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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and concern for the health and well-being of everyone in the Bend community, **all in-person classes and programs are canceled and the library is closed.**

We are available via phone or email: Info@BendGenealogy.org .

Expanding My Family Group Research Beyond the Basics

By Brad Lemmon

After I began researching in 2018, I came across a Family Group Sheet in the BGS Library. Beside parental information, the sheet contained space for each child's name, when/where each child was born, when/where each child died, and who/when each child married. That sheet became the template for what I kept track of (electronically) for each of my direct ancestors' siblings. Just those 7 things—nothing more, nothing less.

Earlier this year I decided it was time to start finding at least two other things for each sibling: 1) all census records after 1840, and 2) all newspaper articles. If any other records popped up while doing FamilySearch or Ancestry queries, such as, death certificates, I kept them too. I haven't looked for things that take a lot of time, such as deeds, wills, or military records. As a summary, for each family group, I created a spreadsheet like the one shown below for Fredrick Arnold and Anna Dorothea Kretz's family.

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Frederick Arnold and Anna Dorothea Kretz's family. (sometimes spelled Gretz)

- Anna Dorothea probably married 3 times; once in Germany, 2) Frederick Arnold, 3) Peter Lesch after Frederick died.
- The male spouse or a single woman's occupation is listed.
- Can't find anything about Margaret after the 1860 census.
- At home means living with parent(s)
- Gray means the person wasn't alive.

	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910	Columns for 1920 to 1940 are not shown
Frederick (1826-1867) and Anna Dorothea (1822-1874)	Lancaster, PA. laborer	Lancaster, PA. Anna living with Peter Lesch, 3rd spouse, laborer				
Margaret (1849-?)	at home	?	?	?	?	
Frederick (1854-1904) m. Anna ?, ~1873, m. Jennie ?, ~1891	at home	at home	123 Low St, Lancaster, PA. cabinet maker	464 Plum St, Lancaster, PA. carpenter		
Elizabeth (1856-1911) m. Amos Beaner, ~1873	at home	at home	Strasburg TS, PA. laborer	853 N. Queen St, Lancaster, PA. day laborer	853 N. Queen St Lancaster, PA. cooper	
Annie Mary (1858-1938) m. John St. Clair, bef. 1880 (deserted/divorced) m. Jacob J. Kurtz, 1888	at home	at home	226 Mifflin St, Lancaster, PA. cotton mill, boarder-living by herself	119 Laurel St, Lancaster, PA. saddler	436 W. Walnut Lancaster, PA. street car motorman	
John Ernest (1860-1908) m. Louisa Betz, ~1880		at home	522? Rockland St, Lancaster, PA, butcher helper	324 Green St, Lancaster, PA. day laborer		
Louise (1864-1942) m. William H. Langdon, 1882		at home	living with brother Frederick	1409 Sanderson Ave Scranton, PA, iron roller	1418 Penn Ave Scranton, PA. iron roller	

During Sandy's newspaper class, she taught us to search using spelling errors, common typos, and typical Optical Character Reader mistakes, but it is hard to think of all the ways humans and computers can mess up. By looking for newspaper articles about siblings, I have found direct ancestor newspaper articles that I hadn't found before. Reading more newspaper articles leads to a greater understanding of the entire family. That is a good thing in itself, but it also increases the likelihood of being able to track down other elusive documents.

The Lemmon family has a tradition of reunions going back to 1905. My grandparents Paul and Leta Lemmon held a family reunion for their descendants every year from 1959–2010. In 2005, my father and his cousin Louise decided to initiate a Pennsylvania reunion for all descendants of my great-grandparents Samuel and Alice Lemmon. That reunion still happens every July. Sadly, I've never attended (and ever since I started doing genealogy, I've been really mad at myself for not going in 2005-2007 when I lived back east). But, this year, I mailed back a package of family group spreadsheets, newspaper articles, and Google Maps Street View photos

