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Camp Adair.

Janice Barclay prepared this program about Camp Adair for the Junction City Chamber of Commerce. She's familiar with John Baker's book. He gave us a presentation last fall. Janice's program does not cover the same material. She has researched the families who were displaced and what happened after the base was closed.

Corvallis Gazette, Friday, May 29, 1908

Ellsworth Post No. 10, G.A.R.
Department of Oregon,
May 26, 1908

All old soldiers, and also all citizens of this Department, are cordially invited to be with us on Decoration Day, May 30th. Besides decoration, there will also be a dedication of the new G.A.R. Monument [in Crystal Lake Cemetery].

All fraternal organizations are respectfully invited to be with us. The Post will meet at G.A.R. Hall at 9:30 sharp,

S.S. Bullis, P.C.
M.L. Adams, Adjutant

Get Well Wishes

The Society would like to extend Get Well wishes to Jean Grube, Lee Gentemann and Gene Kelsey. We hope you are feeling better soon.

Excerpts from "25 Things That Make Genealogy Fun" by Joe Beine

In Germany all the women are named Anna Maria and all the men are named Johann. This was done to confuse genealogists.

In Mexico all the women are named Maria and all the men are named Juan. This was done to confuse genealogists.

In Ireland all the women are named Mary and all the men are named James Patrick O'Connor. This was done for "fun in the pub."

You wonder why a non-profit religious organization can distribute National Archives microfilm better than the National Archives.

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Book Looks

By *charlene talbot*

This month's book to be reviewed is located in the Virginia section of our Genealogy Society's library. It is entitled *Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia 1727-1734, 1736-1740*. In our opinion the best part of the book is its detailed index, containing names, places and subjects. For the rest, it's practically unreadable because the editor decided to keep the old-fashioned "s" that looks like an "f" throughout the journals. It's easy enough to read the old-fashioned spelling, for instance "loial" instead of "loyal," but people are too used to today's alphabet to switch easily to other letters.

The back of the book says (in modern-day printing, we're happy to add): "These journals chronical the very birth of our country's independence.... The journals contain the names of the burgesses as well as the names of the citizens who had grievances or petitions to present, or for whom some judgment was being made. They are a record of the early lawmaking process in this country and offer a glimpse of the issues that faced the Colony in those days. The issues sparked the desire for independence that smoldered in the hearts of our forefathers: tobacco taxes, tithables, committees, the building of defensive installations, speeches by Governor Gooch and the King's representative, and matters of law and justice.... The value of this edition lies in the authenticity of the information."

The Appendix contains a petition of the Virginia Quakers, and gives a short list of signers.

A label in the front of the book says: From the Library of Edith Hughes, 1997.

If you have early Virginia ancestors, it will pay you to look over this index, if only to find out what was going on in the county or parish where your ancestor lived.

The New Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

If you had ancestors in the United States between 1860 and 1870, it is almost certain that they were impacted by the War Between the States. History tells us that brother fought brother and neighbor fought neighbor.

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a cooperative project of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Genealogical Society of Utah/Family History Department, the National Park Service, and the National Archives. The newly announced website is www.civilwar.nps.gov. The project started in the early 1990s and culminated in September 2004. It involved thousands of data-entry volunteers from the "North" and "South." It also demonstrated the power of private-public partnerships in accomplishing the indexing. The project involved a vast number of records previously only archived or microfilmed.

To use the "Soldiers" segment, for instance, you will need the first and last name of the soldier (the only required field is the surname); unit, and function, e.g., infantry, cavalry, etc. According to the article about this in the Tri-City Genealogical Bulletin, there will be hyperlinks that are included in the "result" screen. Clicking those opens a world of data for you such as Muster In and Muster Out dates, history of the regiment or unit, major battles in which it participated, numbers lost in those battles (even quantifying officers vs. enlisted), and the number who died from disease. Probably the most significant link found on the regimental history page is the link to pull together a list of all soldiers associated with the specific unit. The article says it's like, when you are checking the census films, you want to consider your ancestors' neighbors close by. Summarized from the Tri-City Genealogical Society Bulletin, Vol. 46, Number 1

Genealogists are extraordinary people; wouldn't you agree? But it's awakening sometimes to hear what others think of us. For example, the Staff at the Museum next door refers to us as the "GENIES". I like that!

