



NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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12 October 2002 Program

Chris Rumbaugh, the Adult Services Librarian at the Corvallis Library will give us a rundown on what the library has for genealogy research. He will also talk about research techniques in Finland and how they differ from the United States.

Election of New Officers

It's time again to nominate new BCGS officers. We are currently seeking someone for the position of Treasurer.

As outlined in the Benton County Genealogical Society By-laws—Duties of Officers, the duties of the **Treasurer** shall be: to receive all monies and make disbursements as approved by the Board of Directors; to make a report of financial standing at each meeting; and to prepare account books for an annual audit and report such audit at the October meeting.

If you are interested in this position or know of a person who would make a good Treasurer, please contact Danell Aukerman at (541) 745-2003 or e-mail her at danel-lauk@attbi.com

All other officers are up for re-election.

State Library Field Trip

BCGS members are invited to sign up for a trip to the State Library in Salem on Wednesday, October 16, 2002. Members interested in going to the State Archives instead of the State Library could go there since it is located just a few blocks away. You would need to coordinate the return time with the driver(s). We will leave the Albertson's parking lot at 9 a.m. and return between 4 and 5 p.m. Cost will be \$10 per person. If anyone wishes to go, the sign-up sheet will be at the October 12 BCGS meeting. Just a reminder that the \$10 fee for the trip is payable at the time of sign-up, and money cannot be refunded after October 15.

See additional info. about the State Library at the bottom of page 2

Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

Emergence of a Genealogist: Betty Brummett

"What really got me started," Betty Brummett said, "was when Mabelle Martsching came to my aunt's funeral. Her husband had worked at Oregon State University with my cousin, Jim Plunkett, my aunt's son. I got to talking to her about the Kings of Kings' Valley and their Plunkett descendants."

As a result Betty joined the Benton County Genealogical Society and now shares with Mabelle the staffing of the genealogy library on the first Tuesday of each month.

"The King family had sixteen children, but not all of them came from Missouri to Oregon with their parents. My line comes through their fifth child, Hopestill King who married Lucius Norton. One of their daughters was Ashnah Norton. She was my great grandmother. She was the first white child born in Kings' Valley. She married James Plunkett. The Benton County Museum has her bedroom set, which they displayed some years ago, and her husband, James Plunkett's drums. He was with the Cavalry and was stationed at Fort Hoskins."

Betty's father's family came to Oregon in the 1890s and settled near Mapleton in Lane County. Her King line comes through the females, so the name changed with every generation.

"On Dad's mother's side," she says, "I met a woman who had taken the Bottger family line back to Germany."

Her most exciting find was to discover that her house near Wren where she lives now is on part of the King donation land claim. She was born in Summit and her mother was born there, also.

"So I haven't travelled very far from my roots," she says.

She enjoys genealogy but sometimes wonders if she is invading someone's privacy. Like all of us, she wishes she had asked questions of her Bottger grandfather, her mother's father. "Grandma Bottger always used to put flowers on a baby's grave in the old part of the Kings Valley cemetery. My mother continued the practice, but she didn't know who the baby was."

Her Phelps grandfather built the log church in Ya-chats which is now a museum. Her grandmother's organ is on display there.

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"I don't have much going back beyond Nahum King" she states. "I don't think I'm a very good genealogist. But I like to be around people who are doing research."

Photo and Biography Donation

BCGS has received a photo and biography of Mark Phinney (which will be included in future publications) from his daughter. Mark Phinney taught at Philomath College and was the author of the Benton County WPA interviews.

Photo Identification Needed

We have received a photo of the 1927 Philomath College faculty members. Does anyone know of any descendants in the area who could help identify the people in the photo?

In the Library

The CD-Rom of the "Great Register of California—1890 (Voter's List)" has been added to the library.

Upcoming Programs

9 Nov 2002 Identify, Retrieval, & Preservation of Family Photos, presented by Don Ferguson.
14 Dec 2002 Annual Christmas Party and Auction.

Cemetery Updates

The Bellfountain, Mount Union, North Palestine and Ridders cemeteries have been re-walked over the summer and the updated information will be added to the WEB.

Upcoming Project

Reconstruction of the 1890 Benton County Census from tax records, newspaper articles, etc., to substitute for the missing 1890 Census records which were lost in a fire

IN SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to Josephine (Jo) Zedina, whose husband, Anton, passed away on October 1, 2002.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AUCTION

Mark your calendars for a fun December 14th meeting. That's when we have our annual Christmas party. Everyone brings cookies to share, we have an auction of really nice donated items, and a white elephant table of items for sale.

If you have something special that you would like to donate for our annual Christmas raffle, please contact Damaris Reynolds at 753-1810.

NEW MEMBERS

Computer Donation

Dean Johnson has generously donated an old computer with a Pentium and CD-ROM drive to BCGS.

Does anyone have a cart with wheels they would be willing to donate so the computer and recently acquired copier can be easily moved from the locked area to the general area when the library is open? Also needed is a new surge protector.

Oregon State Library

The Oregon State Library has served since 1848 as a major repository of historical and genealogical material on Oregon. The on-line catalog contains citations to the books which include materials for most of the 50 states.