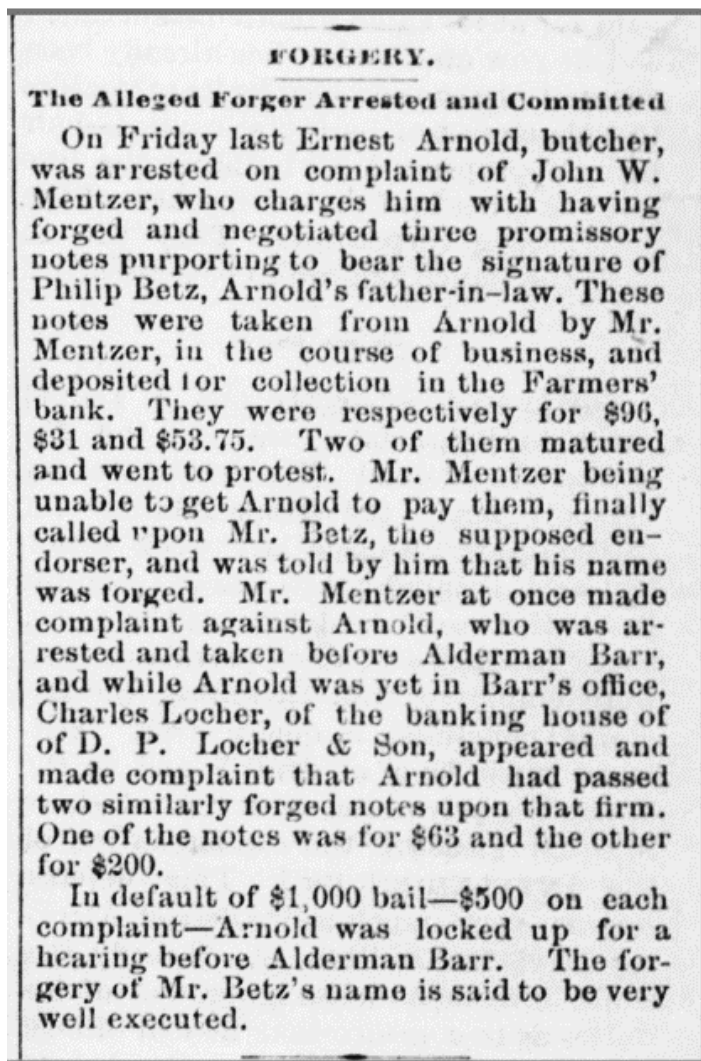
of old houses. Some of the reunion attendees loved the information because it was all new to them. Of course, my father's cousin, who tells it like it is, said, "some of the people didn't even look at your things!"

During COVID, I created an email group for my mother's eight living maternal cousins. I have been sending family group spreadsheets and newspaper articles to them, too, and it has really helped get conversations going—especially articles about criminals/scoundrels in the family. The discussions got one of my mother's cousins motivated enough to dig up three different handwritten versions of my great-grandmother's will that no one had seen in about 70 years—priceless, of course.

Criminal/scoundrel articles also seem to lead to the most spirited dinner conversations with my wife and children too. Here is one about my great-great-grand-uncle Ernest Arnold that we discussed recently. I've still got a lot of family groups to research—I think it's worth the effort—give it a try, if you haven't already.

—Brad

*Lancaster Intelligencer (Lancaster, PA),
Wednesday, 30 Nov 1881, p. 5, col. 8.
[download 13 Aug 2021:Newspapers.com]*



A Note from your BGS Newsletter editor: This month's featured article is by a BGS member who volunteered to contribute to the newsletter—something we need to happen more often. We like to hear from our members—about family histories, genealogical searching experiences, or personal remembrances stories. We welcome articles about anything you would like to share. Email: Info@BendGenealogy.org

The New BGS Website Has Launched

It's Live Now at: BendGenealogy.org

This banner is still on the Home page of the new BGS website:

Until Further Notice

Due to concern for the health & well-being of our members, volunteers, friends & the community during the pandemic, all in-person programs are canceled and the BGS Library is closed. All of our programs & workshops are now on Zoom.

