

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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14 May Program

Archival Storage - What, Where, Why, How

Danell Aukerman will present a program on Archival Storage. Genealogical books featuring archival storage material will be available for purchase from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*, along with new and used books from the BCG Society.

Program Review

By David Kribs, Program Chairman

Lewis & Clark Presentation — Lois Meessen April 9, 2005

After Lois Meessen read the book *From Sea to Shining Sea*, by James Alexander Thom, she became so interested in the Lewis & Clark expedition that she traveled the trail they followed, as much as is possible today. She traveled the trail and camped. She said, among many other interesting facts, that books exist about various members of the expedition, tracing their descendants up to the present. The Lewis & Clark College in Portland has a wonderful collection of books about the expedition. President Jefferson referred to it as Lewis's "tour." Meessen talked about the varied travels of Sacajawea's son, Jean Baptiste, and has visited his grave near Jordan Valley in southeast Oregon.

Oregon Historical Society

Come Help Make History! Be a volunteer at the Oregon Historical Society as it hosts the largest event in its history. Lewis & Clark: The national Bicentennial Exhibition November 11, 2005—March 11, 2006. Since we will be the only venue on the West Coast to host the exhibit, we are expecting thousands of visitors, so we need your help! The following positions are available: Docents, Visitor Services Assistants, Museum Store Assistants and Special Events Volunteers. For more information, please contact Rebekah Fuss, Volunteer Coordinator. Phone: 503-306-5226. E-mail: volunteer@ohs.org.

Book Looks

By Charlene Talbot

Plymouth Colony Its History & People 1620-1691

by Eugene Aubrey Stratton, FASG, Former Historian General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

This history of the Plymouth Bay colony reads more like a research paper than a book you might want to sit down with for an enjoyable session during a spare hour. The back cover says it is the first comprehensive guide to Plymouth Colony. It is not a volume our book committee chose to buy but was a gift to the Society. Even the chapter headed Morality and Sex is not as interesting as one expects it to be.

However, if you have any descendants from that era, the section called Part Three: Biographical Sketches is certainly worthwhile. It contains a wonderful list of names as well as sources for more information about the people listed. We didn't count the number of names, but the biographical sketches cover almost 150 pages.

The book's appendices are worthwhile, too. One of them is a copy of the Mayflower Compact, by which the male settlers of the colony agreed to be governed by the will of the majority. This is generally considered our first American example of pure democracy.

Another interesting point made by the author is that "...having no royal governor, and being composed of all the freemen, the Plymouth General Court was as free as conceivable in making, changing, and interpreting the law."

Last Thanksgiving the news magazine supplement to the Gazette-Times, USA Weekend, showed a photograph on the front of a white man, an Oriental woman, and an African-American boy, all of whom could count Mayflower passengers in their ancestry. One of the article's headlines said that probably a hundred and sixty million Americans could count the Mayflower passengers in their descendency.

In the foreword to the book another genealogist says, "Stratton first covers the seven decades of the existence of the colony in the usual chronological presentation, but with emphasis on the arrival of settlers, both from Holland and England, and also on the movement of those settlers once they had arrived in New England."

The book is published by Ancestry Publishing in Salt Lake, Utah.

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(since last newsletter)

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BCGS 2005 Membership Renewals
(since last newsletter)

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Condolences

The Society would like to extend condolences to Richard Cobb and his family on the recent loss of his wife.

Library Shelf Lists Available

Thanks to Danell Aukerman, we now have library shelf lists on CD's in PDF format updated to January 2005. There are three lists on each CD; one listing volumes alphabetically by category (i.e. by state or country); one listing volumes numerically; and one listing volumes alphabetically by author. There is a Category Description Index as well. These CD's are available for sale at the library---cost is \$1.00. Reminder, that we also offer the same information on CD's in Microsoft Excel format. These are also \$1.00.

Upcoming Programs

June 11, 2005 - Potluck and summer book sale with a program about our own genealogical society library. Bring some books to donate and purchase for summer reading .

September 10, 2005 - "Show and Tell" What Genealogical Experience I had this summer. Impromptu reports by individuals.

October 8, 2005 - ? Update on the Family History Library.

12 November 2005 - ? Wagon Trains East (coming west through eastern Oregon that is).

10 December 2005 - Raffle, Auction, Christmas Party. This event has proven fun for many of us as the way we make our annual contribution to the Society Book Fund as well as picking up some Christmas presents for the grandkids.

