



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 14 OCTOBER PROGRAM

**Creative Memories** - Stacey Wiedenmann - Products. How to preserve photos, prepare notebooks and written memories. Supplies and information will be available. Web Site [www.creativememories.com](http://www.creativememories.com)

To complete the program bring your own Scrapbooks to show. We trust we'll also have our Societies scrapbooks out. We also have a quite a number of 3 ring binders that will be available free or you can make a donation to the library fund.

### Book Looks

By *Charlene Talbot*

This book, entitled *Search and Research, The Researcher's Handbook*, by Noel C. Stevenson, though printed in 1959, before everyone had a computer, has a list of suggestions at the beginning that are still good today, and prods the reader to use them. Most of us have tried some of these suggestions and given up, or they don't apply to our research problem, and we've gone on to something else, usually to another research problem. Or thrown up our hands up and found something else to do.

However, for the sake of making you feel guilty and think, *well I could have tried this*, here they are:

1. Are there any birth, marriage, or death certificates obtainable?
2. Are there any wills or administrations of estates obtainable?
3. Is it possible to obtain proof of birth, marriage, or death of any relatives from church records?
4. Did any of the persons serve in the Revolution or any of the colonial, Indian, or civil wars?
5. Did a widow draw a pension because of the war service of her husband?
6. Consult records of colleges, schools, societies, firms, or corporations.
7. Would the Federal or State census records help in the search?
8. Have you tried correspondence with persons of the same name? (Use *Handbook of American Genealogy*, telephone and city directories, also register of voters.)
9. Is there a family association bearing the same name as any of your lines?
10. Is it possible that information might be obtained from the following record sources land, civil, and criminal courts, probate, register of voters, tax rolls, or vital records?
11. Have you written to all relatives or friends of the family to obtain all known information?
12. Are there any family histories in print on any of the families in which you are interested?
13. Have you searched town, county, and state histories?
14. Have you corresponded with archives, state libraries, and historical societies?
15. Are there any problems that might be solved through old newspaper files, advertising, or querying?

If you can answer all of these foregoing questions, and you still can't find that elusive ancestor, then we would say you're justified in going on to the next problem in your research.

*Thank You*

A special THANKS to all who helped with the library inventory. You are greatly appreciated!

## Upcoming Programs

11 November 2006 - ? County Library - Update on resources available at the Benton County Library - Christopher Rumbaugh

9 December 2006 - Raffle, auction, Christmas Party.

13 January 2007 - ? State Archives

10 February 2007 - ? Civil War Re-creation - A Woman's Point of View

10 March 2007 - ? County Archives

14 April 2007 - ? OSU Resources

12 May 2007 - Genealogy Methods - Danell Aukerman

9 June 2007 - Potluck Picnic - Book Sale

8 September 2007 - Show 'N' Tell

13 October 2007 - ? Wagon Trains East (coming west through eastern Oregon that is)

10 November 2007 - ?

8 December 2007- Christmas Party



**Suggested Programs:** (We are always open for suggestions as to subjects and speakers)

Books published by Benton County Genealogical Society are always available for purchase at the society library after each meeting, and every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM. They are also available at the Benton County Historical Museum, during their normal hours.

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](http://www.thevillagegenealogybookshoppe.com)

### Raffle Items Sought

We are planning ahead for our annual Christmas Raffle which is held at our December meeting. Do you have a nice item of more than nominal value which you would consider donating now for the Christmas Raffle next December? The raffling of quality items is a way to ensure your items bring the most for their value. We ended up without any suitable raffle item this year and need to get the raffle ticket sales going as soon as possible.

Proceeds from the Christmas Raffle and Auction go to benefit the Society's book fund. We have raffled off some wonderful items over the past years and we would hate to cancel this event due to lack of interest.

### *This and That*

- Plans for the Oregon Genealogical Society's annual Spring Seminar, scheduled for March 24, 2007, are underway. One of the tentatively scheduled speakers will be Colleen Fitzpatrick, who will talk about using forensic methods to find clues in pictures and keepsakes that suggest the time and place.
- A Free Online Index to Griffiths Valuation**  
UlsterAncestry.com has a free service that should interest almost anyone with Irish ancestry: an index to Griffiths Valuation is available on-line. Ireland's Valuation office conducted its first survey of property ownership in Ireland from 1848 to 1864. The surveyors started this enormous task in the very south of the country so the valuations for Cork or Waterford date from 1848 while the Province of Ulster was last to be valued between 1858 and 1864.

From *The Heritage Newsletter*, Vol. 28, Issue 10, October 2006.

