



NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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8 May Program - Genealogy Book faire

The 2nd Genealogy Book Faire will replace our business meeting and program. There will be four workshops throughout the day. Workshop #1, *Genealogy Resources of 5 Societies*, will be presented by a representative of each participating society. Iris Seyb from Toledo will conduct the 2nd Workshop, *Beginning Genealogy*. The 3rd workshop, *Genealogy & the Internet* will be presented by Byron Bray. *Preservation of Family Treasures*, the final workshop, will be presented by Danell Aukerman. Each society will have a listing available of the member's ancestor that they are researching, which will be on their societies own table. An electronic version of the Linn and Benton Genealogical Societies computer file of ancestor names is being planned. New and used books from all societies will be for sale. Plan on an enjoyable time of browsing, researching, learning and/or visiting the Benton County Museum next door.

BCGS Board Meeting Date Change

Board members, please note the following meeting change:

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

ART, ANTIQUES & DOCUMENT APPRAISAL

The Benton County Historical Society invites anyone with questions about their antiques, artwork or documents to bring them to the future Horner Museum in Corvallis between 10 am and 3 pm Saturday, May 22. The museum is at 411 SW Second Street, (the former Copeland Lumber building) in Corvallis. The cost is \$10 for two items and no appointment is necessary. For more information, call Irene Zenev, exhibits curator at the society's main museum in Philomath, (541) 929-6230.

Excerpted from *The Albany Democrat Herald*, 1 May 2004.

Upcoming Programs

June 12 - Potluck and book sale.
September 11 - Show and Tell.

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By charlene talbot

Emergence of a Genealogist: Kathleen Coan

"I've always known something about my ancestors," Kathleen Coan told us, "because my grandfather used to tell us about the pioneers when we were children. He left Ohio to homestead in Eastern Washington in 1901, when land there was still available. He claimed a hundred sixty acres, which over the years he enlarged to a wheat and cattle ranch. Later an aunt gave me a chart with all the family names back before the Revolution. There wasn't much about the women, and I wanted to know more."

This was Kathleen's mother's family. They were Highland Scots and came to America before the Revolution. Through them she joined the Daughters of the American Revolution., and also researched the female lines.

"But when I came to my father's family—Osborne—it was the familiar brick wall. I got his social security application and it had the names of his parents, and that's really all I have. From time to time, some relative would say, 'You take after the Osbornes,' so I've always wanted to know more about them. My father was in the Philippines during WWI. I have his letters to my mother, and two of them had some information, but there's a glitch there that I can't seem to get around. He said his mother's parents were from Scotland, and his father's came from Ireland. They changed their name from O'Beirne to Osborne. Some of the other O'Beirnes changed the name to Burns. I've discovered that, but when you don't have first names, it's a real challenge. For one thing, I can't look them up in the immigration lists. Even with all the research I've done, I just can't turn those people up."

Thanks to her husband's job, Kathleen, traveling with him, was able visit various courthouses back east. She read the town newspapers and feels she got a better understanding of what was going on during the time her ancestors lived in those areas.

She doesn't know what genealogists would do without the computer. She's gotten copies of pictures via the Internet as well as articles

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people who've volunteered to help," she commented.

She says her mother's family was big on education. There were writers and teachers and preachers in that family, but her mother met her father at a dance. He played in the dance band. She's asked her aunts and uncles about her father, but they weren't able to tell her as much as she would have liked.

"Now, my husband's family," she said, "I haven't had to work on at all. The information has just fallen into my hands. All kinds of people from that line have volunteered to tell me what they know. The Coans were Irish, from Sligo. They came to Mobile, Alabama before the Famine. The original name was O'Comghain. It means 'descent of a twin.' They Anglicized it to Coan. A group of them moved west to Texas. When we were in Houston, I found everybody was interested. I went to the courthouse there, and people were so helpful."

Her most surprising success was the copy of a book on the Davidsons, her mother's family, that an uncle gave her before he died, because she was the one who seemed most interested. It turned out nobody else in the family had a copy and the book is out of print. She's had people on the computer asking her if they can get that book. The only other copy she knows of is in the Mormon Family History Library in Salt Lake.

She says she works on genealogy at least once a week, sitting down to the computer and running names through and answering queries.

"I tried to quit doing genealogy once," she said. "I felt everything was finished. But I found I couldn't stop. There are too many on-going puzzles."

Buried Veterans Records on Internet

Check the VA's National Gravesite Locator at www.cem.va.gov

The Veteran's Administration (VA) has put on the Web 3.2 million records for veterans buried at 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War. This site also has the form for you to complete right on your computer for a veteran's service record.

BCGS 2004 Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

Nancy Basque	no e-mail
Mary Huston	no e-mail

QUERIES

By Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay

McCallum Descendants

I am seeking any living descendants of **Alexander Robert McCallum**, born March 2, 1872, in Ontario, Canada, and died March 10, 1962, in Alpine, Oregon. Can you help me?

Thanks,
Jim Seavey

Camp Logan Days - Prairie City, Oregon May 22, 10 - 5 and May 23, 9:30 - 2

Step back in time and join us as we relive the military and civilian history of Grant County in 1867. Our Living History will occur at the original site of Camp Logan, a military garrison established in 1865.

