got both sides of my mother's family, just from the pictures.

"On my dad's side, it's totally the opposite," she went on. "My granddad insisted that any person who started our name with AUK instead of ACK was a relative. I set out to prove the truth of that, and I'm still working on it, 23 years later. I've accumulated a huge data base on Aukermans, but I've only been able to go back one more generation from what I found in the family Bible."

When she was just starting research, she was excited to find she was descended from Governor Bradford of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. "I still remember where I was," she said, "--at the Mormon temple in Los Angeles. I was reading the history of the town of Sharon, Vermont. At the time, I was really excited, but now I know there are millions of Mayflower descendants so it's not such a big deal."

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She got started teaching genealogy when the Society was asked to conduct a class at the Senior Center. Previously, classes were held at the Society, with different members being scheduled to explain how to handle various research subjects, but Danell remembers that getting that organized was so much trouble the Society decided not to do it again. However, Danell found she enjoyed teaching. She wound up doing a beginning genealogy class at the Senior Center through Linn-Benton Community College. When she was urged to teach some related classes, she agreed. However, with current budget cuts, she expects that genealogy subjects will take a nosedive. She is considering holding classes at her home.

She admits she doesn't spend much time on her own research any more. Most of her time is spent working on the Benton County Pioneer Data Base and the WPA project. "I don't have any early Oregon ancestor," she told us.

She has been president of the Society for two years and says she thoroughly enjoys that. In January she opened a genealogy bookshop in her home. "Eventually I hope to have a storefront," she explained, "but it's a full-fledged bookstore now. I'm calling it the Village Genealogy Book Shoppe -- since I live in Adair Village. It's something I wanted to do when I retired, but then I figured, why wait?"

She knows how to make a computer do everything she wants it to. One of the classes she teaches is Genealogy on the Internet. Her biggest find on the Internet was when someone shared their Phelps family history, which put her back seven generations and gave her about two dozen new family names. All of that came from one Internet query. "That's partly why I wanted to do the Benton County pioneer database," she explained. "I wanted to give something back to the genealogy community in return."

Her advice to other genealogists is the same as she uses on the final exam for beginning students: cite your sources; keep track of what resources you have researched. If you take a book off the shelf, write down the title in your research log so that you don't pull the same book off the shelf ten years from now and waste time; and remember: if they tell you there are no records because the court house burned, don't believe them. Courthouse records were re-constructed as best they could at the time. After all, you HAD to have proof of ownership of land in order to sell it or pass it on to an heir.

Newspaper Project

On Tuesday, 8 April, 2003, Lee Gentemann installed MS Word on the library computer and copied into it the updated and combined version of the Newspaper Project.

There is an icon on the desktop to open the Newspaper File.

BCGS New Members

(since last newsletter)

Carl Baker & Joyce Loper
3524 NW Tanager Dr
Corvallis, OR 97330
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Museum Art Exhibit

Vases, Spaces, and Places is an art exhibit of drawings, pastels, acrylics and watercolors, that is being held at the Benton County Museum, May 16 through June 21, 2003. The art collection is by three Benton County artists: Sandra Moses Shindler, Carrie Marie Tasman and Susan Lewis. A reception will be held on May 16th, from 5 to 7 p.m.

King Family Reunion

The King Folk Reunion (descendents of Nahum & Sarepta Norton King, Benton Co. Pioneers of 1845) is set for June 21, 2003, 9:00-4:00 pm, at the Kings Valley School. The school is located at 39088 Kings Valley Highway, Kings Valley, Oregon. The morning will be spent as a workshop. Bring family information and photos to share. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Lunch is at noon. Bring a main dish and another item of choice (dessert, salad, or munchies). Also, bring your own utensils. Coffee, iced tea and bottled water will be furnished.

The general meeting and sharing time will begin at 1:30. Agenda items include: Kings Valley Cemetery and possible donation, King Folk Newsletter, website, cash on hand, Chambers Family Bibles, Nahum & Sarepta's burial site, and the Plunkett House.

For more information contact newsletter editor Earle Greig at 541-754-0053 or EGreig@pioneer.net.

Virus Alert

A powerful new computer virus has struck and no program will kill it. It's called the **C-nile Virus**, and it seems to strike only those born before 1960.

Here are some of the effects of the virus.

