



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 11 October Program

Our guest speaker will be Stewart Wershow, who will talk about researching adoption records and leads to opening sealed records in some states.

### CLASSES

Linn-Benton Community College Fall Term 2003

#### BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Course: 0.338  
CRN: 24772  
Sec: A01  
Campus: Albany  
Room: B101  
Start Date: 20-OCT-2003  
Duration: 6 Weeks  
Cost: \$48.00  
Instructor: Aukerman, Danell

#### INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY

Course: 0.338  
CRN: 24772  
Sec: A02  
Campus: Albany  
Room: ST-130  
Start Date: 07-OCT-2003  
Duration: 6 Weeks  
Cost: \$36.00  
Instructor: Aukerman, Danell

#### GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET

Course: 0.338  
Sec: A03  
CRN: 24842  
Campus: Albany  
Room: B207  
Start Date: 18-OCT-2003  
Duration: 1 Day  
Cost: \$30.00  
Instructor: Aukerman, Danell

**Documentation... The hard part**

### Kith and Kin By Charlene Talbot

#### In Memory of Irene Harding

Since Irene Harding was so generous to the Benton County Genealogical Society as to put a bequest in her will that the Society should be given her collection of genealogical books and booklets, we thought it would be appropriate to write a column about her this month.

She became interested in genealogy through her aunt, Hazel Beals, who was a member of the Benton County Society some years ago. Irene and Hazel formed the Canadian Interest Group in the late 1970's, with the help of Mildred Hawkins who had quite a wealth of information on Canadian genealogy and research. They met regularly each month in the meeting room at the Albany Public Library. Pat Rawlinson, now leader of the group, probably knew about Irene's genealogical pursuits as well as anyone. She told us, "A lot of Irene's ancestors were Loyalists. They went to Canada after the Revolution -- to New Brunswick and Ontario -- and she still had family there. She made several trips to Canada to do research and to meet relatives. When the group started, there were no resources available locally. Besides buying books, various members joined various societies in Canada and the U.S., and shared the newsletters they received. Sometimes we invested in a book as a group, especially books that were of interest for the majority of the members. The group was already going strong when I became involved in the early 1980's. Mildred Hawkins, Gladys Parker and Elizabeth Akin were early and long-time members along with Irene and Hazel. "Irene was always busy, doing something," Pat added. "She would be so pleased that her books are being used and that people wanted them."

It has been calculated that the value of Irene's genealogical collection is in the five-thousand-dollar range. The Society has had a stamp made that says in green ink: Benton County Genealogical Society, Irene Harding Collection. Besides this addition of books to our library shelves, sales of duplicate volumes have totaled close to \$500. The Board has decided to keep this as a lump sum to use for buying expensive books that the Society otherwise could not afford. A four-volume set, *American Families of German Ancestry in the United States*, by Schlegel, has been bought, and others will be added.

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## 2004 Membership Renewals

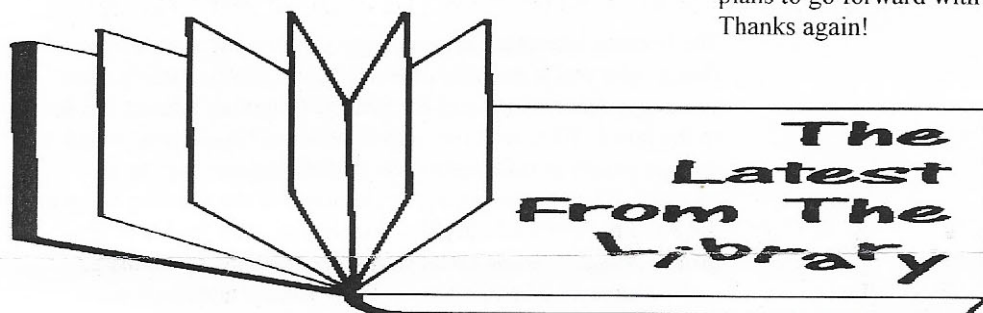
(since last newsletter)

