

NewsLetter

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9 November 2002 Program

Don Ferguson, of Shadowsmith Photographic, will present the program on the identification, retrieval, and preservation of family photographs.

Wilsonville Field Trip

We will be visiting the new Heritage Collection at the Wilsonville Public Library on Wednesday, November 13, 2002. Their collection now includes all Oregon census microfilms from 1850 to 1920 (including 1930 when it becomes available); local and county histories and biographies; birth, marriage, and death records; newspaper microfilms; various indexes; and some out-of-state resources. The van has been reserved for November 13, and will leave the Albertson's parking lot at 9 a.m. and leave for the return trip home at approximately 4 p.m. Cost is \$10, payable at the time of sign-up. The sign-up sheet will be at the November 9 BCGS meeting.

For those who don't wish to bring a lunch, there is a shopping center across the street from the library (and a pedestrian crosswalk to get you there) which has about five fast food restaurants, as well as a Shari's restaurant across the parking lot from the library, and a Denny's restaurant a couple of blocks away.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS

We are accepting donations to pay for a new all-in-one printer, copier, scanner which has been ordered to go with our new computer in the BCGS Library.

Internet Class November 23

Genealogy on the Internet class will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at the LBCC main campus in Albany from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The cost is \$20.00.

A minimum of 12 students is required for the class to be held.

Senior discount is 1/2 the cost of the class for those 62+.

Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

A Letter from India

Sometime in the 1930s an unexpected letter arrived from India addressed simply to Talbot Family, Marysville, Kansas, USA. The post office delivered it to my Uncle Earl's farm. An Englishwoman in India had found a letter from my great grandfather, Charles Talbot, among her father's things. It was probably written to her grandfather in England and she thought we would like to have a copy. My mother was elected to reply. As a result, I still have the letter, which I found fascinating all over again when I began to be interested in genealogy. It is dated December 17, 1870.

Dear Brother and Sister

I now take up my pen to address a few lines to you, hoping they will find you all in good health as thank God this leaves us all at this time. Susannah has had a bad cold but it is better. Her feet are very lame. She says she wishes she could just look in and see you all but she never will be able so she must be contented to hear from you some times while on this Earth hoping to meet altogether in the next, never to part again.

You said in your last you was glad to hear of our good prospects for harvest, but the drought took it. We did not get only about three bushels of wheat to the acre none to sell but plenty for seed and for bread. We raise plenty of chickens and plenty of bacon and there is plenty of game. Our boys shot a nice deer the other day and a nice wild turkey. Plenty of rabbits and plenty of grouse called prairie chickens. We send you a paper now and then and we receive some from you. We hope your son John's family are all better. I hope that awful war will soon stop. We thought that ours was a hard war, but it was nothing like that.

Now I will tell you about my boys. Charles Talbot, harness-maker, wife and two boys, two girls, Illinois 500 miles from us. Henry Iles [and] Susan [Charles Talbot's only daughter], two boys, four girls, farmer, 80 acres of land. Henry Talbot, wife, one girl, one boy, two dead, farmer 80 acres. John Talbot, wife, one girl, one boy, farmer, 80 acres of land. Joseph Talbot, single, farmer, 80 acres, lives at home. William Talbot, single, lives at home. Richard Talbot at home, so you see that we have got fourteen grandchildren and four dead.

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BCGS New Members

us, but we must be satisfied to hear from you. Long life to your good wife and nurse for having taken good care of you to make you looking 25 years younger. I often see papers with your directing on for Cockeral. He called in yesterday as he came back from Marysville. We only live three miles from town. We expect the railway to be finished from Chicago to Marysville by New Year.

Hoping to hear from you soon. The boys all join in sending their best to you all so no more this time from your affectionate brother and sister.

Charles, Susannah Talbot

We hope by the time you receive this you will have spent a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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See page 4 for 2003 Membership Renewals & Charter/Life Members

REDISCOVERED!

