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Program November 10th: Sources for Immigration Research

By Danell Aukerman

This program is “nuts and bolts” genealogy. If you can’t make the session, the society will mail you the handout upon request. Make your request by email to aukerman@peak.org or phone 745-2003 or write BCGS P.O. Box 1646 Philomath, OR 97370. The handout will be mailed with the December newsletter.

Please start planning for the December party. Everyone’s favorite auctioneer will be here, but there will be no raffle. Think about renewing early. Now is just the right time. A form is included for your convenience.

December Auction

Saturday December 8th—mark this date on your calendar today! It’s the annual action and money is earmarked for the Book Fund. Bring an item to auction and plan to come and bid vigorously. If you can’t attend, you can still send items or “gift certificates.” There’s no limit to ideas for these certificates. It could be a Christmas wreath, a home-baked apple pie, or a few hours of genealogical research [maybe in Salt Lake City]. Use your imagination and give a **unique** gift.

As is our annual custom, you are asked to bring finger foods for refreshments.

Hoping to see you December 8th

**Oregon Genealogical Society classes Saturdays
10-12 for \$5, no pre-registration and open to all
OGS Library 955 Oak Alley, Eugene, 345-0399**

Nov 17: Roger Rasmussen

Using Maps to Research Your Family

Dec 1: Sandra Lawrence

Fabric Preservation & Identification

Dec 8: Martin Sage *Reading Old Script/ Handwriting*

Dec 15: Linda Aubrey *Computer Software for Genealogists*

Jan 5: Frene Kellow *Using and constructing Timelines*

Jan 12: Grace Runyan & Ferne Kellow

Writing Your Family History

Jan 19: Ilene Young

Locating and Using Microfilm at the OGS

Kith and Kin

By Charlene Talbot

Emergence of a Genealogist:

Damaris Reynolds

Damaris Reynolds was acting as volunteer welcomer at the Benton County Museum’s Quilt Show when we interviewed her regarding her interest in genealogy.

“I’ve always been a little interested,” she said, “from things my mother had to say. And my father had a little book about his family, the Pecks, that he’d inherited. But I really got started in Corvallis when I took Edna Wiese’s ‘Write Your Life Story’ class. There was a woman in town who was giving classes in genealogy through Linn Benton Community College and I took a class on how to get started, and it has gone on from there. Becky Kiger was in the class, and she was already a member of the Genealogical Society, so as I recall, that’s about the time I joined.

“Edna Wiese inspired us all. I put together two books of my life story --one up to the time I was married, and the second was about the next twenty years.”

Damaris has also done a formal genealogy of the Flag family, that having been her middle name. Her husband’s brother got interested, she says, and did an exhaustive book of three volumes on the Reynolds family, which is still in print. “So the Reynolds family is well taken care of,” she says.

“My mother’s maiden name was Whitcomb. Jonadab Whitcomb was a 49’er. He came to California by ship. Many years later his story of the voyage was printed in the first bulletin of the California Historical Society, of which Jonadab was a charter member. Soon after he first went to California, he returned to New England and got married. He had worked in a hotel there, and came back with a group from New York.” Jonadab Whitcomb went into business in San Francisco, but he lived in Berkeley, where he built one of the first houses. A monument to the pioneers stands in the civic square in San Francisco. It has about 15 names on it, and two of them are Damaris’ great grandfathers. Her great grandmother was the second woman to graduate from the University of California.

Switching to another line, Damaris said she knew that McDowell was one of the family names, so she used inter-library loan to get more information. She learned that the

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first settler in Rockbridge County, Virginia, was Ephraim McDowell. About 1720 to 1730 there was a large influx of Scotch Irish in Pennsylvania and from there many of them went to Virginia. Rockbridge County became the most Presbyterian county in the United States.

Damaris says she has decided to wind up all of the genealogy work she is doing for her sons-in-law and go back to trying to find her William Jones and Mary Stephens. She has their birth dates and marriage date, and that's all. She considers this her brick wall.

Asked if she has any advice for beginners, she said only that she thinks genealogy is a fantastic hobby. There's always something challenging, and you don't have to spend much money except for stamps. One last word of advice—**If you get anything off the Internet, you should try to get documentation.**

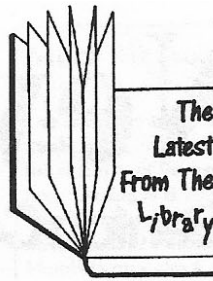
NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 2002

A nominating committee composed of Gene Newcomb, Dennis Haney and Dean Johnson met on October 13th and selected the following slate of officers for 2002.