Her obituary in the Salem Statesman Journal reads as follows: Irene Harding, June 12, 1930 to November 21, 2001, SALEM -- Irene Harding, daughter of Vern and Rachell Hymes Cole was born June 12, 1930 in Pasco, Washington. She went to school and grew up in Pasco and married James H. Harding on April 26, 1963. They lived in the Salem and Turner area for more than 40 years. James passed away on August 5, 1996. Irene belonged to the DAR and enjoyed working with genealogy. She collected antiques and enjoyed gardening. She is survived by her brother, Fred Cole; son, James Alan Harding; daughters, Bobbie Biondiollo and Patricia Farner; and eight grandchildren, Brian Watson, Brad Woosley, Jennifer and Ryan Farner, and Trevor, Grant, Jamie and Josh Harding. Her sister, Bessie, preceded her in death. At her request, no services will be held. Interment will be at Willamette Memorial Park in Albany. Arrangements are by Howell-Edwards-Doerksen with Rigdon-Ranom Funeral Directors in Salem. (Copyright 2003 Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon)

The 2003-2004 Renewals have begun!

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The response to the inquiry about e-mailing the monthly newsletter was overwhelmingly positive. I would like to thank each and every member who responded. The Society plans to go forward with this idea as soon as possible. Thanks again!



*Ken Bielman, Librarian*

Number	Category	Author	Title
2156	OR	R W Polk	Benton County, <i>Corvallis City Directory, 1955</i> . Red & tan hardback. Gift of Danell Aukerman
2157	OR	Bell	Marion County, <i>Capital Monument Company Records, 1918-1947</i> . Blue paperback. Irene Harding Collection
2158	OR	Gaylord	Marion County, <i>Census of 1905</i> . Blue report folder. Irene Harding Collection
2159	NJ	Stark	<i>Sussex County, Minute Book. Court Records, 1764-1766</i> . Blue paperback. Irene Harding Collection
2160	Can-NB	Hale	<i>Queens County Marriages, Vol. A, 1812-1861</i> . Red paperback. Irene Harding Collection.
2161	NJ	Jones	<i>Loyalists of New Jersey</i> . Red hardback. Irene Harding Collection.
2162	PA	Glenn	<i>Welch Founders of Pennsylvania</i> . Green hardback. Irene Harding Collection.
2163	NJ	NJHS	<i>Biographical and Genealogical Notes</i> . Black 3-ring binder. Irene Harding Collection
2164	Can-ONT	Britnell	<i>Wentworth County Marriage Registers, Vol. 7, 1858-1869</i> . Green paperback. Irene Harding Collection.
2165	NY	Worden	<i>Genealogical and Biographical Record, Index, 1870-1982</i> . Brown hardback. Irene Harding Collection.
2166	NY	Worden	<i>Ulster County Records, Katsbaan &amp; Saugerties Church</i> . Tan paperback. Irene Harding Collection.
2167	RI	Beaman	<i>Marriages from Probate Records, 1692-1850, Four Towns</i> . Brown report folder. Irene Harding Collection.

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## BECKY KIGER COLLECTION

Jean Grube and Damaris Reynolds recently went through a lot of Becky Kiger's materials. She had collected material on the following names. Interested persons may look at them at the October meeting.

Compton	Wells	Scott
Beck	Boer	Allen
Kincaid	Roberts	Rabb
Proctor	Armistead	Odell
Coffman	Barnett	Glazier
Warner-Reade-Martiau	Wallington	Winters
Willis	Bennett	Chisman
Conner	Donaho(e)	Edwards

### *Many Thanks*

Many thanks go out to Mabelle Martsching and Jim Russell who have both resigned their positions as Queries chairperson and Secretary.

After many years of service as Queries chairperson, Mabelle has decided to retire. Her vast knowledge of Benton County families will be greatly missed.

Jim Russell is relocating to the Sweet Home area. We will miss Jim and the various contributions he has made to BCGS over the years. He will still continue on as Surname chairman for BCGS.

## ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

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

As outlined in the Benton County Genealogical Society By-laws—Duties of Officers, the duties of the **Secretary** shall be: to keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Society and of Board meetings; and to make a report of the Society minutes at each meeting; to handle all communications deemed necessary.

