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13 November Program - Margaret Ingram

Margaret Ingram will present her program on "How to Write Your Life History."

Where do you fit in?

In one Gallup survey, only 2% knew the names of all their Great-Grandparents, and more than 60% did not know the names of ANY of their Great-Grandparents.

This is a good reason to write your family history and to share it with the younger generations.

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Thank You

Mabelle wishes to thank all those who have sent flowers, cards, gifts, and made visits to her while she is recuperating from a broken hip. She is looking forward to being back with us.

Upcoming Programs

- December 11, 2004 - Christmas Party and Auction.
- January 8, 2005 - Judy Juntunen - Crystal Lake Cemetery.
- February 12, 2005 - John Baker - Camp Adair and Prisoners of War

*Take nothing but ancestors,
leave nothing but records.*

Many Thanks

A special *Thank You* to Gene Newcomb for his assistance in responding to research requests and for all the help he has given in putting out the newsletter.

Book Looks By Charlene Talbot

One of the books that was part of the Irene Harding collection was the *Master Index to The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* by Jean D. Worden. It covers 113 years from 1870, when the magazine began to 1982. On the same day that we were checking out this 239 page index with the idea of writing a book review about it, another member of our society suggested that the society could buy three CDs that held not only the index, but the articles themselves, covering 1870 to 1928. The Book Committee has ordered these and they should be available for use by members before the end of the year.

Meantime, we tried ordering two listings from the Index through Interlibrary Loan. It took about five weeks. One of the items we asked for was a query placed in 1981. The querier has long since gone to her reward, but it yielded a couple of tips as to where one might look next. The other mailing we got from Interlibrary Loan, we are embarrassed to report, did not cover the listing we wanted. Naturally we blamed someone else in the chain, but what actually happened was that we had copied the information from the row just below. That will be one of the advantages of having the CDs. A mistake like that can be easily rectified by a couple of key clicks.

The three CDs will be readable with the Adobe Acrobat program.

In the meantime, the Index makes interesting searching, as in addition to family names, there have been many articles on other early states, Canada, and on various English subjects, such as Convicts in Colonial America and the National Index to Parish Registers.

Under New York City and New York State there twelve or more pages of articles dealing with various subjects.

If your research includes Pennsylvania, for instance, or any of the eastern states, it would be well worth your while to take a look at this index, even when the CDs become available to us. And if you don't have a computer, or are not computer literate, as they say, it's still possible to obtain the item you want at no charge through interlibrary loan.

The articles are reportedly all written by competent genealogists, who carefully state sources for the information they have compiled.

"BENTON COUNTY CONNECTIONS"

One of the main goals of any genealogical society is making connections. Every family researcher knows the joy of meeting a new cousin, or finding a small chink in a long standing brick wall. In the spirit of building those relationships, the Society is beginning a new database related to Benton County. This database will contain member's names, email addresses or phone numbers, and their Benton County ancestors. That means anyone who was born, lived or died in Benton County. For instance:

Tonya Rawie (Tonyamra@aol.com) Tolbert Carter (1827-1899)
Martha Angeline Belieu (1834-1937)
John Avery Carter (1855-1936)

The database will be indexed and cross-referenced, enabling members to connect with each other, and with individuals making queries of the Society. Please send you connections to Tonya at: Tonyamra@aol.com. Label the subject line with "Benton County Connections."

Ancestor File Location

Our Ancestor file, containing the five generation pedigree charts of Society members is located in the library. All members are invited to contribute their five generation charts to the collection. Contributions can be made either with paper copies or electronically. Blank charts are available in the library, or you can submit a gedcom file via email to Tonya at tonyamra@aol.com. Members who have previously contributed, can update their file at any time.



BCGS New Members (since last newsletter)

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BCGS 2005 Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

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Disappearing Towns

You have a brand new map—but you can't find the town where your grandmother says she was born.

The US Geological Survey can search their Geographic Names database for you to find out if it still exists, or if it doesn't, the exact longitude and latitude of where it used to be.

For information, contact:

Geographic Names Information
Branch of Geographic Names
12201 Sunrise Valley Dr.
Mail Stop 523
Reston, VA 22092

<http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/>

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Cemetery: (n) A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.

WEBSITES

- The on-line version of the Oregon Trail diary of B.R. Cauthorn, whose parents settled in Corvallis in 1865:
<http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cgi-bin/docviewer.exe?CISOROOT=/Diaries&CISOPTR=7635>
- **The National Archives** new on-line ordering system for some of their most popular holdings, including pre-WWI military pension & service records, Census records, and land records:
http://archives.gov/research_room/orderonline.html
- **Godfrey Library Online Resources Portal**
<http://www.godfrey.org/>
Click on the line 'Godfrey Library Online Resources',
then in the next window, click on 'Go' (no username or password required)

Veteran's Day

Originally called Armistice Day, Veteran's Day is a national holiday established to celebrate the WW I cease-fire that went into effect November 11, 1918. It is a time to honor those who have served in military combat, past and present. One minute of silence is observed at 11:00 a.m. each November 11th to remember those fallen in battle.

Some of the area's events taking place on Thursday, November 11, 2004 are:

- **6 - 9:30 a.m.** - Pancake breakfast at the West Albany High School
- **9 a.m.** - Memorial Service at Hackleman Park in Albany
- **10 a.m.** - Veteran's Day Parade begins in downtown Albany. The route includes Lyon, Second and Ferry streets. This year's parade will honor Oregon Servicemen who were recent casualties of combat in the Middle East.
- There will be an **award ceremony** at the Courthouse steps in Albany **20 minutes following the parade's completion.**
- A **spaghetti lunch** will be held at **Post #10** following the Courthouse ceremony.
- **2 p.m.** - Members and friends of the genealogical society are invited to attend a **Veteran's Day Service at Crystal Lake Cemetery** in S. Corvallis to honor SSgt. Robert Jesse Oldham and dedicate his gravestone. SSgt. Oldham died in truck accident at Camp Adair in 1943, and due to a misunderstanding his grave was never marked.
- **7:30 p.m.** - The Corvallis High School will present a musical revue "**Songs & Words of the Wars**" to honor Veterans. Tickets are \$5 adults and \$3 students.

