

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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11 September Program - Show & Tell

Once again it is time for our annual Show 'N Tell program where members can share their most recent genealogical finds and adventures. At this time we only have one scheduled speaker, so we need **YOUR** participation. Bill Gleaves will present his exciting summertime adventures.

A Very Special Thank You

After years of hard work, and much time spent interviewing people and writing Kith and Kin, Charlene Talbot has decided to retire her column and write guest columns only. Kith & Kin will be greatly missed as it provided an interesting insight about society members' ancestry. We appreciate all of the contributions Charlene has made to BCGS and extend a **HUGH Thank You**.

Many Thanks

A big thank you to the following members for their help during the annual library inventory on July 27. Ken Bielman, Julie Bielman, Betty Brummett, Bill Gleaves, Jean Grube, Dave Kribs, Mabelle Martsching, Tonya Rawie, Damaris Reynolds, Lee Rudisill and Betty Swan.

Family Chronical Magazine is planning a new book called *Letters Home: The Immigrant Experience*. It will be about the trials and tribulations of our ancestors as recorded through their correspondence. The book will feature transcribed letters from immigrants describing their experiences crossing the Atlantic or migrating across North America, finding their first jobs in their adopted country, moving into a new house and making a new life. They invite genealogists to share old family letters for publication. They will send two copies of the book if they use your letter. If they do not use the letters, they will send a voucher to purchase the book at a discount. Send translated letters as a MS Word document or as a RTF file, to <lettershome@familychronicle.com> or a typed transcription to *Family Chronicle*, 2045 Niagara Falls Blvd., Unit 7, Niagara Falls, NY 14304-1675. Include your name, address, and telephone number.

From the Genealogical Council of Oregon Newsletter, Vol. 35, No. 4, Fall.

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Book Looks

By *Charlene Talbot*

A Book Review of *Benton County Pioneers*, by Shirley H. O'Neil

This 369-page book appears to have been a sleeper on our genealogical library shelves. It was a gift from the Benton County Historical Society, where it is on sale for \$27.50. Ken Bielman, librarian, isn't sure when we received it, as his records don't show the date of acquisition, but he thinks it was probably last summer—2003. The full title is *Benton County Pioneers, a Study of the Inhabitants Listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Benton County, Oregon*. And there is an index!

At the time of the 1850 census, Benton County stretched from the boundary of Polk County south to the California border, and included land that later became Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln and Umpqua Counties. There were only 150 houses in the entire area, with 814 individuals living in them. The 1850 census, of course, was the wonderful one for genealogists where every member of the household was listed as to their names, ages, and place of birth.

O'Neil has gone on to put into the book the 1860, 1870, and 1880 listings for these people, as well as anything else that has been written about them, including obituary write-ups, memoirs written by their children, the *History of Benton County* by Fagan, and Phinney's WPA Historical Records Survey to name a few sources. The bibliography listing alone takes up two pages.

O'Neil also gives the ancestry of the householders and their wives.

It would be fun reading for a genealogist, if it weren't quite so heavy. We found that for any serious perusing, we needed to lay it on a table. It is definitely not for dipping into at bedtime.

However, many of the sources quoted were written as reading material, not as plain statements of fact, so even if you don't find the listing of the children's ages and their birthplaces fascinating, there are memoirs that are entertaining whether or not you had an ancestor who came on one of the wagon trains.

O'Neil lives in Tualatin. She said when we

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contacted her that she is not a native Oregonian. She simply likes to do research and needed a project, so she chose this one. She has no family connections to Oregon. She has put together a similar book about Polk County, and has just finished a two-volume set for Yamhill County. It takes her about a year to research and write the books. She prints them herself as the Museum requests them.

She uses the Word computer program. Her printer prints two-sided pages and she has Kinkos do the binding, which we found interesting as we ourselves are currently working on self-publishing a limited edition book.

The only drawback to the book, as far as we could see, is that the term "pioneer" is limited to those people who came before 1850, so if your ancestor didn't arrive until 1870, for instance, he or she does not appear in this account.

World War One Enlistments and Draft Registrations Names Added to Corvallis Newspapers Project

While in the process of working on the reel that she adopted as part of our Society's Corvallis Newspapers project, Linda Olsen came across a list of World War One enlistments and draft registrations. These were printed in the Corvallis Weekly Gazette-Times of July 5th and 12th, 1917, and in the August 2nd edition. We felt that since it was such a good detailing of the men of draft age that were in Benton County at that time, it deserved to be added to our Newspaper Project. The names were not alphabetical, but thanks to the wonders of a computer, once they were typed in, the right buttons were punched and *presto!* they were alphabetized.