We are also looking for a new **Queries** Chairperson. Danell will explain about the position at the October meeting.

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

All other officers are up for re-election.

### THIS 'N' THAT

#### QUERIES

*By Mabelle Martsching*

Mabelle has received inquiries about the **Hand** families and also for **Taylor Poore**.

The research for the **Stratton** families has been completed.

Dave Kribs has been appointed Budget Chairman. He will report on his findings at the October meeting.

Danell Aukerman represented BCGS with the Societies books on her table at the Portland Family History Fair.

\$55 worth of books were sold as a result of inserting the list of used books for sale from the Irene Harding collection.

**GENEALOGY: WHERE YOU CONFUSE THE DEAD  
AND IRRITATE THE LIVING**

## **Free Online Genealogy Courses from BYU Independent Study Program**

The following is an announcement from Brigham Young University's Division of Continuing Education: Brigham Young University Now Has 26 Family History Web Courses For Free

Through the BYU Department of Independent Study, twenty-six, non-credit, family history courses are now available for free. Anyone at anytime can take these online courses from any computer with Internet access.

"Technology has made it possible for us to offer free courses. Our free courses are our regular courses, but we can use the technology to offer those free to an audience that is not requiring credit," said Dwight Laws, Director of Independent Study.

"Last year the department had three family history courses for free, and had 30,000 people finish at least the first lesson. We have no idea what to expect this year where we have many more free courses," mentioned Laws.

The courses cover topics ranging from how to get started to include French, German, Scandinavian and Huguenot research. Each research course is taught by a well-known, accredited genealogist. All course instructional materials are available free online.

There is no time frame required to complete the course. A student could conceivably finish the course in less than twenty-four hours due to a feature called Speedback. Speedback assignments submitted on the course website receive instant feedback.

A person does not need to register for a free course. Anyone can go to the department website at <http://elearn.byu.edu> and click on Special Offers to access the free courses.

Our Society would appreciate feedback from anyone who goes through a course.

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### **Websites**

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

#### **National Archives**

Are you aware that the National Archives now has some records online? The archives now has a digital library and the catalog for this can be reached by going to: [www.archives.gov/research\\_room/arc](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/arc)

#### **Salt Lake Library**

In a recent newsletter article received by a society member, the [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) will have updated information on ancestral file and international genealogical indexes. This website will have more up to date information than branch Family History Libraries. Branch libraries have these databases/programs on CD's. Currently, at the time of the printing of this newsletter, there were no plans to update the CD's.

#### **Grant County Research**

[Rootsweb.com](http://Rootsweb.com) has a mailing list/message board for Grant County, Oregon. People have submitted a variety of questions and information on this list. If you are doing local Grant County research you may want to visit this site. It may have more information for you or give you someone to contact also researching our county. [ORGRANT-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:ORGRANT-L@rootsweb.com)

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***Donations to the book fund can be made using the membership renewal form on the bottom of page 5.***

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## Upcoming Programs

November 8 - TBA  
December 13 - Christmas party, auction and raffle.

## Board Meeting Change

The next board meeting will be held on *Wednesday, October 29th* at Bill Gieaves' home, 2178 NW 25th Place in Corvallis unless notified otherwise.

### Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

<b>Benton County Marriage Records</b>	
Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924	\$25.00
Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945	\$25.00
<b>WPA Historical Records</b>	
Benton County Interviews	\$35.00
Bible Records and Cemetery Records	\$10.00
<b>Benton County Cemeteries</b>	
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

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

### 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.

## 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 the newsletter, dues must be paid by January 31, 2004**

## 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 2003 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.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:  
**29 October** for the **8 November** meeting. Cookies—Gene Newcomb  
**1 December** for the **13 December** meeting. Cookies—Jim Russell

**More Member Info.**

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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!**

**Membership Information**

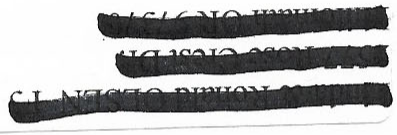
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Dues are \$12.00 single and \$15.00 family per calendar year.  
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