ONLINE RESOURCE

BY LEE GENTEMANN

Here is a great resource of which I've recently become aware.

It starts at MSN Groups, Genealogy-General:

<http://groups.msn.com/GENEALOGYGENERAL/>

Select "STATE" in left window.

Topics available will be listed in window on right.

Among the topics listed, will be:

STATE NAME (I.G.I.) VITAL RECORDS

Select COUNTY to be searched (usually grouped alphabetically)

(This will take you to an LDS Search Screen)

Enter SURNAME, and select Region - North America

(Very important to select North America)

Then Click "SEARCH"

Items to be found, will be Marriage Registers for the county, and some Birth or Baptism Registers. Not all counties will have this information, but this is great information for those counties that are listed, and is a work in process, so more will be added.



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:

1st Vice-President: Bill Gleaves

2nd Vice President: Margaret Hays

Secretary: Leila Crawford

Treasurer: Gene Newcomb

Librarian: Ken Bielma

Membership: Tonya Rawie



Committee Chairs are as follows:

Newsletter Editor: Teri Greene

Publishing: Lee Gentemann

Activities: Mary Hardenbrook

Queries: Lee Gentemann, North Benton County & Janice Barclay, South Benton County

Historian: Virginia Hoeye

At this time, we still do not have anyone for the position of President.

As outlined in the Benton County Genealogical Society By-laws—Duties of Officers, the duties of the **President** are to preside at all regular and special meetings of the society and to perform such other duties as necessary.

If you are interested in this position or know of a person who would make a good president, please contact Danell Aukerman at (541) 745-2003 or e-mail her at danellauk@comcast.net

Mark Your Calendars

- **November 5, 2004 - December 31, 2004 - Shep Levine Retrospective.** Oregon State University Professor Emeritus Shep Levine has been painting for five decades. The exhibit looks back at the artist's prolific career. The Benton County Historical Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Free.
- **The National Genealogical Society (NGS)** will hold its "Warm up Your Research" conference **January 20-22, 2005 in Phoenix, AZ.** The workshops will cover family history software, professional research and general genealogical knowledge, with planned topics that include Web site design, scanning, writing, and communication skills. Registration information is available at: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutripsphoenix.htm>
- **Ancestor Seekers** is offering **British Ancestors Research Week** at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. It will cover Britain, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. **Dates are February 13-18, 2005.** Cost is approximately **\$890 per person**, double occupancy, but a **discount is offered for early registration before November 30, 2004.** This includes research, hotel, and most meals. Several classes are included, plus professional help by British Researchers at the Center each day from 10-5 PM. This sounds like a bargain for serious British researchers. Check their website: <http://www.ancestorseekers.com/BRW/>

BORDERS

SENIOR SAVINGS DAYS

Border's books and Music Stores will honor Seniors during "Senior Savings Days," **Tuesday, November 9 thru Thursday, November 11.** Each store will offer seniors age 60+ presenting a valid coupon, a 20% discount on regularly priced books, music and gift items, and a 15% discount on regularly priced DVD's. A 10% discount is being offered on electronics and video games. The discounts excludes gift cards, periodicals, comics, special orders not in stock and shipping. The coupon can be found and printed at: www.bordersstores.com/savings Borders will also treat seniors to double the discount in the Café, 40% off food and beverage items from Café Borders.

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QUERIES

By Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay

A Reminder about Queries:

- Society members may submit up to two queries per year, free of charge.
- Non-member queries will be published for a fee of \$5.00.
- Queries will be published in one monthly society newsletter.
- Queries should be limited to 50 words, not including name and address.
- Publication will be made on a "space available" basis.
- Your name and mailing address must be included to allow those without internet access to contact you.
- Your e-mail address may also be included if you wish to be contacted in that manner.

Free

We did not receive any new queries this month

Records of Buried U.S. Veterans are Now On the Web

The United States Veterans Administration has made it easier and much faster for you to get answers about deceased family members, war buddies, and famous war heroes. Recently the VA put 3.2 million veterans records on the web, 120 national cemeteries and burials at Arlington National Cemetery (since 1999) are available. The information is free and updated daily. Information includes names, dates of birth and death, military service dates, service branch, rank, cemetery location and grave location. Each year about 80,000 veterans are buried in these national cemeteries. The VA national gravesite locator can be found at: <http://www.cem.va.gov>

Contributed by Donna Green

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewing your membership allows continuation to participate in Society activities, which includes the use of the Genealogy Library which has over 2200 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. **To continue receiving your membership benefits, dues must be paid by January 31, 2005.**

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 _____

Membership by the calendar year.
Dues paid after September 1st are credited to the next year.

Please enroll me in the Benton County Genealogical Society for the Year 2005 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

Individual Membership \$ 12 _____

Family Membership \$ 15 _____

Book Fund \$ _____

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

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Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
29 November for the 11 December meeting. Cookies—Gene Newcomb
27 December for the 8 January meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves
31 January for the 12 February meeting. Cookies—Leila Crawford
28 February for the 12 March meeting. Cookies—Tonya Rawie

Membership Information

President	Danell Aukerman	danellauk@comcast.net	745-2003
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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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