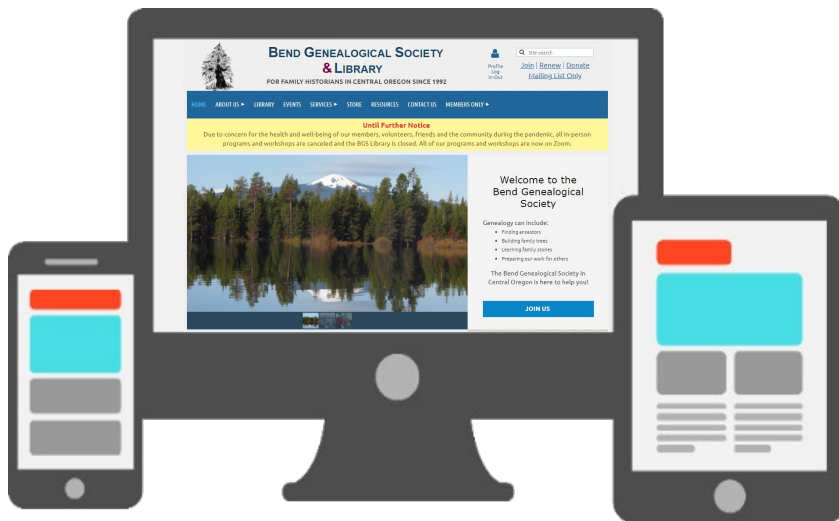
The BGS Leadership Council is monitoring COVID in Deschutes County, and will add in-person and/or hybrid meeting options when it seems safe for all age groups in Williamson Hall. For now, we will stay Zoom-only.

After months of planning and work, the new BGS website is up and running.

HOORAY!

The site will resize itself to display on a variety of devices. Some features are:

- **Event calendar** where you can register for programs, classes and workshops.
- If the event is on Zoom, once registered, you will be emailed the Zoom link to the meeting and reminders before it occurs.
- **Join, renew or donate** with your credit card. Members can check their expiration date in their Profile when logged in.
- **Library news** will be on the site. We're hoping to open the Library by appointment at the end of October or the beginning of November. **NOTE** → Members can check out books from our Library.
- **Members-only section** will soon include recorded videos of past meetings. We're just getting recordings set up. They're not there yet, but are coming. Now that the site is up and running, we will continue to add features and improve the site.



Website Suggestions are Welcome – Help Using the Website is Available

- Building a website is a big undertaking. If you find typos or have suggestions to improve pages, don't hesitate to let us know what needs a fix. Email: Info@BendGenealogy.org
- If you are having any problems logging into the site and accessing your Profile to check your renewal status, please let us know. We can help. Email: Info@BendGenealogy.org
 - There was one glitch in the launch. Several memberships expired on Oct. 1 or Oct. 6. Since we launched the site so close to Oct. 1, the renewal period was not reported correctly to you. Some emails had the renewal period extended, for example, to Oct. 1, 2021, instead of Oct. 1, 2022. This was an error that will not happen again.
 - Rest assured, when payment is received, we are manually checking the date of every renewal, and correcting dates as needed. If you have not renewed, we have a 30-day grace period, so no one is losing membership benefits right away. *We look forward to having your help to rebuild BGS!*

I Have a Civil War Ancestor... Now What?

Third Tuesday – October 19 – 10:00 am (PT) – BGS Zoom Meeting (free)

Presentation by Brian Rhinehart, National Archives Researcher



Brian Rhinehart is a professional genealogical researcher, who specializes in Civil War and War of 1812 research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Civil War soldiers often left a rich genealogical paper trail. Many of these records are tucked away at the National Archives in Washington DC. Learn what records are available for your ancestors only at the National Archives, what records are online already, and how to access all of them. These records may unlock some of the family stories that have been forgotten over time, as well as break down a brick wall or two. There will be question and answer time at the end.

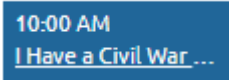


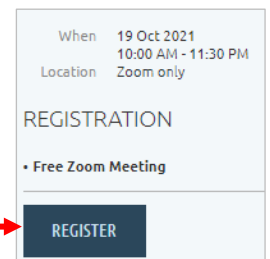
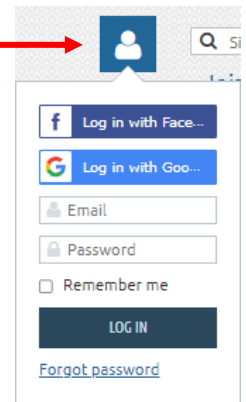
Brian was a Zoom presenter for BGS at the Third Tuesday meeting in January 2020, when he talked about War of 1812 records. It was one of the best Zoom presentations last year. Brian uses many interesting examples of records he has found at the National Archives. We will all learn a lot from Brian.

Check out Brian's website at: <https://civilwarrecords.com/> His blog has many example records.