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Oregon Roots Digest Mailing List

This is a member mailing list for posting queries.

Send OR-Roots mailing list submissions to:
or-roots@sosinet.sos.or.us

To subscribe or unsubscribe via the World Wide Web, visit
<http://sosinet.sos.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/or.roots>
or, via e-mail, send a message with subject or body 'help' to
or-roots-request@sosinet.sos.state.or.us

You can reach the person managing the list at
or-roots-admin@sosinet.sos.state.or.us

When replying, please edit your Subject line so it is more specific than "Re: Contents of or-roots digest..."

Attention Newsletter Editors

The change of address cards sent for me to societies at the beginning of the year listed my address as: Teri Greene, 2806 Newton, Philomath, OR 97370. This address is correct, EXCEPT Street needs to be added after Newton (I suggest putting it in bold caps and highlighting it).

I live on the corner of Newton Street and Newton Place and there is a 2806 at both. Until recently this has not been a problem

Thanks for your help by correcting your mailing labels!

Queries

We are working on queries for the following families:
HARLAN, HOLTER, DIXON, TAYLOR and BEACH.

Searching for a Relative

I am trying to find my mother's cousin.

NAME: Edna Mae Jensen (Jensen is her maiden name)

BORN: May 3, 1942 in Superior, Wisconsin

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: RT 2, Box 45, Philomath, Oregon. (around 1980 or before).

Could have lived in Portland, Oregon in 1957, also could have lived in Idaho.

MOTHER: Ruth Jensen (maiden name STRUNK) Born around 1910 in Estacada., Oregon Parents: Ed Strunk and Bell Howard

FATHER: Cato Jensen. Born April 2, 1900 in AAFJORD, NORWAY, near Trondheim. He emigrated to USA, possibly in the 1920's. He was car repairman for the Soo Line Railway. He Died October 24, 1957 in Superior, Wisconsin. Ruth and Cato Jensen married September 27, 1941 and divorced around May 7, 1975, both in Douglas County, Wisconsin.

Edna Mae and her mother moved possibly to Oregon after the divorce. Ruth Jensen had been married once before. She married William Woolhouse on July 29, 1927. They divorced in Eugene, Oregon.

Edna Mae Jensen could now be married and have a different last name. She has 7 cousins in Norway that have tried for 3 years to find her.

If you know something about Edna Mae Jensen, please contact:

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GAMLE KONGEVEG 2P
7715 STEINKJER, NORWAY
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Share your knowledge; it is a way to achieve immortality.

My hobby is genealogy; I raise dust bunnies as pets.

Service Project Reports

Corvallis Obit Project

We thought it might be of interest to our members to mention the names of the volunteers who have contributed to this project, copies of which go to the Benton County Museum, the Corvallis/Benton County Library, and the Society's own library in the annex at the Benton County Museum in Philomath. Their names (for posterity) are listed on the front page, along with an explanation of the project and the abbreviations. They are, so far, Cecelia Anderson, Janice Barclay, Ken Bielman, Ray & Lou Carroll, Leila Crawford, Emily Dashiell, Esther Forsythe, Daniel Froehlich, Frances Grotefend, Jean Grube, Dean Johnson, David Kribs, Rebecca Kiger, Gene Newcomb, Linda Olsen, Sandra Potter, Lew Schoad, Ed Stratton, Betty Swan, Charlene Talbot, Robert Tarrant, Mary Yoke. If anyone's name has been inadvertently left out, please notify Charlene Talbot.

New Searchable Index at the Oregon State Archives

Posted on OR-Roots web site 9/30/02

From: Layne Sawyer, Oregon State Archives

The Oregon State Archives is pleased to announce the launch of a new searchable index. The Oregon Historical Records Index incorporated data that was originally found in three separate on-line indexes. The Genealogical Locator, the Portland Birth records and the Portland Death Records are now combined and can be searched from one site. Additionally, the index has nearly doubled in size with close to 400,000 entries. Significant newly indexed records, such as the statewide delayed birth records which were transferred to the Archives from the Center for Vital Statistics, and the World War I personnel service records compiled by the War Historian, are now available on-line. Enhanced descriptions of the records have been included to help researchers identify what the records are likely to contain. You can view these descriptions by clicking on an entry from the list found at:

<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/genlist.htm>

This index is created in large part through the efforts of volunteers who work on flattening, re-folding, and re-boxing these original records and perform the data entry.

Please visit the new index:
<http://genealogy.state.or.us>

Contact the Archives staff at reference.archives@state.or.us if you wish to request copies of the records.