- Sends blank e-mail
- Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person
- Causes you to send back the message to the **person** who sent it to you
- Causes you to forget to attach the attachment
- Causes you to hit **SEND** before you've finished the

Salem Statesman Journal, March 20, 2003

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CIVIL WAR WORKSHOP

“Discovering Your Civil War Ancestors, Their Battles and Stories”

Come learn more about your Civil War Ancestor at this workshop hosted by the Linn Genealogical Society of Albany, OR. Twenty dollars does not go far these days, but you will get your money's worth from the presenter Clay Feeter.

Clay Feeter comes highly recommended as a Civil War researcher and author. He also publishes www.TheHistoryCalendar.com, an all history events web calendar. Clay usually does Civil War Ancestor searches at bookstores across the West Coast but we felt it would be of great benefit to feature him in a workshop. Topics for the workshop will include a step-by-step internet resource research process, using the US Civil War center website resources, National Archives Pension & Military files and MUCH, MUCH more. The workshop will close with a slide presentation by Mr. Feeter, called “Walking in Our Ancestor's Footsteps.”

This one-day workshop will held at Linn Benton Community College in Room B-105 (which is equipped with computers) on Saturday, June 21st from 9:00 AM – 4:45 PM. The cost of the workshop is \$20.00, plus \$5.00, if you desire a box lunch.

In order to customize this class to your needs, please bring specific information on two of your Civil War ancestors. If you only know of one Civil War ancestor, bring one. You will need the first, middle and last name, date of birth, where he lived about 1861 (1860 census is a good indicator if you are unsure) and his wife's name.

Class is limited to seating for 50, advance registration is strongly recommended and needs to be received by June 14, 2003. Make checks payable to the Linn Genealogical Society and remit to LGS, P. O. Box 1222, Albany, OR 97321

For questions or further information you can contact Byron Bray (928-2487), Linda Ellsworth (924-9372), Richard Harper (928-2110) or Betty Thorn (926-4353).

*** The Registration form is available to be copied at the BCGS library if you are interested in attending.***

Upcoming Events

Feichter House at Finley Wildlife Refuge--Corvallis, Summer Sundays, 10 am-4 pm
more info: 541-757-7236 or 541-929-6230

Pioneer Living History at Monteith House--June 14, Albany, 10 am-4 pm at Monteith House, 518 2nd Ave SW, Albany.
\$1.00 donation recommended.
More info: 541-928-0911.
Summer Tour hours of the house are Tue-Sun 1-4 pm.

Brownsville Pioneer Picnic--June 20, 21, 22 in Brownsville
http://www.brownsvilleoregon.org/pioneer_picnic.htm

Oregon Covered Bridge Festival--Sept 20 & 21, 9-6 in Stayton
<http://www.covered-bridges.org/06Events/events.htm>

Websites

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

Western States Marriage Record Index
<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/fhc/gbsearch.html>

THE INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Internet Public Library has, for a number of years, been a first-stop site for information resources for librarians and researchers alike. Their redesigned Web site, which debuted in June 2002, has organized their materials for easier use. Of especial interest to genealogists are the Newspapers online, which is the largest collection of links to online newspapers anywhere on the WEB, organized geographically for easy access. The Association on the Net can help you locate unions to which your ancestors may have belonged, as well as, fraternal and religious organizations. The Almanacs, Biographies, Calendars, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, and Geography links are a treasure trove too. And there are links for Style & Writing Guides to help you with writing that family history and/or citing your sources. Great Site!

VISIT THE SITE HERE: <http://www.ipl.org/>

Bend Genealogical Society, Inc., Distant Voices, Sept. 2002. Thanks.

Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but I love it.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
2 June for the **14 June** meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves

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

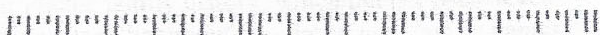
The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: sprawlson@proaxis.com. Thank You. **Pat Rawlinson**

Odds and Ends

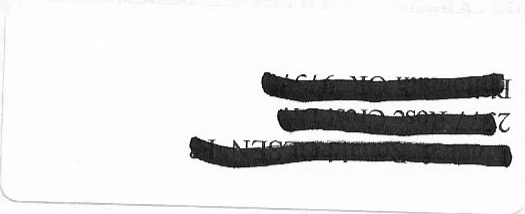
Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is **492**. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. 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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