President	Danell Aukerman
1st Vice President	Bill Gleaves
2nd Vice President	Margaret Hays
Secretary	Jim Russell
Treasurer	Frances Grotefend
Membership	Tonya Rawie

Additional nominations are welcome and may be made on the floor at the meeting November 10th. Please be sure that your candidate will serve. If you wish to serve the society in some capacity, please let Danell know and she will *definitely* put you to work! Voting for officers will take place at the general meeting December 8th. The new officers will be installed at the meeting on January 12th.

A new committee has been added for greeting folks at the door during general meetings. David Kribs will head the committee. The Newsletter committee will be headed by Teri Greene.



Latest Acquisitions by Number

- 1956 OR Oregonian, Genealogical Gleanings from 1850-1862 Issues. White Notebook. Gift of John Chapman
- 1957 FH/VF Gillingham, Story of. White paperback. Gift of BC Historical Museum
- 1958 SCAN Scandinavian-American Genealogical Resources. Charles Dickson. Orange paperback
- 1959 CD Bible Records from New England Historic & Genealogical Society
- 1960 TN 1810 Census, Reconstructed. Charles A Sherrill. Dk green hardbound
- 1961 CD Indiana Birth Index, 1850-1920
- 1962 CD Indiana Marriage Index, 1850-1920
- 1963 CD Indiana Death Index, 1800-1941
- 1964 NJ Index of Wills, Vol I Lavender Paperback
- 1965 NJ Index of Wills, Vol II Lavender Paperback
- 1966 NJ Index of Wills, Vol III Lavender Paperback
- 1967 MD Maryland Genealogies, from the Maryland Historical Magazine. Vol I Dk Blue Hardbound.
- 1968 MD Maryland Genealogies, from the Maryland Historical Magazine, Vol II Dk Blue Hardbound
- 1969 NC Soldiers from North Carolina in the American Revolution. White paperback
- 1970 VA Colonial Surry. John B. Boddie. Lt Blue paperback
- 1971 TN Land Records, Earliest Tennessee. Irene M. Grifey. White paperback
- 1972 ME Census, 1790, Heads of Families. Red paperback
- 1973 NC Census, 1790, Heads of Families. Red paperback
- 1974 MD Census, 1790, Heads of Families. Red paperback
- 1975 NY Census, 1790, Heads of Families. Red paperback
- 1976 US Royal Descents of 500 Immigrants to the American Colonies. Gary B. Roberts. Dk Blue hardbound
- 1977 MA Boston City Directory, First (1789). Ann Smith Lainhart. Dk Blue hardbound. Gift of Damaris Reynolds
- 1978 MA Boston Taxpayers, 1821. Rohrbach. Red hardbound. Gift of Damaris Reynolds.
- 1979 MA Boston, 18th & 19th Centuries, Memoranda by John Haven Dexter. Dk Blue hardbound. Gift of Damaris Reynolds.

Ken Bielman, Librarian

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
DAVIS, Hannah Ann (1832-1904)	1847	Tampico	md 1851 HENDRICKS, Caswell
DAVIS, Jane	1847		md 1849 WINTERS, John F. (1828-)
DAVIS, Joseph (1805-)	by 1849		md Matilda (1811-)
DAVIS, Lemuel Eli (1832-)	1847	Toledo	md by 1854 Mary J. (1832-)
DAVIS, Lorenzo	by 1851		Chain carrier for surveyor
DAVIS, Lucinda (1845-69)	1845		md 1866 LLOYD, William Walker (1841-73)
DAVIS, Mishac R. (1837-75)	1847		md 1867 MUNSELL, Almira (1847-72)
DAVIS, Rebecca C. (1855-)	born	Toledo	md 1871 COPELAND, J.S. (1834-)
DAVIS, Samuel (1836-)	1868	Philomath	md HENKLE, Mary Ann (1838-)

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CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

The Civilian Conservation Corp was created in June 1937 as a successor to the Emergency Conservation Work started March 1933. The Mission of the CCC was to provide work for youths, war veterans, and Indians. The goal was to put to work 275,000 men by July 1st of that year. A breakdown of the numbers of men and camps in each state from the *American Forests* July 1933 states the following numbers:

The First Corps area made up of CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT had 90 camps;

The Second Corps area made up of DE, NJ, and NY had 42 camps;

The Third Corps area made up of MD, PA, & VA had 156 camps;

The Fourth Corps Area made up of AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, & TN had 198 camps;

The Fifth Corps area made up of IN, KY, OH, & WV had 74 camps;

The Sixth Corps area made up of IL, MI & WI had 139 camps;

The Seventh Corps area made up of AR, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & SD had 154 camps;

The Eighth Corps area made up of AZ, CO, NM, OK, TX, & WY had 120 camps

The Ninth Corps area made up of CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, & WY had 460 camps.