Then on August 9, 1917, the Weekly Gazette-Times printed *another* list. Because, they said, they had left out some names.

The result is some 1,467 names added to the Newspaper Project book, copies of which may be found in the Society's library, at the Benton County Museum, and at the Corvallis library and on line at the Benton County website. Many of the names are probably duplicated as they were listed differently. Who's to say if L.F. Hawkins of Company K was the same person as Leon Hawkins of Corvallis?

The project goes on. Anyone wishing to adopt a reel and read it either at the library in Corvallis or at the Museum in Philomath, should contact Charlene Talbot, 929-6079 or cdkribs@pioneer.net.

Upcoming Programs

October 9, 2004 - Dr. Robert Holcomb is expected to talk about Jean Baptiste, who was the son of Sacagawea.
November 13, 2004 - Lithuania & the beginning of WW II
December 11, 2004 - Christmas Party and Raffle.

BCGS New Members *(since last newsletter)*

Dr. George Cassady
1318 Mallard Dr.
Pt. Richmond, CA 94801
Dr. Cassady is researching the Jesse Monroe Hodges family.

Phyllis Witham
5445 E. McKellips Rd. #26
Mesa, AZ 85215
cogospelsinger@aol.com

BCGS 2004 Membership Renewals *(since last newsletter)*

Gene Newcomb gnewcomb@cmug.com

We currently have 155 members.

Address correction

Nancy Basque
2404 NW Maser Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97330
No phone or e-mail given

Returning Member

Liz Porter sportereres@aol.com

It's Renewal Time Again! Don't panic, you have until January. Individual dues are \$12 and a family membership is \$15.

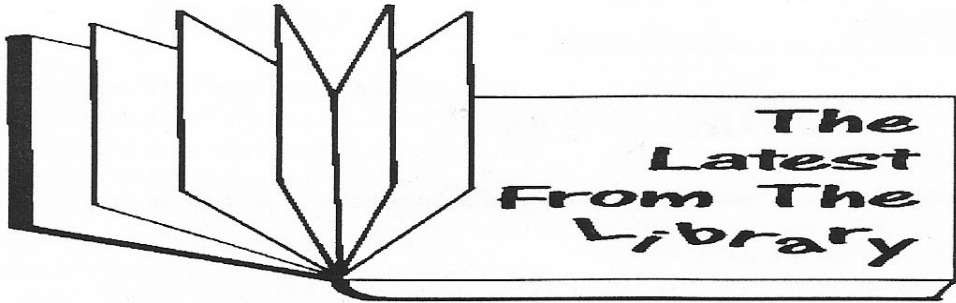
Reminder: Our Membership Chairperson, Tonya Rawie, is responsible for all member information. Tonya submits this information for the newsletter via e-mail which is then downloaded into the newsletter. She also provides the mailing labels for the newsletter. Any additions or corrections need to be sent directly to Tonya at the e-mail address provided on the back page of the newsletter or call her at the phone number listed so that she can keep the membership information current.

QUERIES

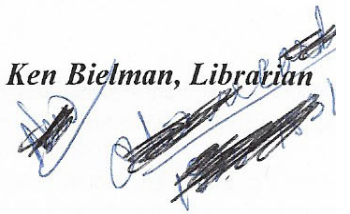
By Lee Gentemann and Janice Barclay

Lee Gentemann has changed internet providers and asks that all requests related to queries or research be sent to him at: rootsfinder@pioneer.net

We did not receive any new queries this summer.



Ken Bielman, Librarian



Number	Category	Author	Title
2246	OR	BCGS	<i>Benton County Cemetery Records with Jean Grube Additions, Vol. 1.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Black 3-ring binder.
2247	OR	BCGS	<i>Benton County Cemetery Records with Jean Grube Additions, Vol. 2.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Black 3-ring binder
2248	OR	BCGS	<i>Benton County Cemetery Records with Jean Grube Additions, Vol. 3.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Black 3-ring binder
2249	OR	BCGS	<i>Benton County Cemetery Records with Jean Grube Additions, Vol. 4.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Black 3-ring binder
2250	OR	BCGS	<i>Benton County Cemetery Records with Jean Grube Additions, Vol. 5.</i> Gift of Jean Grube. Black 3-ring binder
2251	IRE	Glazier	<i>Famine Immigrants. Irish Immigrants Arriving in New York, 1846-1851.</i> White paperback.
2252	TN	Garrett	<i>Obituaries from Tennessee Newspapers.</i> Green hardback.
2253	OR	GFO	Baker, Sherman, Umatilla County's Cemeteries. <i>"Yesterday's Roll Call."</i> Tan paperback.
2254	OR	GFO	<i>Coos & Curry County Cemeteries.</i> Gray paperback.
2255	OR	Lenzen	<i>Multnomah County, St. Mary's Cemetery.</i> Green paperback.
2256	IRE	eGrazia, et al	<i>Irish Relatives and Friends.</i> Green hardback.
2257	GA	Davis	<i>Research In Georgia.</i> White paperback.
2258	GA	Coulter	<i>Early Settlers In Georgia, A List Of.</i> Light blue paperback.
2259	KY	Ford	<i>ax Records, Early Kentucky.</i> Light blue paperback.
2260	GER	Yoder	<i>Rhineland Emigrants. German Settlers in Colonial America.</i> Green hardback.
2261	GER	Smith	<i>Early 19th Century German Settlers in Ohio.</i> Yellow paperback.