### *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*



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# 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**

## 2007 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, 2007.**

### 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 2007 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.

# Program Review

By David Kribs, Program Chairman

9 September 2006 - Show 'N' Tell - Last Summer's Genealogical Experience.

Danell Aukerman—reported on what she's been doing as a stay at home caretaker—preparing copies of the obituaries she inherited from Mabelle Martsching suitable for hard and digitalized publishing. Ed Stratton—looking fit and hardy told us about his medical recovery, he was harvesting pears the day before. Bill Gleaves—reported on how he found a lost cemetery and how family information can be obtained from cattle brands. Linda Olsen—reported on her success using the (free) Heritage Quest web site to copy family war records. Richard Cobb— reported that although his Missouri Court House had burned he was still able to find the cemetery with his 4X. Lee Rudisill—reported on how she was able to find the building they had resided in 63 years ago in Ocala FL, although it's now an office building. David Kribs—jumped in with his story about Harry Kribs, reported by the family to have committed suicide after having killed a man on a gambling boat, was apparently resurrected as Henry Krebs a few years latter near Walla Walla Washington

If you really want ideas on how to find something this is the best—*listening to how others found it.*

## Upcoming Genealogical Events

**November 11, 2006 - Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall Seminar.** The seminar will be held at the **Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, OR 97229. 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** The featured speakers is Christine Rose, a nationally known speaker. Classes on *“Successful Courthouse Research”*, *“Solving the Problem Onsite in 25 Hours or Less”*, *“Military Records Between the Wars”*, and *“The Evidence Conflicts”*. Cost is \$35 if received by **October 28th and \$40 if received after that date.** Lunch is an additional \$7. For more information, contact GFO at 503-963-1932 or go to their website at [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)

**November 18, 2006 - Kennewick, WA. Gage Building, Family History Center and LDS Church. 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Tri-Cities Genealogical Society and the LDS Church are co-sponsoring a **Family History Fair and Conference. Families, Trees, and Pedigrees: “Capturing Your Past with the Tools of Today.”** This is an all-day genealogy conference with numerous subjects being taught in a multi-track format and is open to the public. The **Keynote Speaker** is Tim Cross and the **Featured Speaker** will be Donna Potter Phillips. Other Speakers include Dale Denham and Duane Holsten. Topics will range from beginning genealogy to computers, the internet, and other research technology.

**January 8 - 12, 2007 - Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, Radison Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT.** Courses include “American Records and Research: Focusing on Localities”, “Midwesterns U.S. Research”, “Irish Research—Sources and Strategies”, “Germanic Family History Research”, “U.S. Migration”, “Embracing Computers to Enhance Your Genealogy”, “Advanced New England Research”, “Producing a Quality Family Narrative”, “Research Methodology: Genealogical Problem Solving. For more information, e-mail: [institute@infoga.org](mailto:institute@infoga.org) or visit their webiste at: [www.infoga.org](http://www.infoga.org)

### Research Tip: “Carry a Spare”

Have you ever walked into a FHC, a cemetery, or a county courthouse without a pencil or piece of paper, or even a clear idea of what you are here for.

You should always “have your act together“ when you head out to research—that means a pencil, pen, notebook or binder and a list of what you need to look for. If you don't go prepared, you may be wasting your time as well as that of the staff members who try to help you. It's just common sense.

It's also common sense to take some backup with you—an extra pen or pencil, plenty of paper, plenty of nickles, dimes or quarters in your pocket or purse to make photocopies of the information you find. If you are using a computer, take extra batteries. If using floppy disks, have at least one spare in case the first one is bad or you need to download more than you thought you would.

Lord Baden Powell's advice of nearly a century ago is still good. “Be Prepared.”

*Reprinted from the Bend Genealogical Society Newsletter “Distant Voices,” Vol. 6, Number 6, November 1999.*

## **DNA results on the cheap through Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF)**

**By Gene Newcomb**

If you want to get a lot of information on your (or your male forebears) y-DNA makeup, with only an expenditure of time and the use of a bit of patience on your part, a test through SMGF is the way to go. You simply send a request for a kit via either e-mail or USPS to the foundation, then when you get the kit swab your cheek with a cotton tipped swab, send the swab and your three generation (minimum) pedigree in either paper or digital form. Eventually the Foundation will post the results of your test on their web-site in a way that will allow you to recognize it and make the necessary manipulations to get a list of as many as 38 markers of the y-DNA in the sample. Eventually they will be releasing similar information for the mt-DNA so you will be able to find the mitochondrial DNA results of your female line too.