Our genealogy library at the Annex contains 5 booklets which have made an admirable addition to the Benton County Newspapers Index project. They are birth announcements in the Corvallis Times from 1895-1898, obituaries in the Corvallis Times from 1894 to 1898, and complete surname indexes for 1901, 1902, and 1903. We are taking the birth, death, and marriage announcements from these latter three and adding them to Addendum Four, which will eventually go on line on the Benton County GenWeb page, as well as to the Benton County Museum, Corvallis library, and the Benton County Genealogical Society library.

ELECTION OF 2003 OFFICERS

The election of new BCGS Officers will be held at the November 9th meeting. Nominated officers are:

President	Danell Aukernan
1st Vice-President	Bill Gleaves
2nd Vice-President	Margaret Hays
Secretary	Jim Russell
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb

DECEMBER 14th CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AUCTION

As usual, our December meeting will be a chance to socialize, or get an unique Christmas gift (perhaps some special jam or Christmas bread). Mark December 14th on your calendar. If you have something to offer for the auction, fine, but come anyway with a snack to share and be prepared to have a good time. Ted Gump has agreed to be our auctioneer and we all know how much fun he puts into the bidding.

At this time we do not have any items for our annual Christmas raffle,. If you have something special that you would like to donate, please contact Damaris Reynolds at 753-1810.

January 2003 Field Trip

BCGS members have been invited by the Linn County Genealogical Society to attend their meeting and tour their library on Saturday, January 4, 2003. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. and is held at the courthouse in Albany.

Websites

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

- MyFamily.com
- Ancestry.com
- RootsWeb.com

THIS 'N' THAT

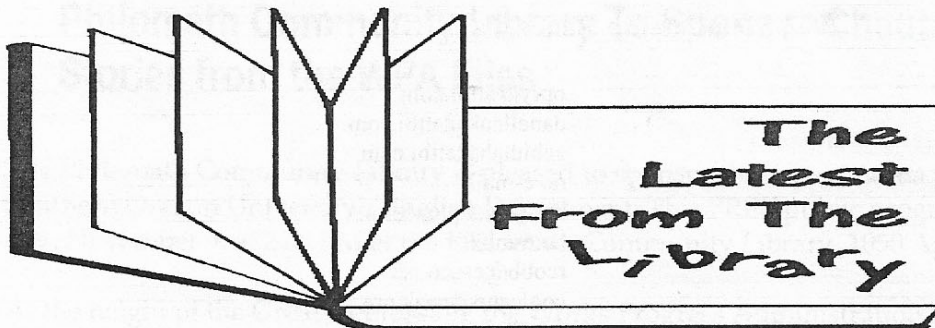
WPA Commissioner's Journals - Book will be available soon. The price is yet to be determined.

Novel type paperback books (left over from the June picnic) are FOR SALE. These books can be found on the bottom shelf of the bookcase located in the front room of the Annex.

Eight people went on the field trip to the State Library in Salem and found a lot of helpful information. The data found at the State Library covers all of the United States, not just Oregon.

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Many a family tree needs pruning.



