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Update on our Family History Center. Gary Templeman—among his many activities, a popular local Dentist, the Director of the LDS Family History Center in Corvallis, and a self-taught computer geek. He will explain many of the things now available at the Family History Center—particularly projecting and telling what all those little icons on the computers down there are for. Reflecting on the seminar at the Center last summer, attendance will be well worthwhile.

Genealogy Book for Sale

"*Ancestral Trails*" by Mark D. Herber. A Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History. \$15.00. The book will be available at the November 12 meeting.

Program Review

By David Krebs, Program Chairman

8 October 2005 – Genealogy of DNA

Progress in the mapping of the DNA located in the nucleus of the cells in our body is now beginning to allow a certain amount of tracing and verifying ancestral genealogy and descent.

Only 4 base elements identified as A, T, C, and G form strand totaling some 3 billion elements in length. These 4 bases are combined along the strands to form 46 chromosomes combined into pairs. Twenty two (22) are identical XX pairings the 23rd is the sex determination chromosome having a XY pairing. Male name line descent follows the yDNA while female lines can be traced from mtDNA located outside the nucleus.

Over time glitches or markers occur in the DNA which are passed on within the descending DNA. These markers are what can determine relations of genealogical interest.

Your blood is no longer needed—a DNA testing sample can be cultured from a swab you make yourself on the inside of your cheek. Information on individual and family group testing can be found at the web site FamilyTreeDNA.com. We have some DNA handouts remaining in our BCGS library.

Book Looks

By Charlene Talbot

This month we tackled two more drawers from the Vertical File. The second file drawer contains information concerning the various states and--if you're very lucky--the county within one of these states that is of particular interest to you. For instance, the Arkansas file contains the 1850 census of Searcy County plus some articles pertaining to Arkansas research. Someone has contributed a city map of Harrison, Arkansas, also showing Boone and Carroll counties. Another folder contains order forms for U.S. Geological Survey maps of Arkansas.

The California file contains county courthouse records, some quarterlies of the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, an 1850 to 1920 map guide showing county boundaries for each census taken. The researcher should also be sure to look at all the items that are smaller than 8½ x 11 in the state of your interest.

The Illinois folder has a write-up on the origin and evolution of Illinois counties and a pamphlet called How to Research a Family with Illinois Roots.

Granted these items may not be of interest to many members, but if you're lucky, as we said, one particular item may be invaluable.

One item of the New York collection was a census of Staten Island in 1706 with names and ages of women and children as well as that of the householder. This census could be invaluable to someone who is researching early New York people. As a matter of fact, we checked it with interest to see if there were any Wortman families, as their descendants would have been behind the British lines during the American Revolution and we're hoping to find where our ancestor escaped to when he was declared a traitor by the New Jersey Council of Safety. (Actually, he probably went to Long Island, as there were Wortman families there.)

The third drawer in the file cabinet contains miscellaneous pamphlets. One that would be worth looking over is How to Find Naturalization Records. We've heard that this can be a difficult search, so it's certainly worth finding out if the pamphlet contains a suggestion you haven't thought of.

There is a list of the contents of the Oregon State University archives. You can find out how to obtain information from PERSI.

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There are some brief works on the Revolutionary War and information on photography analysis.

As we've said, this file cabinet may not contain anything of interest to you, but before you decide, do plan to check it out.

BCGS Membership New Addresses

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Last Chance To Donate!

Christmas Raffle Item Sought

We are still seeking a raffle item for our Christmas program. In order to sell tickets, it is necessary that we receive a donation by November 12!

If you have an item of more than a nominal value please consider a donation right away as a possible raffle item for December (donations do qualify as charitable tax deductions).

Acid Free Boxes at Half Price!

Danell has decided to discontinue selling acid free boxes because they take up too much space!

She has decided to sell her remaining stock of boxes at 50% off. Come to the meeting to get a great deal. Other supplies will also be available.

Sharing the Annex

Ann Schirado told me yesterday that the Museum has changed some of their operations to include using the Annex as the Museum staff lunch room. According to Ann, on Tuesdays when our members will likely have need for the large tables in the main room, the Museum staff will confine their lunch-time usage to the kitchen. The Museum has just a few staff on duty on Saturdays, and will not need to use the Annex for a lunch room when we have our regular membership meetings.