FORT HOSKINS HISTORIC PARK FALL TOUR FOR NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

Saturday, September 18, 2004 at 10:00 am

Program led by David Brauner, OSU Archaeologist

Civil War Re-enactors' Living History Encampment

Fort Hoskins is located 2 miles west of the Hoskins Road junction with Kings Valley Highway 223, off Highway 20, 12 miles northwest of Philomath. Program begins at the picnic shelter. Please bring your picnic lunch and enjoy the park. Visitors are asked to use the park entrance at 38150 Ft. Hoskins Rd.

Nomination of BCGS Officers

A nominating committee of three will be appointed at the September general meeting. We are seeking a new society President. All other officers are up for re-election.

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. Here is your opportunity to bring fresh ideas into the Society and to provide a service to BCGS as well. If you are interested in becoming President, contact Danell Aukerman or any member of the Board found on the back page of the newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Recently, I've had inquiries about the propriety of reprinting previously-published cartoons and other pieces in this newsletter. Apparently, some readers are concerned that we could be in violation of U.S. Copyright laws.

Since I'm a well-published freelance writer and desktop publisher, and have been for many years, I do keep up with the "intellectual property" laws. For those who are concerned, here is a synopsis of them with regard to reproduction of artwork, including cartoons, both from private artists as well as syndicated publications:

—As soon as text or artwork is printed or published, it is considered to be copyrighted. There is a "fair use" provision which extends specifically to use of the artwork in a limited way, such as with a non-profit organization that is not using the artwork in a commercial manner or offering it for sale. The OSBA fully qualifies as a nonprofit organization [*Added note: as does the Benton County Genealogical Society*] and, with a limited circulation of its newsletter, we would not be considered in violation. In other words, we are not selling our newsletter and/or making money on it. However, were we to be charging a fee per copy that included such artwork, or reproducing copyrighted artwork on T-shirts or other items and offering them for sale, we would be in deliberate violation.—

Anytime I borrow and/or reprint text from online articles or other publications, I provide an attribution as to its source, which is required by law.

I hope that this clarifies and puts to rest the concerns of our readers. Anyone wishing more information can find it easily on the Internet, using keywords such as United States Copyright Law [*Added note: <http://www.unc.edu/~uncclng/public-d.htm>*]. Be prepared, though, as it's very lengthy and complex stuff to wade through.

—Mary Moss

OSBA@verizon.com

"The Bee Line" May 2004

Benton County Historical Museum Art Exhibition

The Benton County Historical Museum presents contemporary art exhibits in the Moreland Auditorium Gallery on the second floor of the museum. The Museum is located in Philomath, Oregon, six miles west of Corvallis on Highway 20/34, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission is free.

August 27, 2004 - October 16, 2004

"Dyeing to Quilt" Annual Juried and Invitational Quilt Show

Every year, the Benton County Museum's annual juried and invitational quilt show explores a different theme. This year, quilters will create quilted masterpieces from hand or specialty dyed fabrics. Come and see the best of northwest quilt art in this exciting exhibition.

Mark Your Calendars

September 8-11, 2004—Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, "Legends Live Forever." Open to all Genealogists. Detailed booklet describing daily programs and a registration form is in the BCGS library. You may also register on-line at: www.fgs.org

October 1-2, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Bi-annual Statewide Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Salem, OR. (Open to all Genealogists).

October 30, 2004—Genealogical Forum of Oregon 2004 Fall Seminar, PGE Auditorium, 3700 SE 17th Ave., Portland.