If you have comments about the new index please send emails to me directly at:

layne.g.sawyer@state.or.us

Eugene Field Trip

by Delores Martin

Frances Grotefend volunteered to drive her car on September 18th to the University of Oregon, Knight Library, for the group of BCGS members who wanted to do research. Fran had the map route all marked and with her expert copilots had no trouble driving to a parking spot a very short way from the library, no parking meter or timed parking, and the weather was beautiful. How lucky could we get. Summer is probably the best time to do research at the library as most of the students are gone and we had use of the films, machines and expert library help. Delores Martin found some information in the three 1859 and in several 1879 Grant Co., Or newspapers, *The Blue Mountain News*. One reference was to her great-grandfather's, Oliver Perry Cresap, visit to the newspaper office that week while visiting from Susanville. There were another couple references to his sister-in-law, Mary Douthit, formerly of Linn and Crook counties, who was one of two teachers in Canyon City. It was hard not to read everything in the old papers - should have been scanning for names. Also, the ads contained information as to who owned the stores/businesses and the stores' logos. I have a pair of my grandfather's cowboy boots that I hope to identify the maker by the design around the name (which can't be read). I can't wait to go back to the Library, but will wait until next summer after school is out. It only took me 5-6 hours to read two films.

Maiden Name ? On Deeds

On the lower left hand corner of most old deeds, you will find signatures of two to four witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side. The next one is always from the wife's side. That is to protect her one-thirds dower right under the law. Nothing you will ever use will give you greater clues to the maiden names than witnesses to old deeds. In the 1810's and before, it was traditional when the daughter married as part of her dowry for the father to either cover the loan or carry the note for his son-in-law. If you know the husband's name but not the wife's maiden name, find out to whom they made their mortgage payment. About 70% of the time it will be her father. 4

From the *Heritage Newsletter*, August 2002

THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is your genealogical society—no matter where you live, no matter where your ancestors lived. It is as close as your mail box. Its programs, publications, and services are designed for all family history researchers and all organizations that foster family history research.

We invite you to join now and become a part of your national society.

LIBRARY SERVICES Our library maintains a collection of family histories and genealogies, local histories, transcribed source materials, reference works, periodicals, Bible records, and manuscripts. It is open free to members on most Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Some of the resources of the library are available by mail to members who cannot use it in person. Members may borrow books by mail through the Library Loan Service.

Research Service members may request searches, by a staff of volunteers, or all the holdings of the library. The Research Service requires payment of a registration fee and small service fees for each request.

EDUCATION SERVICES Our home study course, *American genealogy: A Basic Course*, offered by mail, is designed both for beginners and experienced researchers who wish to upgrade their knowledge and skills. Lessons cover use of the major groups of genealogical source records; extracting, documenting, interpreting, and evaluating genealogical evidence; and organizing and maintaining family records. A beginner's kit, a series of research aids, and several charts and forms are available for purchase.

Other educational programs include an annual conference, co-sponsorship of regional seminars, and programs for teachers of genealogy. The Family History Writing Contest encourages members to strive for excellence in genealogical writing. The president of the Society serves on the Board of Trustees of the National Institute on Genealogical Research.

PUBLICATIONS Members receive the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, which publishes scholarly papers on genealogical subjects, previously unpublished source materials, and critical book reviews. Back issues of the *Quarterly*, published since 1912, are available for purchase on microfiche.

The bimonthly *NGS Newsletter*, also mailed to members, features news of the Society and the genealogical community, articles on genealogical methods, sources, and repositories, library acquisitions, and members' queries. Members may elect to receive the quarterly *NGS/CIG Digest*, which features articles on the use of computers in genealogy.

A series of special publications of genealogical source materials and research aids and selected genealogical reference works of other publishers are available to members at a discount.

SERVICES TO GENEALOGY As the national genealogical membership organization, the Society serves as a focal point for genealogical activities at the national level. Our annual conference, the major genealogical meeting in the United States, features sessions for those engaged in various aspects of the profession in addition to lectures of interest to all family history researchers.

Other activities include sponsorship of the National Genealogy Hall of Fame, to honor persons of the past who made significant contributions to the field of genealogy in the United States; the NGS Computer Interest Group; a national forum for those interested in computer techniques to support genealogical activities and sponsor of an electronic genealogical bulletin board; the NGS Youth Award in Honor of Milton Rubincam, to encourage participation of young people in genealogy; the NGS Genealogical Newsletter Competition, to recognize the publication of quality newsletters by genealogical societies, and an active liaison with the National Archives, other federal agencies, and research facilities in the Nation's Capital.

SERVICES TO INSTITUTIONS We invite genealogical and historical societies, libraries, family associations, and other organizations interested in family research to become affiliated with the National Genealogical Society.

Institutional members receive the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, the bimonthly *NGS Newsletter*, the *NGS/CIG Digest* (if requested), and discounts on publications. Member organizations may obtain free publicity for their programs and publications through the *NGS Newsletter*, with a circulation of more than 10,000. Other membership benefits include discounts for group enrollment in the home study course and a directory of speakers and instructors available for genealogical meetings and classes.

MEMBERSHIP - Write to the address at top of page or pick up application at the BCGS General Meeting.

Individual, \$35 (\$30 after the first year for those 65 or over)

Spouse, \$10 (all privileges except the periodicals)

Institutional, \$25 (Societies, libraries, and other organizations)

Contributing, \$50

Sustaining, \$100

Life, (please write for details)

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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:
28 October for the **9 November** meeting. Cookies—Danell Aukerman
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—TBA

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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: 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!