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Mary Gallagher, from the Benton County Historical Museum, will demonstrate the new computer software, Past Perfect, which the museum uses to index their Collection. She will use a projector to show how this program can be useful in assisting genealogists when using the museum collections. After the program, plan to visit the BCGS Library and/or the Benton County Historical Museum next door.

BCGS Scrapbook Project!

BCGS Historian Virginia Hoeye needs your help. She holds the esteemed job of documenting the history and activities of the Society. However, she cannot do this alone. There is a folder in the library where items to be included can be placed. Some things you might wish to offer: Obituaries, newspaper clippings, and photos.

Christmas Raffle

This year for our Christmas raffle, we will again be offering one of John Martsching's beautiful hand-carved wood bowls (made with a combination of juniper and cherry), as well as, the throw that Betty Brummett made. These items will be on display at each of the meetings up through the party in December. Come see the beautiful workmanship that went into these two articles, then buy a handful of tickets.

Remember - all proceeds go to the book fund.

The throw and hand carved wooden bowl can be pre-viewed at the October and November meetings.

Upcoming Programs

December 13, 2003 - Christmas party, auction and raffle.
January 10, 2004 - Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Kith and Kin

By David Kribs

Emergence of a Genealogist: Charlene Talbot

This month our guest columnist, David Kribs, agreed to interview our regular columnist, Charlene Talbot.

Charlene said, "I actually got involved with genealogy a good many years ago when the New York Public Library offered three ancestry charts for a dollar one day and I bought three. I took them home and tried to fill them out and found there was a lot I didn't know.

"My great uncle Charles had written up several pages about his aunts and uncles. I guess I had always known from my mother that we were descended from John Alden and Priscilla of the Plymouth Colony, made famous by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem. A cousin had carried on with that line, but suddenly it seemed like it would be fun to find out more. The New York City library has one large section devoted to genealogy and I delved into it."

Among other things she found a published book of early New England wills, including one from one of her ancestors.

"I thought that's how you did genealogy," she explained. "All you had to do was find the right books."

For too many years she thought that no one else would be interested in her ancestors, so she didn't keep track of her sources, even though she bought and read one book on how to do genealogy.

"I guess it takes a while for it all to sink in," she said ruefully.

She was visiting relatives in Marshall County, Kansas, where both of her parents were born, when it occurred to her that except for her grandparents, her other Talbot relatives weren't buried in the Marysville, Kansas, cemetery.

"Oh, I think they're buried up at Deer Creek," her aunt told her.

"My cousin drove us out to this little country cemetery, and there they all were! The grass was tall, but the gravestones were impressive. I had always known vaguely that they came over from London as a family shortly before the Civil War, and settled first in Illinois. My grandfather was the youngest, and the only one born in America. When the

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BCGS New Members
(since last newsletter)

Homestead Act was passed, my great grandfather and all his sons but the eldest moved to Kansas and claimed land in Marshall County. My Dad was able to tell me a lot about them, and also pretty accurately about his mother's side of the family, but he was wrong about one thing! He always said his mother's father came from Cork, and landed in Virginia. So far nothing has come of that. I've followed that line back to Maryland."

After Charlene moved to Oregon, she was at the Portland Forum one day, looking through some old genealogical newsletters from Kentucky, and found a 10-year-old query about Cassandra Tarvin. She recognized the name as probably belonging to one of her ancestors. One thing led to another, and the result was that she agreed to try to trace all the descendants of Cassandra Tarvin and her husband Thomas Parish for the Tarvin Family Association. The Association's objective was to publish books about the descendants of each of the 13 children of the Reverend George Tarvin, a Church of the Brethren minister of Virginia and Kentucky. Four books have been finished. Charlene accomplished hers last year, and it has been printed up very impressively with photographs and a dark green hard cover with gold type.

"It took me about six years," she said. "Cassandra had seven sons and only daughter, so at least I was able to research mainly one name line. They fall into the pattern of American history. Five of the grandsons were in the Civil War on the Northern side. Two were killed. The families moved from Kentucky where they were born to Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Kansas. It's really tough when they move out of the state and you have no idea where."

Freedom of religion comes into it, too, she told us. In the course of her research she found that the Reverend George's descendants became Catholics, Jews, Mormons and Christian Scientists, as well as Methodists and Baptists.

"I made some friends over the internet," she was pleased to say. "I found new cousins in North Carolina, Arizona, Georgia and Wisconsin as well as a fourth cousin here in Oregon."

With that book finished, she has tackled an ancestor who appears to have been a Loyalist. A list of his children that has come down in her family shows them all in Eastport, Maine, a town on the border with Canada. She realized that she didn't really know anything about what happened to the Tories at the end of the Revolution. A great many of them went to New Brunswick, and she has found a man with the same name who was given land there.

"I think he originally came from New Jersey," she told us, "but I'm trying to find the county."

Her advice? Keep thinking about new places to look.

from the sons and daughters of Oregon pioneers November 2003 newsletter:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the ancestors I cannot find, the courage to find the ones I can, and the wisdom to document thoroughly."

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(since last newsletter)

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The attempt to e-mail the October newsletter to those who requested it was not successful. Until the glitches can be worked out, all members will continue to receive the paper copy of the newsletter via US Mail.

QUERIES

By Mabelle Martsching

Mabelle is still working on the queries for Taylor Poore and William & Nathan Taylor. The research for the Hand family has been completed.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The Election of Officers will be during the November business meeting. Installation will take place in December. The slate is as follows:

President: Danell Aukerman
1st Vice-President: Bill Gleaves
2nd Vice President: Margaret Hays
Secretary: Leila Crawford
Treasurer: Gene Newcomb

Committee Chairs are as follows:

* Librarian: Ken Bielman
* Membership: Tonya Rawie
Newsletter Editor: Teri Greene
Publishing: Lee Gentemann
Activities: Mary Hardenbrook
Queries: Lee Gentemann, North Benton County & Janice Barclay, South Benton County
Historian: Virginia Hoeye

CLASSES

Due to low enrollment, Danell's genealogy classes have been cancelled for this term and until further notice.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
1 December for the **13 December** meeting. Cookies—Jim Russell

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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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