From Ken Bielman

Memorial Day Remembrances

A Memorial Day program will be held in the National Guard Armory in Corvallis at the Eternal Flame War Memorial on May 29, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Programs

10 June 2006 - Potluck

9 September 2006 - Show 'N' Tell

14 October 2006 - ? County and City Archives

11 November 2006 - ? State Archives

9 December 2006 - Christmas Party, Auction, and Raffle

Books published by Benton County Genealogical Society are always available for purchase at the society library after each meeting, and every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM. They are also available at the Benton County Historical Museum, during their normal hours.

Genealogical books featuring archival storage material and genealogical research will be available for purchase from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe* by logging onto the web site at:

www.thevillagegenealogybookshoppe.com

Rebecca's Bird's Nest Pudding

This recipe is from Rebecca Boone's cookbook and was sent in by Carolyn Boone Greenfell.

Fill baking dish one-half full of sliced apples. Cover with 1 cup sugar and dash of nutmeg. Add about 1/2 cup water. Cover with batter: 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup water, 3 tablespoons melted shortening and 1 cup flour sifted with 1 teaspoon baking powder.

Bake in slow oven until brown. Serve hot with cream and enjoy!!!

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Memorial Day Origin Unclear In First Years Following Civil War

"Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers
Yours has the suffering been
The memory shall be ours."

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

by Myra Vanderpool Gormley
Genealogy Columnist

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day and Poppy Day (after World War I) is a legal holiday observed annually in the United States. It began at the end of the American Civil War, a brutal war where brother fought brother and the best of friends became the worst of enemies. Genealogy makes history come alive because through research, we come to know these ancestors and learn about their participation in battles and wars long ago. To their descendents, these soldiers graves are much more than silent tents of green.

The custom of placing flowers on graves is an old one that exists in many countries. People not only honor those who gave their lives in battle on this special day. But they also remember deceased family members and friends.

Several communities lay claim to having had the first Memorial Day, but Waterloo, N.Y. was recognized in 1966 by the federal government as being the birthplace, a century after its first celebration. In 1865, Henry C. Welles, a Waterloo druggist, mentioned at a social gathering that honor should be shown to the patriotic dead of the Civil War by decorating their graves. He again mentioned this subject in the spring of 1866 to Gen. John B. Murray, then clerk of Seneca County. Murray embraced the idea and a committee organized to plan a day to honor the dead.

The Waterloo townspeople adopted the idea wholeheartedly. Wreathes, crosses and bouquets were made for each veteran's grave. Flags flew at half-staff and the village was decorated with evergreen boughs and mourning black streamers. On May 5, 1866, civic societies joined the procession to the three existing cemeteries. They were led by veterans marching to martial music. At each cemetery, there were impressive and lengthy services.

The location of the first Memorial Day observance is in dispute. Some claim the custom of honoring our war dead began in Boalsburg, Pa. Others say the custom was originated by some Southern women who placed flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers after the Civil War. Still others claim the first Memorial Day service took place on May 30, 1866, at the burial ground for Union soldiers on Belle Isle near Richmond, Va.

Regardless, the first official recognition of Memorial Day, as such, was issued by Gen. John A. Logan. This was General Order No. 11, establishing "Decoration Day," as it was then known. The date of the order was May 5, 1868—two years after Waterloo, N.Y.'s first observance. In 1882, the name Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day, and in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held the last Monday of May every year.

Tacoma genealogist Myra Vanderpool Gormley's syndicated column appears each Wednesday on the Family page. 2 June 1999.

Some Resources for Military Records

compiled by Cliff Butler

- 1) National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

NARA's National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO is the repository for military records.
Website: www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records.html

vetrecs.archives.gov can be used to order a copy of military records if you are a veteran or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran. Otherwise you will have to use Standard Form 180.

SMITH, ALLEE, MILLER Research Documents

The library will be discarding photocopies of research documents for the above surnames. If anyone is interested in having any or all of these documents please contact Ken Bielman at 541-758-3769 or email him at <bielman@pioneer.net>.