Registration Required at the BGS Website to Obtain Zoom Link

Registration Procedure Using the new BGS Website

1. Go to the BGS website: <https://bendgenealogy.org/>
2. Open the log-in screen by clicking the Profile icon at the top of the page, and enter your email and password to log-in.
3. If you are a BGS member and have not logged in before and need some help, please email: Info@BendGenealogy.org. We can help.
4. On the toolbar at the top of the page, click on Events, or click this link to go to the Events page: <https://bendgenealogy.org/events>
5. See the event on October 19, click the blue button  Event Detail page opens. Click the Register button.
6. After you have registered, you will receive an email with the Zoom link to join the meeting and reminder emails before Oct. 19 with the Zoom link again, in case you lose track of it.
7. If you are not a BGS member, sign up for the Mailing List Only subscription (it's free). Log-into the website with your email and temporary password that you'll receive via email. Then, when logged-in, register for Brian's presentation as above.
8. HINT: If you're uncertain that you already registered, go to the Event details page. You will see a message that you registered, if you did.



We look forward to seeing you on October 19!

BGS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Coming up in November

Push and Pull: The Reasons for Migration

Third Tuesday – November 16 – 10:00 am (PT) – BGS Zoom Meeting (free)

Presentation by George G. Morgan of the Genealogy Guys podcast



Join George G. Morgan, one of the Genealogy Guys, for this fascinating presentation. The earliest humans, from the earliest times, have migrated from place to place seeking survival and sustenance. Our more recent ancestors also moved around for the same and other purposes. What made *your* ancestors leave their homes and move hundreds or thousands of miles? What drew them to a specific place to settle?

George examines some of the reasons why it is important to become a student of history, geography, and sociology in order to understand and trace your ancestors' movements.

Workshops and Interest Groups

BGS is still planning the Workshops and Interest Groups to offer this year. If you have a suggestion for a special group, or would like to facilitate one, which meets only one time or several times, please email us: Info@BendGenealogy.org.

The Irish Group and German Group are in the works, as well as probably DNA workshops and specific Genealogy Program Software classes, such as Roots Magic. Are you interested in any of these topics? Drop us an email: Info@BendGenealogy.org.

TIDBITS FROM THE WEB

FamilySearch reached a phenomenal milestone in its history on 21 Sep 2021, which is 30 years ahead of the 50-year prediction made when the project started in 1998. What is this milestone? FamilySearch has completed digitization of its massive microfilm collection of more than 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. Over 200 countries and more than 100 languages are represented in the archive containing information on more than 11.5 billion individuals. All digitized microfilms are freely available at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).



They have NOT all been indexed yet, but you can find wonderful sets of records in the FamilySearch catalog and search through the scans manually. I have made fantastic finds in unindexed digitized films! Be sure to look for possible index rolls for a dataset that can point you to page numbers for individual records, or look for indexes at the beginning or end of rolls. If indexes do not exist, check how the digitized rolls are organized before manually searching record by record, e.g., is it in date order? Search for what's available in the [FamilySearch Catalog](https://www.familysearch.org/catalog). Try searching the [FamilySearch Digital Library](https://www.familysearch.org/digital-library) of books, too.

The Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City is open. The [Library website](https://www.familysearch.org) has lots of information for visitors, from open hours to what to expect. If you plan to visit, search the catalog first for digitized microfilms you're interested in. The contractual agreement for some records is limited to view-only at the FHL. Make those films a priority to view when you visit. During the long COVID closure, the library renovated much of its space and updated equipment. [Click here](#) for a news article about some of the improvements that were made.

MORE TIDBITS FROM THE WEB



Genealogical Forum of Oregon's next FREE ZOOM **GenTalk** is Saturday, October 16 at 2:30 pm (PDT) and features Karen Zukor, a paper conservator, whose presentation is titled “**Caring for Your Documents and Photos: Better Now than Never.**” Registration required: [GFO GenTalks](#). And check out the November GenTalk. Scroll down the page below the October offering.

GFO Virtual Fall Seminar is October 30 and 31. There will be 6 sessions over the 2 days, presented by Cari Taplin, C.G. and Melissa Barker, “The Archive Lady.” The Seminar theme is “Out of the House & On the Road: In-person Research.” There are separate fees for one day or both days. [Link to Fall Seminar information](#).

Finding Your Ancestors' Cattle Brand Registrations. Maybe your grandparents had a cattle ranch. It would be fun to learn about the brands and marks that they registered. This short article in FamilyTree Magazine has links to some resources, where you might get lucky and gives you other ideas of where to look in your state. [Click here to read the FREE article](#).