Enrollees were treated as if they were joining the military. They were given physicals and inoculations then if approved sent to a military camp for 5 days of physical training and orientation. They were then assigned a company and 'shipped out'.

As all men were originally enlisted through a military camp, personnel files are held by the federal government. The enrollee or next of kin may apply for discharge papers.

Unless the name is very common all you need is a name to apply. Camp and company reports are available through the National Archives, Washington DC. To request discharge papers write:

National Archives and Records Administration

National Personnel Records Center

Civilian Personnel Records

111 Winnebago Street

St Louis, MO 63118

The type of work the enrollees could look forward to in the CCC ran from forestry to mosquito control to animal husbandry. In Vermont they built ski trails. And that is the problem with finding records. Once the enrollee reached the camp his records were kept by the department for which he worked. These could be National Park Service, US Forest Service, State and Private Forest, Federal Game Refuge, National Arboretum, Soil Conservation Service, Tennessee Valley Authority, etc. Any detailed records about his service if available may be found in the individual department.

To simplify the above search and enhance your knowledge of where they went and what they did here are some finding aids.

Finding the camp - If you have access to the internet or know someone who will look for you the following site lists all known camps by state. It will also give the project number, company number, date, and post office for each camp. Go to: www.cccalumni.org/states/index.html All information was copied from Day Reports in the National Archives.

Here is a sample of what an entry looks like from the Oregon Index.

Project	Company	Date	Railroad	Post Office
F-23	927	04/25/34	Eugene	McKenzie Bridge

After you have found the right camp you can look for **Camp Inspection Reports**. These describe the camp duties and any difficulties such as discipline problems that could create paperwork. You will need the camp ID number to request these records from the National Archives.

Camp officers were military men, staff were federal employees. Therefore, the records for these people will be in the National Military Records Center and the Civilian Personnel Records Center both in St. Louis, Missouri.

The most interesting source I found was **camp newspapers**. In 1933 a national weekly called "Happy Days" was started by Melvin Ryder, Ray Hoyt, and Theodore Arter, Jr. Ryder had been on the staff of the WWI paper *The Stars and Stripes* and had a good idea of what the men in the camps would want to see in a paper. Later there would be over 5,000 camp newspapers published between 1933 and 1942. I have a list of how many papers were from each state in my binder.

As to finding the newspapers: The only source listed in my material is **The Center For Research Libraries** which has a search engine that lists the papers by state and/or town. Here is the address: www.crl.uchicago.edu/DBSearch/Ccc.asp I do not know of another source for these papers.

Another source for finding your person is the **National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni**. This is an all volunteer organization who is willing to help with many questions about where they were and where the records are kept. To contact them write to: *NACCCA Headquarters, PO Box 16429, St Louis MO 63125* or you can reach them on the internet at: www.cccalumni.org

I have to say that most of this information came from a site called **James F Justin Civilian Conservation Corps Museum**. He has pages of Unit Rosters & Histories, Biographies, Photos, and links to many more sites. To find him online go to: members.aol.com/famjustin/cccqa.html