The Smith documents consist of well over 100 pages of family group sheets and similar document forms dating back to the 1600's in England, and have references to Smith and related families from all over the United States. These are unbound single sheets.

The Allee publications consist of 15 issues (some duplication) of "Allees All Around" published in 1984-1987. These appear to be family-type monthly publications that include lists of Allees, including variant name spellings such as Alley, Ally, Allie Alyea, etc.

We have just one issue of the "Miller Monitor" to be disposed of. It's dated 1991-1992 and appears to be one of a series of publications with the same title. The document contains miscellaneous lists of Millers and related surnames from random sources in various parts of the US. One short section of this issue covers Miller families in the Willamette Valley.

Contact Ken Bielman if you're interested in having any of these in your personal library.



Library Inventory Date Set

The inventory of the BCGS Library will be held on Wednesday, June 28th this year. Those of you who have items checked out that may be overdue PLEASE check them in ASAP to minimize the team's search time. Thanks in advance to the inventory team: Damaris Reynolds, Pat Coolican, Lee Rudisill, Julie Bielman, Bill Gleaves, Sandy Potter, Leila Crawford, Ted Gump, Dave Kribs and Mary Dean Snelling.

Seeking Help

Our newsletter editor is looking for people to write or submit genealogy related articles or ideas for our newsletter. If you are interested, please e-mail Teri :mmteri@aol.com and be sure to indicate BCGS in the subject line of your e-mail message. This does not need to be an on-going column, just something here and there, like a family story, would be helpful.

Mark Your Calendars

- **May 18 - 20, 2006 - The Oregon Heritage Commission and the Coquille Indian Tribe, Co-Sponsors, 2006 Heritage Conference. Theme: Heritage Preservations: It's a Local Story.** Find details at www.oregonheritage.org
- **June 7 - 10, 2006 - National Genealogical Society - 2006 Annual Conference. Theme: They Passed This Way.** For information go to www.ngsgenealogy.org
- **July 28 - 30, 2006 - Fort Hoskins - 150 year celebration.** Watch future newsletters for details.
- **August 30 - September 2, 2006 - The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the New England Historic and Genealogical Society Conference, Boston, MA.** For a list of topics and speakers go to www.fgsconference.blogspot.com/. To register with a credit card online go to www.fgs.org. This event is being advertised as the "largest genealogical conference ever held."
- **October 6-7, 2006 - Genealogical Council of Oregon Bi-annual Conference. HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

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Program Review
By David Writz, Program Chairman

8 April 2006

Internet Resources - Danell Aukerman had a medical emergency in Los Angeles and was unable to present the program.

We have an excellent VCR program on **Land and Military Records** prepared for just such a circumstance. However, we started with a round table discussion open to the membership. We like to talk genealogy so much that we still have the Land and Military program unused.

Among others, Gene Newcomb brought us up to date on the status of the DNA program at Sorenson's Genealogical Research Foundation. Judy Juntunen brought us up to date on her involvement with the Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Thank you, members, for what proved to be an interesting and informative hour.

King Folk Reunion

Saturday, June 24, 2006

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Kings Valley Charter School Gym
39088 Kings Valley Highway

The morning is a workshop. Please take King family material to share. You might discover a new relative or be able to help someone else with their King Family research. A copy machine will be available. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Lunch at noon

Please bring a main dish and another item of your choice (dessert, salad, or munchies). Also, bring your own table service. Coffee, soda pop and bottled water will be provided.

General Meeting at 1:30 P.M.

The annual reunion is held in June on the first Saturday following Father's Day at the Kings Valley Charter School.

For information, contact Earle Greig, 4441 N.W. Elmwood Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330 or e-mail him at egreig@pioneer.net

More Military Records Resources (con't.)

2) Department of the Army
U.S. Army Military History Institute
ATTN: Patron Service
22 Ashburn Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-5008

3) National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
website: www.archives.gov

U.S. Army War College Library at Carlisle Barracks. website: Carlisle-www.army.mil then Search & Research for library.

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

30 May for the 10 June meeting. Cookies—Kathleen Coan

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: spawlinson@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.

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