PASSAGES

WE are saddened by the passing of one of our oldest BCGS members. Merthel joined BCGS in 1975 and was involved in the society for a number of years. She assisted Mabelle Martsching a lot and encouraged her to join the society in it's early days. At the time of her death she was working on personal genealogy notebooks about her family for her grandchildren. She has compiled stories, family group sheets, pictures and obits into two books 1) Underhill Hulbert McConnell and 2) Shearer. Contact Mabelle for info. about these families.

Merthel McConnell

January 17, 1910 - September 1, 2004

Merthel McConnell of Corvallis died Wednesday, September 1. She was 94.

She was born in Albany to Earl and Alice Shearer.

She married William Harvey McConnell Aug. 13, 1930 in Oakville.

She worked in the office of the Oregon State University Dean of Women for 20 years.

Nature and the outdoors were very important to her. She enjoyed hiking and loved wildflowers and birds.

She was active in the First Christian Church for over 60 years and belonged to a number of genealogical and national organizations.

Survivors include her son, William of Portland; daughter, Shirley of Hanford, Calif., six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William.

A celebration of her life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 at the First Christian Church. The Rev. John Evans will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First Christian Church Preschool Department or Benton Hospice Service.

The Sweet Home Genealogical

Society is selling a mini throw in an effort to purchase printer-copier-reader and/or a new copy machine. They have a very nice and colorful throw to offer to the public, one which many Sweet Home senior citizens can relate to or remember. The one exception will be the center picture of old Long Street which dates back prior to the turn of the century.

A brochure included with each mini throw identifies most of the people pictured and some information on each picture. You may purchase the throws at the Sweet Home Genealogical Society Library. One is on display in the window of the New Era Office as well as the Library.

For additional information contact the Sweet Home Genealogical Society, 1223 Kalmia Street, PO Box 279, Sweet Home, OR 97386, or call (541) 367-5034.

E-mail address: roots@centurytel.net

A copy of the mini-throw design will be posted in the BCGS Library.

CLASSES

Linn-Benton Community College Fall Term 2004

GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET

An introduction to many ways to locate genealogical information on the internet, including subscription lists, news servers, queries and databases. Practice strategies for conducting an effective search. **Prerequisite:** a beginning computer class or equivalent experience. **Pre-register** by Thursday prior to Monday class.

Course: 0.338

Sec: B01

CRN: 25417

Campus: Benton Center

Room: BC-206

Start Date: **Monday, OCT 4, 2004, 3:00p—4:50p**

Duration: **2 weeks**

Cost: \$20.00

Instructor: Aukerman, Danell

BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Learn how to trace your family roots! Construct the beginning of your family tree and build a notebook that will be the basis of your ongoing independent research. Field trips to the Family History Center and The Benton County Genealogical Society Library. Offered in cooperation with Benton County Genealogical Society.

Course: 0.338

CRN: 25418

Sec: B02

Campus: Benton Center

Room: BC-107

Start Dates/Times/Duration:

OCT 4, 2004, 10—11:50a, 4 wks.

OCT 18, 2004, 12—3:50p, 1 wk.

NOV 1, 2004, 12—3:50, 1 wk.

Cost: \$48.00

Instructor: Aukerman, Danell

The Golden Age Program for Oregon residents gives seniors 62+ a discount of 1/2 the cost of the class. This discount does not apply to materials or lab fees.

The Family History Library

in Salt Lake City, Utah is currently undergoing extensive remodeling. This includes the following: 1) Family Histories and Biographies have been relocated to the Library. 2) The Family Group Records Archive is now a film only collection. 3) Computer work stations have been added, along with the addition of a computer training area. 4) Additional patron research space has also been added. Please visit <www.familysearch.org> for detailed information.

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Genealogical Council of Oregon 2004 State Conference

"A Wealth Of Records & Resources"

The Genealogical Council of Oregon will hold its 2004 State Conference, on October 1-2, 2004 at the Red Lion Hotel, 3301 Market Street, Salem, Oregon 97301

- * Attend the largest statewide genealogical seminar featuring two days of outstanding classes.
- * Hear **Craig Scott, CGRS** and over a dozen other speakers.
- * Learn how to find information on your ancestors and to preserve it for the future.
- * Meet with other genealogists and share stories.
- * Visit the vendor area and find books and CDs to help you with your research.
- * Bonus: Conference registration includes luncheon and dinner.

A registration form and additional information can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orgco/Index.htm> or write to GCO, PO Box 2639, Salem, OR 97308-2639.

The Red Lion Hotel is conveniently located next to I-5 in Salem. Take the Market Street exit and go left. The Red Lion Hotel is on the right side of Market Street just past the intersection. Parking at the hotel is free.