I don't anticipate that this change will create a conflict with the BCGS, but I wanted to bring this to your attention to avoid any surprises.

Ken

Upcoming Programs

December 10, 2005 - Raffle, Auction, Christmas Party.

This event has proven fun for many of us as the way we make our annual contribution to the Society Book Fund as well as picking up some Christmas presents for the grandkids.

14 January, 2006 - Researching British Genealogy by our own **Bill Gleaves**. Methods from a recent seminar at Salt Lake City and research experiences Bill 's had in England.

11 February 2006 - Wagon Trains East (coming west through eastern Oregon that is)?

11 March 2006 - ? DAR

8 April 2006 - ? Civil War

13 May 2006 - Genealogy Methods - Danell Aukerman

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

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

The Benton County Genealogical Society's selection of new and used books will be available for purchase at every meeting during 2005 and Tuesdays 12:30-3:00.

Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!

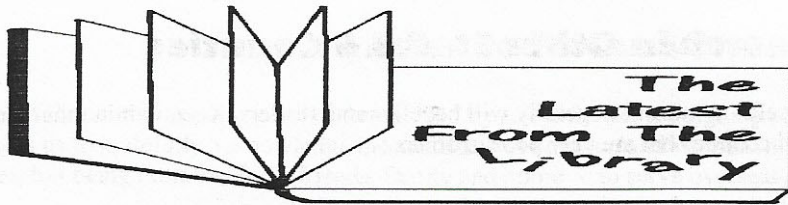
BCGS 2006 Membership Renewals

(since last newsletter)

* Note: Any renewals since this list was sent to the newsletter will appear in next months newsletter.

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Ken Bielman, Librarian

Number	Category	Author	Title
2348	US/VF	Everton	<i>Genealogical County Map</i> . Folded map showing counties in all states. Does not circulate. Gift of Leila Crawford.
2349	PA	Wright	<i>York County, Abstracts of Wills, 1749-1819</i> . Tan paperback
2350	PA	Wright	<i>Bucks County, Abstracts of Wills, 1685-1785</i> . Orange paperback
2351	NC	Grimes	<i>Wills and Inventories</i> . White paperback
2352	MIL	Hughes	<i>Roll of Honor, Unpublished Listings</i> . Navy hardback
2353	RI	Govt Print Off	<i>Census, 1790, Heads of Families</i> . Red paperback
2354	SC	Govt Print Off	<i>Census 1790, Heads of Families</i> . Red paperback.
2355	OR	Grube	<i>Benton County, Pioneer Records, Vol 1, A to L</i> . Black notebook. Does not circulate. Gift of Jean Grube
2356	OR	Grube	<i>Benton County Pioneer Records, Vol 2, M to Z</i> . Black notebook. Does not circulate. Gift of Jean Grube
2357	OR	Corvallis Hi School	<i>Benton County, Corvallis High School, 1914 Yearbook</i> . Tan paperback. Does not circulate. Gift of Cori Glasgow
2358	OR	Corvallis Hi School	<i>Benton County, Corvallis High School, 1918 Yearbook</i> . Black paperback. Does not circulate. Gift of Cori Glasgow
2359	VID	Family Tree DNA	<i>Genealogy By Genetics</i> . DNA's role in Genealogical Research. Gift of Fran Grotefend

Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

Benton County Marriage Records

Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924	\$25.00
Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945	\$25.00

WPA Historical Records

Benton County Interviews	\$35.00
Bible Records and Cemetery Records	\$10.00
WPA Commissioner Journals: Probate Court A & B, 1850 - 1856	\$20.00
Benton County Church Records (398 pages + All name index)	\$35.00

Benton County Cemeteries

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 1	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 2	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 3	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 4	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 5	\$25.00
Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 6 (not indexed)	\$10.00

Benton County Pioneers - by Shirley O'Neil \$27.50

Add Shipping Charges **\$3.00 for 1st book, \$1.50 each additional**

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

We are still seeking someone for the position of **President**,

President is to preside at all regular and special meetings of the society and to perform such other duties as necessary. This position usually involves 5 to 8 hours per month.

If you are interested in this position or know of someone who would be, please contact **Bill Gleaves** at 738-8189 or e-mail him at gleavew@peak.org.

Internet Research in Other States & Counties

The following web pages have been very useful to me and hopefully will benefit some readers. Keep in mind that these resources are really great in some states and counties but are very poor in others.