Legacy Family Tree Webinars has updated its [website](#). It has a new look, but still has 3 or 4 new webinars every week that are FREE on the day of the live broadcast and for 1 week afterwards in the Archive. During the live broadcasts, a discount code for a membership is usually given. “Context: A Powerful Tool for Problem Solving” by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, sounds good and is coming up on Friday, Oct. 8, at 8 am (PDT)—[Link to registration](#). Remember, it will be FREE in the archive for 1 week after Oct. 8.

Most French Canadians are Descended from 800 Women Known as the Filles du Roi. If you have French-Canadian ancestors, it's likely you have one, two or more Filles du Roi (King's daughters) in your family tree. Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter [posted a lengthy article about the practice on 5 May 2021](#) that gives you an overview of the program that operated between 1663 and 1673. There are links to more resources in the article including [an alphabetical list of all the known Filles du Roi](#).

Gravestone missing for almost 150 years was being used as a marble slab to make fudge. This CNN report tells [the story of a marble headstone](#) in Michigan. Read the article and find out if the gravestone was returned to its rightful home.

Genealogist's Guide to Calorie Burning

Handy Guide to calorie-burning activities and the number of calories this activity consumes per hour

Jumping to conclusions.....	100	Dragging your feet	100
Adding fuel to the fire.....	150	Passing the buck.....	25
Wading through paperwork.....	300	Eating crow	225
Beating around the bush.....	75	Jumping on the band wagon.....	350
Swallowing your pride	50	Running in circles.....	200
Climbing the walls.....	150	Pushing your luck	250
Bending over backwards.....	75	Opening a can of worms	50
Hitting the nail on the head.....	50	Tooting your own horn	25
Making mountains out of molehills	500	Throwing your weight around.....	50-300 (depending on your weight)

Found by Linda Martin in a 1998 Jefferson Co. Gen. Society Newsletter (Mt. Vernon, IL)

BGS FUNDRAISERS

Help support your Bend Genealogical Society when you shop!

From 1 Jun to 30 Sep 2021, BGS earned **\$40.07** from the fundraisers below.

Let's see if we can top \$200 this year!



Earn a donation for BGS from **Fred Meyer** every time you shop and they scan your Rewards card. Go online and link your Rewards card to Bend Genealogical Society in your **Fred Meyer Rewards** account. Once linked, you should see BGS at the bottom of your receipts. The donation does not affect the rewards that you earn. Link your card to BGS at: [Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#)



Shopping through **AmazonSmile** is exactly the same as shopping on the Amazon site. The added bonus is that Amazon donates 0.5% of qualified purchases to a charity of your choice. Please choose Bend Genealogical Society. Use your Amazon login and password at [AmazonSmile](#). You can change your charity of choice any time in AmazonSmile in the Your Account drop-down menu once logged in.



GoodShop offers online shopping coupons and special discounts for 1,000s of retailers on the web. Your favorite store is likely apart of **GoodShop**. Every time you shop at a store of your choice using **GoodShop**, you get a special deal and BGS receives a donation. **GoodSearch** makes a donation for every internet search (Yahoo). Register at: [GoodShop](#) & adopt Bend Genealogical Society as your cause.

Bend Genealogical Society Financial Status

Year-to-date 21-22 FY (as of 15 Sep 2021)
Total Membership 79

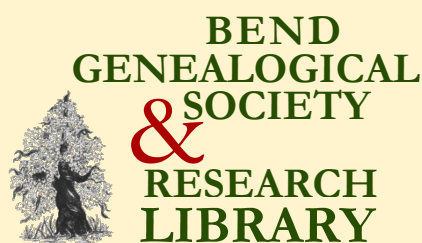
Total Cash Assets	\$ 25,028.39
*Dues Income (15 new or renewals)	\$ 290.00
Other Income	\$ 272.37
YTD Total Income	\$ 562.37
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 1,125.52

*Prior to launch of new website

BGS Leadership Council

President: Gary Putnam	VP: Vacant
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We want to help you

JOIN THE FUN TODAY!

Your membership year now runs for one year from the time you join or renew and is no longer tied to the BGS fiscal year.

[Open the paper membership application](#)

Or go to the BGS website and Join online:

<https://bendgenealogy.org/>



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