Ken Bielman, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2061	NY/VF	Barck	<i>References for Genealogical Searching.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Light blue paper back
2062	US/VF	Nat'l Geneal Soc	<i>Early Emigrant Trails East of the Mississippi River.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Light blue paperback.
2063	IN	Henry Cty Hist So	<i>Henry County, Interim Report.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. White paperback.
2064	REF	Kimball	<i>A Noble Son.</i> Genealogies of some famous people. Gift of Jean Grube. Brown paperback.
2065	CD	Ancestry	<i>Ancestry Magazine Articles, 1994-1999.</i>
2066	CD	Heritage Quest	<i>California, 1890; Great Register of Voters.</i>
2067	CD	LDS	<i>Pedigree Resource File.</i> 25 CD's. Gift of Gene Newcomb. Check out time limited to ONE WEEK ONLY.
2068	CD	LDS	<i>British Isles Vital Records Index.</i> 15 CD's. Gift of Gene Newcomb. Check out time limited to ONE WEEK ONLY.
2069	NY	Remington	<i>Towns, Villages and Cities, NY.</i> A Guide to Genealogical Sources. Gift of Damaris Reynolds. Green paperback.
2070	NY	Remington	<i>Probate Records of NY State.</i> A Guide to Testate and Intestate Records. Gift of Damaris Reynolds. Purple paperback
2071	ID	Penson-Ward	<i>Idaho Women in History.</i> Gift of Betty Swan. Blue paperback.
2072	SL	Univ of OR	List of Oregon Newspapers on File. Copy 1. May be checked out. White notebook.
2073	SL	Univ of OR	List of Oregon Newspapers on File. Copy 2. DOES NOT CIRCULATE White notebook.

LIMITED CHECK-OUT TIME ON CD'S

The CD's in the library numbered **2067** and **2068** have a limited check-out time of **ONE WEEK ONLY**. Volume 2067 is a collection of 25 CD's and volume 2068 consists of 15 CD's.

Due to anticipated high demand for these CD's, the limited check-out time ensures that all members have a chance to use them.

QUERIES

By Mabelle Martsching

Death date for **Elizabeth Evaline (Pearson) Limbaugh Bollinger** was in 1895 or 1897. She went by the name of Evaline Limbaugh even when she was a Bollinger a short time. She lived in the Philomath area around 1893.

I need the **Coon** book so I can complete the **Holter** query. Somehow they were related. The Holter family lived in the Alsea area.

Two people have inquired about the **Nathan Taylor** records and I have them.

Mrs. Lorraine M. Lewis of Woodbury, CT would like for me to locate the year the **Huard** family moved to the Alsea area. Does anyone know where they lived in that area? If so, who lives there now—then maybe I can get a date from the land records.

I THINK MY ANCESTORS HAD SEVERAL "BAD HEIR" DAYS.

2003 Membership Renewals

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*These do not include new members/renewals published in the October newsletter

Philomath Community Library To Sponsor Chautauqua—Oregon Stories from the WPA Files

The Philomath Community Library is pleased to sponsor this Chautauqua presentation by Tom Nash, of Southern Oregon University's English Department. This FREE public program will take place on Saturday, November 9, at 2:00 PM at the Philomath Community Library, 1050 Applegate, Philomath, Oregon.

At the height of the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) sent writers and researchers into every corner of Oregon. Along with thousands of interviews, the WPA gathered boxes of legends, photos, documents, maps, songs, newspaper clippings, myths, scholarly articles, recipes, word lists, and ritual accounts. Borrowing from these WPA treasures, Tom Nash presents a lively, informative program of stories, anecdotes, and songs depicting Oregon from the frontier era to the 1930s. Behind this survey are important but unanswered questions—many involving cultural diversity and acceptance. Did the WPA writers describe one Oregon or many? And, if the writers encountered more than one Oregon, how did they choose which artifacts, stories, and songs to record?

Mr. Nash's presentation is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities (OCH), an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. OCH is dedicated to providing opportunities for life-long learning in communities throughout Oregon. For more information about the program, please contact the Philomath Community Library at 541-929-3016.

Membership Renewal

Renewing your membership allows continuation to participate in Society activities, which includes the use of the Genealogy Library which has over 1800 volumes of various books, periodicals and CD's; sharing in the Society's activities (potlucks, Christmas buffet and craft auction, used book and periodicals sale); receiving the monthly newsletter; field trips, and the research assistance and sharing of information of other members.

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

2 December for the **14 December** meeting. Cookies—Margaret Hays
2 January for the **11 January** meeting. Cookies—Dave Kribs
27 January for the **8 February** meeting. Cookies—Mary Hardenbrook
24 February for the **8 March** 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 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 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. Tonya Rawie 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!**