I always start at **USGenWeb**:

<http://www.usgenweb.net/> or <http://www.usgenweb.com/>

Select the State of interest, then the county. Using Ohio and Vinton county as an example, try this

Ohio - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohgenweb/>

Select "County Resources" first, and then Select "Ohio Counties and Coordinators", or select "Counties Clickable Map."

Vinton county - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohvinton/vinton.htm>

I chose Vinton county because I've noticed in the past that it offers a nice assortment of information. I always look for links to the county's on-line marriage records, cemeteries, biographies, county history, lookup volunteers, and a search box to enter a surname to search that web site.

After using all of the logical resources that would be of help to me, I use a link on the web page to "Join the County Mailing List". The mailing list is a valuable tool that allows you to post a message to everyone else that joined the same list, to ask a specific question or seek contact with others who are researching the same family. If you use this resource you will receive an e-mail with directions for posting messages and unsubscribing. It is important to save the directions so you can stop receiving messages. There are also Mailing Lists for Surnames, Foreign Countries, and Many Others:

<http://lists.rootsweb.com/>

I also subscribe to **Ancestry.com** to gain access to many online census records and a huge variety of other resources for all states. Ancestry fees vary for different packages, but if you do a lot of on-line research, it could be well worth the money.

Other Databases Available From Various Sources:

Death Indexes - Misc. States:

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/deathrecords.html>

Marriage Indexes - Misc. States:

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/vitalrecords.html>

Cemetery Listings: Tombstone Project

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/registry.html>

Select a State, then a County.

Interment.net

<http://www.interment.net/us/index.htm>

Select United State, then a State and County. Or search for a surname.

Volunteers Offering Various Research Favors Nationwide: Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness

<http://www.raogk.com/listing.htm>

Select a State and County and see if there is a Volunteer to find what you want.

Feel free to e-mail me with a specific problem related to this article.

Lee Gentemann

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The Society's Corvallis Newspaper Project

This month we have been able to add Addendum October 2005 to our project of abstracting births, deaths and marriages. Thanks to Lee Gentemann, our webmaster, the on-line references have been increased by 1172 more names. There are now a total of 10,245 names listed. Lee has put a counter at the beginning of this list so that we will be able to brag about the number of hits this site gets.

Since the names are totally alphabetized on line, we thought it unnecessary to print hard copies for the Benton County Museum and for the Benton County Main Library. We have made a hard copy only for the book in our annex library.

You can access the pages at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html> or they are linked from the Benton County Genealogical Society home page at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/orbentgs/index.html> or Benton County USGenWeb home page at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/>

Our next addendum is entitled June 2006. Will we make it?

Genealogists never die, they just loose their roots.

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A Salute To Our Veterans

This Day of Remembrance, once called Armistice Day to symbolize the signing of a peace treaty ending "The War to End All Wars" calls us to gratefully acknowledge the sacrifices of our men and women in the military - not just in terms of risking their lives, but being removed from friends, family and home - to serve overseas protecting the freedom of those left behind.

Oregon's history of calling upon its young men to defend the territory covers over a century and a half: from the Indian Wars of the 19th century (Cayuse 1847-1848; Yakima 1855-1856; Rouge Valley 1851-1856; Bannock 1878) through the Civil War (1861-1865); Spanish-American War (1898); WW I (1917-1918); WW II (1941-1945); Korean War (1950-1953); Viet Nam War (1965-1973) up to today's Afghanistan & Iraq Wars.

All deserve to be honored on this Veteran's Day.

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Mark Your Calendars

- **January 9-13, 2006 - Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will feature five days of classes.** This event is sponsored by the Utah Genealogical Society. For information, call 1-888-INFO-UGA, e-mail them at institute@infouga.org or visit their website at: <http://www.infouga.org>.
- **October 6-7, 2006 - Genealogical Council of Oregon Biannual Conference.** This event will be held at the Wittenberg Inn in Keizer. Paula Stuart-Warren, CGRS will be the speaker. She is the co-author of *Your Guide to the Family History Library*. For info., e-mail oregongenconference@yahoo.com or visit the web at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orgco2/>

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

28 November for the **10 December** meeting. Cookies—Teri Greene
2 January for the **14 January** meeting. Cookies—Leila Crawford
30 January for the **11 February** meeting. Cookies—Charlene Talbot

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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: sprawlins@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!