If you have an item of more than a nominal value please consider a donation right away as a possible raffle item for next December (donations do qualify as charitable tax deductions). We ended up without any suitable raffle item this year and need to get the raffle ticket sales going as soon as possible.

There is some talk that maybe we should cancel this event due to a lack of interest.

14 January 2006 - Genealogy of DNA . Save all the articles references whatever you see. It is felt that we need this program and will put it on ourselves if we can't find someone.

Genealogical books from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*, and from the Benton County Genealogical Society's selection of new and used books, will be available for purchase at every meeting during 2005.



Memorial Day Remembrances

Genealogical Tidbits
By Lee Gentemann

Unknown Library Resources in Oregon:
The Oregon State Library in Salem, has a huge collection of genealogy books on the shelf, that belong to the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Search the OSL Card Catalog at:
http://catalog.willamette.edu/screens/opacmenu_s2.html

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Mark Your Calendars

- **May 12-15, 2005** - The Oregon DAR Annual Conference will be held in Eugene, OR. For additional information log on to their website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orossdar>
- **June 3-4, 2005** - Cemetery Conservation Seminar and Workshop at Mission Mill in Salem, OR.
- **September 7-10, 2005** - FGS Annual Conference, "Reminders of the Past, Visions for the Future", Salt Lake City, UT.
- **November 11, 2005-March 11, 2006** - Oregon Historical Society hosts the largest event in history: **Lewis & Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibition.**

May is Historical Preservation Month.

Some area events include:

May 14—10:00, Soap Creek Historic Schoolhouse Tour, 37465 Soap Creek Rd.

May 14—1:00, Franz-Dunn House Tour at Fort Hoskins, 22953 Hoskins Rd.

Open house from 1-3 pm, Tour at 1:00

May 21—10:00, Feichter House Tour, Finley Wildlife Refuge, 262208 Finley Refuge Rd.

Open house 10-2, Tour at 10:00

May 30—Memorial Day Observation at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Corvallis. Time to be announced.

WEBSITES

LINKS

- A new web site to me is "*Maps in Genealogy*" at <http://www.ancestornews.com/mapsingenealogy.html> Many genealogy research URLs about maps are included in this article. This informative site includes tips on where to find various types of maps and the specific information you might find in the maps. Linda Olsen
- Are you researching land, military, or census records in your genealogical quests? NARA has a new website that may be of help in your search of governmental archives. Log on to www.archives.gov
- **Rootsweb—American Revolutionary Soldiers.** Rootsweb maintains a free list of links to Revolutionary War websites. There are links to general Revolutionary War sites, national links, and links by states. Some of the sites have free information and others, such as the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, require membership. Visit the website at: www.rootsweb.com/~ars/index.htm
Rootsweb also maintains pages that contain the e-mail and/or URL addresses of descendants or persons who can give you some background on the Revolutionary soldier that is listed with each e-mail address. That website is: www.rootsweb.com/~ars/arw.htm
- **Civil War Solders and Sailors System.** The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System is a computerized database containing the very basic facts about servicemen who served on both sides during the Civil War. Other information includes: histories of regiments in both the Union and Confederate Armies, links to descriptions of 384 significant battles of the war, and other historical information. The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a cooperative effort by the National Park Service (NPS) and several other public and private partners. This site is fairly easy to use and search. As of September 2004, the CWSS database contains over 6 million solder names. To access this database go to: www.itd.nps.gov/cwss
- **The United States Internet Genealogical Military Collection Site/** The people of the USIGS are genealogists who want to see the maximum number of primary source documents online and accessible to family and other historians on the web FREE OF CHARGE.
This site has links to military websites with free information, organized from the Colonial Era to the Vietnam War. It has links to states as well as national information. Visit the website at: www.usigs.org/library/military/links

Information from the last three topics was reprinted from the WVGIS Newsletter, Vol. XXVII, Number 4, April 2005. Thanks!

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:

Tuesday, 31 May for the 11 June meeting. Cookies—Ken Bielman

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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.

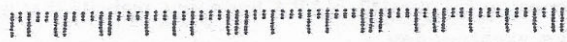
Canadian Interest Group

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!

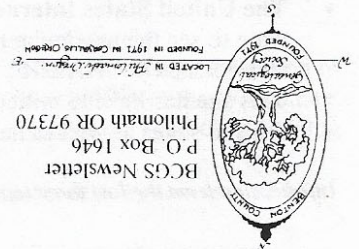


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