Cost for both days (full registration) is \$105. Single day registration is \$55. See registration for meal information.

Contributed by Clara Hanley, Publicity for GCO

A copy of the registration form and schedule will be posted in the BCGS Library.

OREGON STATE ARCHIVES

800 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97310
(503) 373-0701 Open M-F, 8-12 & 1-5
Website: <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/>

The Archives' twenty-five thousand cubic feet of records includes Oregon provisional and territorial government records; military rosters and files; naturalization, probate, and trial-court proceedings; vital registrations; prison files; and tax rolls. For at-home Internet searching, almost 200,000 names are in their "Genealogical Name Locator" index.

OREGON STATE LIBRARY

250 Winter St., NE, Salem, OR 97301
(503) 378-4277 Open M-F, 10-5
Website: <http://www.osl.state.or.us/home/>

The Oregon State Library has served since 1848 as a major repository of historical and genealogical material on Oregon. The outline catalog contains citations to the books which include materials for most of the 50 states. Members of the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society staff the genealogical collection.

GFO Information

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is the main genealogical society in Oregon. It has some 20,000 books, a large microfilm collection, 50 CD-ROM databases, and an extensive periodicals collection. The focus of the library collection is on the Pacific Northwest states and those states in the Midwest, New England and the Atlantic South where many Oregon pioneers began their journey to Oregon country.

Location: The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is located at 1505 SE Gideon Street in Portland.

Information:

Visit their website at: www.gfo.org

Phone: (503) 963-1932

Cost: The cost for visitors to use the library for one day is \$5.

GFO Library Hours:

Sunday - 12 to 5 pm

Monday, Wednesday & Saturday - 9:30 am to 3 pm

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30 am to 9 pm

Friday - CLOSED

Excerpted from Scandi-Roots Newsletter, Vol. 14, Issue 1, Sept. 2004

Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.

Fall 2004 Genealogy Education Classes

Our continuing education opportunities for Fall 2004 at the Forum will include thirteen 2-hour classes with registration open to GFO members and the general public. Opportunities may include hands-on experience in a classroom setting. Class fees are \$15.00 per class or four classes for the price of three (\$45.00) or all thirteen classes for the \$150.00. With a limit of 30, registration for each class must be paid by the Saturday/Sunday prior to class. Sorry, no refunds. Taping or other recording of any of the classes is not allowed. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead to ensure we are open. So, bring a friend and spend a rainy afternoon learning some new techniques to aid you in your research.

Sunday, Sep 12	Computer Care 101 by Andy Davidson	1:00—3:00 pm
Sunday, Sep 19	In search of the Elusive Great-Grandmother: Tips for Using Heritage Quest On-Line Indexes by Larry Sullivan	1:00—3:00 pm
Saturday, Sep 25	Scanning More and More by Sam Butler	1:00—3:00 pm
Sunday, Sep 26	The Master Genealogist, Part 1 by Julie Kidd	12 noon—2:00 pm
Sunday, Sep 26	The Master Genealogist, Part 2 by Julie Kidd	2:30—4:30 pm
Sunday, Oct 10	Comparing Genealogy Programs by Marty Krauter	1:00—3:00 pm
Saturday, Oct 16	PDA's by Jan Robinson	1:00—3:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 17	Probate: A Will or Not by Pat Burling	1:00—3:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 24	Roots Magic, The Program: Basics and Beyond by Leslie Lawson	1:00—3:00 pm
Sunday, Nov 7	Want Your Own Website? By Kathy Cardoza	1:00—3:00 pm
Sunday, Nov 14	Courthouse Research by Gerry Lenzen	1:00—3:00 pm
Sunday, Nov 21	American Land Records by Gerry Lenzen	1:00—3:00 pm
Saturday, Dec 4	Genealogical Gift Giving by Cindy Webb	1:00—3:00 pm

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, 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 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.

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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:
27 September for the 9 October meeting. Cookies—Danell Aukerman
1 November for the 13 November meeting. Cookies—Teri Greene
29 November for the 11 December meeting. Cookies—Gene Newcomb

Membership Information

President	Danell Aukerman danellauk@comcast.net	745-2003
1st Vice Pres	Bill Gleaves gleavew@peak.org	738-8189
2nd Vice Pres	Margaret Hays	757-8633
Secretary	Leila Crawford leila@peak.org	929-5935
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb	929-5715
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Membership	Tonya Rawie Tonyamra@aol.com	812-1602
Newsletter Editor	Teri Greene mmteri@aol.com	929-6347
Publishing	Lee Gentemann rootsfinder@pioneer.net	

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!