Saturday - 10:00 Reveille; Downtown and the Military Camp are open to the public until 5:00 p.m. Ongoing events throughout the day.

Sunday - 9:30 - Sunday Service with the circuit rider
12:00 - 1860's Baseball Game
2:00 - Camp Logan is closed to the public

Prairie City is located on Route 26, midway between Ontario and Prineville in Eastern Oregon. From Prairie City travel 3 miles South on the county road toward Strawberry Lake.

Admission:	Adults	\$5.00
	Students 6-18	\$4.00
	Under 6	free
	2 day pass	\$7.00

Information: 541-820-3716

MUSEUMS

EAST LINN MUSEUM, 746 Long St., Sweet Home, OR. A collection of farm machinery, household goods, tools, medical equipment, musical instruments, logging and mining equipment dating from the 1800's to the mid 1900's. Open Thursday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. For information call 503-367-4580. Admission is free.

POLK COUNTY MUSEUM, 560 S. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall, OR. This is a new 14,000 square feet, two floor museum containing artifacts from 1843 - 1943. The museum is also a research facility which contains the county's genealogical files. Hours are 1 - 5, Wednesday thru Saturday and Monday. Closed Sunday, Tuesday and major holidays. Handicapped accessible. Admission: \$3 Adults, \$2 Seniors, \$1 Students ages 6 to 18. For information call 503-623-6251.

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SURNAME FILE NAME CHANGED TO MEMBER ANCESTOR FILE

After some discussion at the last Board Meeting, it was decided to change the name of our Surname File to Member Ancestor File. This decision was made to avoid confusion on the part of non-members seeking to use our library resources. It seems that what most other societies refer to as a Surname File are queries submitted by people seeking information.

Member Ancestor File - How to send a Gedcom.

In the last newsletter, Tonya Rawie wrote that she would accept Five Generation Charts in a Gedcom format via email. As a result there were several questions about Gedcom's at the last general meeting. She's provided us with a brief explanation.

Gedcom stands for Genealogical Data Communication. It's a format for sharing data that was developed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints. (for a more in-depth explanation see Jan McClintock's Gedcom 101 article at: <http://www.leisterpro.com/doc/Articles/GEDCOM101.html>). Gedcoms have become fairly universal, and the majority of genealogy programs can save to or open from this format.

Directions for Family Tree Maker:

To save your FTM file as a Gedcom, click on "File" and scroll down to "Copy/Export Family File."

When the New Family File Box opens, change the file type to "Gedcom (.ged)" by using the pull-down menu. The file name will automatically transfer into the File Name box. Click "Save."

The next box to open will ask for the "File Destination." That box should read "PAF" if you're going to send it to Tonya. "Version" should read "5.5," and "Character Set" should be "ANSI." Click "OK"

Your new Gedcom file can now be attached to an email.

To import a Gedcom, from your new-found third cousin, you can reverse the process.

Open FTM, and click on "File." Scroll down to "Open Family File."

When that box opens, use the location pull-down menu to locate the file where the Gedcom has been stored. Use the bottom pull-down menu change the Files of Type to "Family Tree Maker (all types)."

Gedcom files are marked with an icon of a tree. Click on the file you want to open, then click "Open." The next box will ask you to rename your file and will usually provide a default name. Click "Save." When the next box opens, click "OK/Save."

FTM will then take the information for the Gedcom and create a new FTM file.

If you're using a program other than Family Tree Maker, consult your "Help" button on the Menu bar to address this subject.

FINDING A MAIDEN NAME

Some of the ways to find a maiden name include:

- If less than 100 years - death certificates
- If more than 100 years - all her children's death certificates
- Newspaper obituaries
- Her children's marriage certificates
- Public church libraries
- Unpublished records microfilmed at branch LDS libraries
- IDI on microfiche at IDS libraries
- Divorce papers from county courthouse where filed
- Newspaper indices by Anita Cheek Milner for records from burned-out courthouse and churches no longer in existence, bibliographies in book form.

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Descendents of Frank J. Eaton Sought

I've "rescued" an old photograph album which includes a photograph of Frank J. Eaton taken at the H.W. Stock Studio in Genoa, Nebraska. In addition to his name, it is noted that he was born Jan. 15, 1894 and was 3 years old at the time the photograph was taken. Based on limited research, I find Frank Eaton, b. 15 January 1894, applied for a Social Security card in Illinois and died December 1976 at Corvallis, Oregon. The album contains photographs from Vermont, New Hampshire, Nebraska, New York and Rhode Island. Surnames which are identified in the album include Gove, Grant, Wilber and Birtwhistle.

I'm hoping to locate someone from these families so that this wonderful old treasure can be returned to the care of family.

If you are a member of this family or know someone who might be, please contact me.

Shelley Cardiel,

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Genealogists are time unravelers ³

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
1 June For the **12 June** meeting. Cookies—Teri Greene

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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

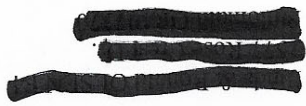
The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: sprawlson@proaxis.com. Thank You. **Pat Rawlinson**

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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