I think that the easiest way for me to explain this in more detail is to tell my own experience with the foundation testing. I gave the Foundation a blood sample in 2001 when I was at a genealogical conference in Boston. About 8 months later I finally got around to looking at the SMGF site (SMGF.org) and did a search for the results for people named Newcomb. This part yielded quick results as I was the only Newcomb who had participated in the test! Even if I had been one of several, or several dozen participants, I could have identified my test by looking at the pedigree charts for each participant until I recognized my own family data.

What I had at this point was a list of all the markers tested with information as to which markers I did not share with the most common (modal) set of markers in the Foundation database. I was lucky in that I only deviated from the modal set by six markers, so I knew without any further work the value of 32 of my markers. For the six deviating markers, I had to do a little work by putting in each of the six markers in the comparison web page with one-at-a-time changes in number for the deviating markers, first going up one number, then down two, then up three, then down four until all of the values matched those of the Newcomb sample in the data base (which in fact was mine). For example, as I deviated from the modal value (14) for the marker called DYS 333, my procedure was to enter 15, then 13, then 16, then 12, etc. until a match had been made. This can be done simultaneously for all the deviating markers until all your own numbers have been found. It could be somewhat tedious if you are not as near the modal values as I was, but eventually it can be done. I tried the same procedure with an entry for a Cohen from Poland and Lithuania which differed from the modal value on 26 of the 36 markers reported. It took me well over two hours of trial and error and learning a few new tricks to get the right values, but I did manage to do it.

I realize that some of our members do not have access to computers, so cannot order the kit on-line. To simplify things for those people, there will be a master copy of the necessary forms at our library. If you will inform me that you have sent in a sample, I would be willing to check for the results and report the information to you the foundation provides when it is available.

If there is some interest in doing this by the members I will follow up this article with another telling what you can do with the information that you have received.

*Only a Genealogist regards a step  
backwards as progress.*

## Museum Construction Update

I have some pertinent dates regarding the construction of the new museum storage building that may be of interest.

### Philomath Collections Care Facility Time Line:

1. Submit plans to City of Philomath 9/29/2006
2. Bid Pre Engineered Building 11/1/2006
3. Structural Submittal 12/1/2006
4. Pre Engineered Approval, Order steel structure 1/3/2007
5. Site Work 2/1/2007
6. Begin Construction 4/1/2007
7. Mount Tracks and assemble shelving 11/1/2007
8. Start Cure Time 12/1/2007
9. Start moving Artifacts from Gill Coliseum 2/1/2008
10. Out of Gill Coliseum 3/1/2008



## ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

It's time again to nominate new BCGS officers. We are currently seeking someone for the positions of **President** and **Secretary**. As outlined in the Benton County Genealogical Society By-laws—Duties of Officers, the duties of the positions up for election are as follows:

**President** is to preside at all regular and special meetings of the society and to perform such other duties as necessary.

**Secretary** shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Society and of Board meetings; to make a report of the Society minutes at each meeting; and to handle all communications deemed necessary.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know of someone who would be, please contact Bill Gleaves at 738-8189 or e-mail him at [gleavew@peak.org](mailto:gleavew@peak.org). All other officers are up for re-election.

According to the **BCGS By-Laws**, a nominating committee of three is appointed by the President at the **September** meeting. Nominees shall be presented and nominations opened from the floor at the **October** meeting.

Election of officers shall be held at the **November** meeting.

Installation of officers shall take place at the **December** meeting of the same year.....

## The Genealogists Psalm

Genealogy is my pastime, I shall not stray.  
It maketh me to lie down and examine half buried tombstones.  
It leadeth me into still courthouses; it restoreth my ancestral knowledge.  
It leadeth me in paths of census records and ship's passenger lists for my surname's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the shadows of research libraries and microfilm readers, I shall fear no discouragement.  
For a strong urge is within me; the curiosity and motivation they comforteth me.  
It demandeth preparation of storage space for the acquisition of countless documents.  
It anointeth my head with burning midnight oil; my family group sheets runneth over.  
Surely birth, marriage and death dates shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of a family-history seeker, forever.

By Wildamae Brestal

*From Aurora Genealogical Society of Colorado Newsletter; Reprinted in Osage County Historical Society Newsletter; Reprinted from The Genealogical Society of Central Missouri Newsletter, February 1993.*

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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:

**30 October** for the **11 November** meeting. **Cookies—Ken Bielman**  
**27 November** for the **9 December** meeting. **Cookies—Bill Gleaves**

### Membership Information

Acting President	Bill Gleaves	gleavew@peak.org	738-8189
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Newsletter Editor	Teri Greene	mmteri@aol.com	929-6347
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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](mailto: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!**