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DAVIS, Thomas W. (1839-90)	1847	Tampico	m1 1867 HALL, Missouri; m2 1877 HERNDON, Sarah Elizabeth (1857-)
DAVIS, Tracy W. (1858-)	born	Toledo	md 1879 WILLIAMS, Mariam H
DAVIS, Virgil A. (1858-)	1865	Monroe	md 1885 HARRIS, Mary Jane
DAVIS, Zenas C. (1861-)	born		md 1883 GUILLIAMS, Alice M.
DAVISSON, Ceatta (c 1857-)	born		md 1879 HARTLESS, William H. (1854-1904)
DAVISSON, Dewitt Clinton (1832-74)	1853		md 1856 MASON, Margery
DAVISSON, Mary O. (aft 1860-)	born		md 1890 WYATT, Samuel Thurston (1859-)
DAWE, Samuel (1831-95)	by 1870	Bellfountain	md by 1870 Abigail (1839-79)
DAY, Charles S.	by 1866		md 1866 CHETCOE, Julie
DAY, F.M.	by 1874		md 1874 MASON, Mary E. (1856-)
DAY, Henry Isaac (1829-)	by 1860		md 1865 HILL, Frances Elen (1848-)
DEAL, George	by 1860		md 1860 REXFORD, Galetza Elizabeth
DEAN, Comfort (1808-c 1859)	1852	Lloyds	md DIMMICK, Joseph (1808-)
DENNIS, Lewis (1821-)	1850		md Ann (1832-)
DENNIS, Mary Ann (1858-)	born		md 1883 BURBANK, Asa
DERRICK, Ann Udorah	by 1875		md 1875 BLODGETT, Rufus Bar (1856-)
DERRICK, Henry B.	by 1860		md 1860 RAY, Elizabeth (1842-)
DEWEESE, George W. (1817-)	1853		md 1837 Rachael
DICKENSON, William (1811-)	by 1847		md Julia (1815-)
DICKEY, John A. (1836-)	by 1859		md 1859 MORGAN, Anna (1842-)
DICKS, Clarinda (1826-)	1851	Philomath	md 1847 PENLAND, Levi E. (1813-1861)
DICKSON, William (1833-)	by 1860		md by 1860 Mary Ann (1836-)
DILLARD, Amelia M. (1826-)	by 1857		md 1857 FISHER, Ernest W. (1815-)
DILLARD, Joseph (1806-)	by 1870	Corvallis	md Magdalena (1818-)
DIMMICK, Athalinda (1836-1922)	1852	S. Benton	md 1857 STARR, Azariah W. (1828-99)
DIMMICK, Elizabeth (1838-1907)	1852	S. Benton	md 1854 STARR, George McW. (1816-96)
DIMMICK, Henry B.	by 1861		md 1861 BAY, Elizabeth
DIMMICK, James Benjamin (1843-)	1852	Lloyds	md 1869 BAUMGARTNER, Almira (1853-)
DIMMICK, John (1848-)	1852	Lloyds	md 1872 MONTGOMERY, Josephine
DIMMICK, Joseph (1808-)	1852	Lloyds	md DEAN, Comfort (1808-c 1859)
DIMMICK, Joseph (1843-)	1852	Lloyds	md 1867 KRIECHBAUM, Mary Frances (c 1845-)
DINSMORE, Mary (1797-1842)	1845	Corvallis	md MULKEY, James L. (1797-1855)
DIXON, Alda Edna (1876-)	born		md 1896 GRAY, George Doke (1872-)
DIXON, Alma E. (1873-)	born	Oak Creek	md 1888 WOOD, William M. (1865-)
DIXON, Almeda (1865-)	born	Oak Creek	md 1879 MURRAY, John C. (1853-)
DIXON, Clara (1876-)	born	Elk City	md KISOR, Otis
DIXON, Cyrus (1848-1917)	born	Corvallis	md 1869 RAMSDELL, Mary Elizabeth (1850-)
DIXON, Ezra L. (1851-)	1872	Philomath	prop. Dixon House; md 1873 BETHERS, Emaline (1855-1930)
DIXON, George W. (1858-)	1865	Oak Creek	md 1876 WOOD, Paulina Jane (1858-1947)
DIXON, Henrietta Frances	by 1867		md 1867 WILSON, Josephus
DIXON, Irving (1878-)	born	Elk City	md LATHROP, Kate
DIXON, James Chester (1871-1932)	born	Elk City	md 1896 VAN ORDEN, Elizabeth E.
DIXON, James Edward (1841-1924)	by 1867	Nashville	md 1867 HAMAR, Mary Ann (1847-1883)
DIXON, Joseph (1828-)	1853	Oak Creek	md BROCK, Mary Ann (1830-)
DIXON, Lillie Erma (1870-)	born	Elk City	md 1888 CASTEEL, Arthur Stuart (1859-)

Benton County Genealogical Society Membership Renewal Form

Mail to: BCGS P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please enroll me in the Benton County Genealogical Society for the Year 2002 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

Individual Membership \$ 10

Family Membership \$ 13

Book Fund \$ _____ Contributions to the Book Fund are tax deductible and a receipt for that purpose will be mailed to you.

Membership stands at 150 with some having renewed for 2002.

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

26 November for the **8 December** meeting. Cookies: Ken Bielman
3 January (a Thursday) for the **12 January** meeting. Cookies: Charlene Talbot
28 January for the **9 February** meeting. Cookies: Gene Newcomb
25 February for the **9 March** meeting. Cookies: Danell Aukerman
1 April for the **13 April** meeting. Cookies: Teri Greene
30 April for the **11 May** meeting. Cookies: Maybelle Martsching

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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/>

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

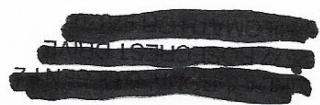
The Canadian Interest Group is for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 PM at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available for Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and some Quebec plus Canada in General. Car pooling can be arranged. MEET Wed. Nov 14th. No Dec Meeting. Call **Pat Rawlinson**, 752-2243, for further info.

Odds and Ends

Our number at the OSU Thriftshop 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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