



NewsLetter

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9 SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Show 'N' Tell What Genealogical Experience I had this summer. Impromptu reports by individuals—bring your experiences to share. An example would be Bill Gleaves reporting on how he found Gleaves' in Tennessee, Virginia, and perhaps England.

Great News!

Ann Shirado, of the Benton County Historical Museum, has notified Bill Gleaves that they are not going to tear down the Annex.

Come to our September meeting for an update and to hear about future plans.

BOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

Two members of our Book Committee have had to resign and we are seeking someone to take their places.

Our Book Committee meets as needed to discuss and recommend future book, CD's, and publication purchases.

If you are interested in serving on our Book Committee, please give Damaris Reynolds a call at 753-1810.

Get Well Wishes

Continued Get Well wishes are extended to Jean Grube, Lee Gentemann and Ed Stratton. We hope you are all feeling better soon.

Relatively Speaking

The law of relativity
Quite simply can be stated
The more horrible the relatives
The more closely they're related

By Harriet Cooper Reprinted from Gen Society of Central MO. 9/95

Book Looks By charlene talbot

The title of this book is *Names of Foreigners who took the Oath of Allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania 1727-1775, With the Foreign Arrivals, 1786-1808*. It is a reprint originally published in 1890, so it has obviously been considered important information for over a hundred years. It contains lists of arrivals for the years given, but the most interesting part to explore is the index, which is somewhat different. The names appear to be alphabetized only by the first two letters. Therefore "Mayer" comes before "Martin," so it would be well to look through all of the M's before deciding the name you are researching isn't there. Also, the spelling in the list itself isn't necessarily the same as is shown in the index.

The introduction to the index says: "The following Index has been prepared with a great deal of care. Owing to the wretched chirography [handwriting or penmanship] in the original--and worse spelling, those referring to the Index, will not find perchance every variety of orthography given in the lists of immigrants."

The introduction to the book says: "All males over sixteen years of age were obliged to take this oath and declaration, as soon after their arrival as possible—being marched to the Court House, although in a number of instances they were qualified at the official residence of the magistrate." It also gives the oath that immigrants were required to swear to. These were people coming from various countries in Europe, one assumes. Sometimes the names of wives and children are given, and sometimes the men's ages, if you are really lucky.

This is a special book for genealogists who had people who weren't English and who came to Pennsylvania before and just after the Revolution.

How to read the Handwriting and Records of Early America is a small how-to book which was among the two boxes of about twenty-four books donated to the Society this summer by Robert & Gerry Custer. According to the cover it appears to be by E. Kay Kirkham, but the title page does not give her name, only that it is the second edition, copyrighted in 1964, and published by Deseret Book Company. Anyhow, it contains some excellent examples of early

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handwriting and what the word or letter actually is in today's understanding. They make the book worthwhile reading. We were inspired to go back to the names of our great, great grandfather's second family around 1850. Someone who read the handwritten records listed one of the girls as Anzutine. She died and another daughter was named Anzutine. We have always wondered if these names weren't actually Angeline, but someone read it wrong, and the mistake has continued to be copied.

The examples of pages and samples of handwriting towards the end of the book are horrendous. The reader is glad that someone else *has* interpreted them.

This is an entertaining book to look through and the genealogist may well pick up a few unexpected hints.

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.

New Policy for Lookups for Corvallis Newspapers on our Benton County, Oregon, GenWeb Site

When someone reading through the Society's project of listing deaths, marriages, legals, and "other" as reported in the Corvallis newspapers from 1865 to 1925, and finds an item they are interested in, a copy of the item may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Benton County Museum, P.O. Box 35, Philomath, OR 97370. In addition, a donation will be gratefully accepted. For newspaper items after 1925, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and one dollar should be sent to the Corvallis Main Library, 645 NW Monroe, Corvallis, OR 97330.

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.

Upcoming Programs

- 14 October 2006 - ? Creative Memories - Stacey Wiedenmann - Products, how to preserve photos, prepare notebooks, and written memories. Stacey's Web Site: www.myconsite.com/StaceyWiedenmann
- 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)

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

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Upcoming Genealogical Events

October 4 - 8, 2006 - Portland, OR. The Association of Personal Historians Annual Conference. For details, visit their web site at: <http://www.personalhistorians.org/>

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

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", "Midwesters 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@infouga.org or visit their website at: www.infouga.org

LDS LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m.— 4 p.m. AND Tuesday evenings from 7—9:30 p.m.

HUMOR

IF ALL OUR LUKEWARM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS would fire up, and **ALL THE SLEEPING MEMBERS** would wake up, **ALL THE DEPRESSED MEMBERS** would cheer up, **ALL THE ESTRANGED MEMBERS** would make up, and **ALL THE AGITATORS** would dry up, what a wonderful organization we would have! **AND**—if every member would **RECRUIT JUST ONE** new member, we'd double in size! —**THINK ABOUT IT.**

— adapted from the Texas Co., MO Gen. Newsletter by The STALKER,
Newsletter of the Madison County, IL Genealogy Society.

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HOW BURNS WAS NAMED

Peter Stenger was one of the outstanding characters of the community. George McGowan, a storeowner, had purchased the side of a saloon, which carried staple merchandise for stockmen and cowboys of the county, built up his business by stocking enough merchandise to take care of the settlers in the community. It would take up to 8 weeks for items to arrive from the freight station. McGowan accepted Stenger as a partner. Since Stenger was a prominent rancher and took pride in the new improvements, it was suggested that the place be named for him. McGowan thought people might think "Stenger", the town where they got stung. "McGowan" was also suggested, but had several objections. So, McGowan suggested "Burns" for the immortal Scottish poet, Robert Burns. No objections were made so a petition was submitted and approved by the authorities in Washington and the name "Burns" has remained thus far.

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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:

- 2 October for the 14 October meeting. Cookies—Gene Newcomb
- 30 October for the 11 November meeting. Cookies—Ken Bielman
- 27 November for the 9 December meeting. Cookies—Bill Gleaves

Membership Information

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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: 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!