

# Benton County Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER



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## News from President George

Hello all, I hope you are well and had a wonderful Christmas. Now we prepare for the new year that has got to be better for all of us. Got your booster shot? If not, consider getting it asap. We will wait and see how the COVID situation is going and hope to decide soon on resuming our monthly meetings in February.

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THE BEST LOVED  
STORIES ARE NOT  
FROM BOOKS  
OR FILMS  
BUT  
THOSE FROM OUR  
OWN FAMILIES

*Jayne McGarvey Genealogy*

Let's start the New Year with determination to let go of Covid cobwebs in our brains. Instead let's show that nasty virus that we're made of resilience. Even though we won't be able to get together for a month or two, we can encourage our friends to do some genealogy for themselves, no matter how small.

I hope that you'll send me something to share for February that you've done, found, wrote, baked, gave to someone in your family, thought about but not started yet. [vanlaere@proaxis.com](mailto:vanlaere@proaxis.com)

Here's a quick story of finding something I wasn't looking for but had been wanting to find. I started looking for some Christmas ornaments the other day and couldn't find what I wanted. Looking down to the bottom shelf, I saw a box I hadn't looked in for a long time. Inside were a few items of our son's. I had been wanting to find something special for his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on Christmas Day and there it was, a small-scale, wonderfully detailed, metal 1931 Rolls Royce that his uncle Johnny gave him years ago. The 50<sup>th</sup> year guy is in for a surprise! Shared by Sue Van Laere

# Looking for a Happy Pick Up ?

The 1950 census will be available in April 2022! Some of us will see our names in the census for the first time. The Federal Government's website for the census has a trove of interesting information. On the main page is a short overview of the 1950 census. In a side bar you'll find an overview of every census from 1790 to 2010 and other places to go to get more information.

[https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/overview/1950.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1950.html)

## Good Ideas to Start Off a New Genealogy Year

- Make a research plan for the year
- Organize unfinished research items
- Review previous work to get new insights
- Read a history of one of your ancestor's towns or counties
- Organize your digital photos from the previous year
- Take an online genealogy class

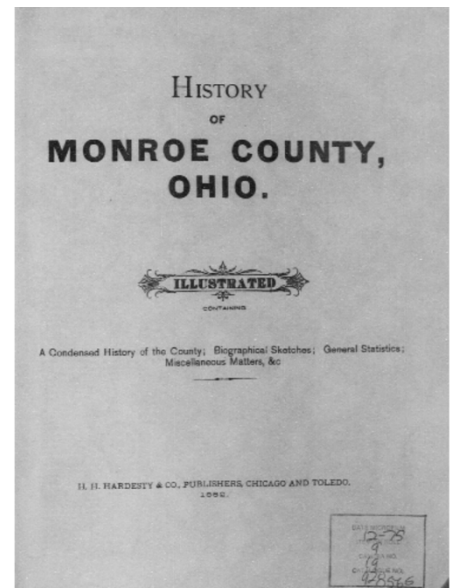
[ancestralfindings.com/10-must-do-genealogy-projects-for-january](https://ancestralfindings.com/10-must-do-genealogy-projects-for-january)



The Manatee County, Florida Genealogical Society is offering a virtual seminar on January 29, 2022. Non-members are invited to attend the Zoom seminar. Four professional genealogists will speak about **finding your elusive ancestors**.

If you are interested, go to the website [mgsfl.org/index.php](https://mgsfl.org/index.php)

The cost for non-members is \$50.00. Seminar is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST



Example of County History

**SEASON THREE OF LEGACY LIST WITH MATT PAXTON PREMIERES ON PBS IN JANUARY 2022**



Season three of the Emmy-nominated series **LEGACY LIST WITH MATT PAXTON** returns in January 2022 with eight new one-hour episodes featuring families from across the country who are ready to downsize. Each episode follows one family's emotional journey as Matt and his team of experts — Jaime Ebanks, Avi Hopkins and Mike Kelleher — help them sort through a house full of memories. As a first step, Matt asks families to create a "legacy list" of essential, must-have items that are missing or about which they'd like to learn more. Through heartfelt conversations with the families, Matt uncovers the story behind each item, spotlighting America's rich and diverse legacy, one house and one family at a time.

<https://vpm.org/articles/26533/season-three-of-legacy-list-with-matt-paxton-premieres-on-pbs-in-january-2022>

Shared by Nancy DeBoie

**Old Names for Occupations**

Take a guess of what kind of work you would have been doing if you had one of these names. Then go to page 5 to see what they are. Maybe one of your ancestors actually did find him/herself working as a Vulcan!

List from former member Dan Burrows.

**Boniface**

**Chiffonnier**

**Pettifogger**

**Yoeman**

**Webster**

**Tipstaff**

**Lardner**

**Maltster**

**Wainwright**

**Puddler**

**Cohen**

**Vulcan**

## New Additions to Our Library

Number	Category	Author	Name	Donation
4301	REF	E. Wade Hone	Land and Property Research in the United States	Deloras Martin
4302	FH-REY	Marion H. Reynolds	Robert and Mary REYNOLDS of Boston and the HYATT Family of Princeton, N.J.	Gretchen Reynolds Morris
4303	HT	Judy Jacobson	History for Genealogists: Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors	In Memory of Gene Newcomb
4304	FH-DAV	Edward and David Davis	Our DAVIS Pioneer Ancestors	
4305	NEW ENG	Charles Knowles Bolton	Marriage Notices: 1785-1794	Nancy DeBoie
4306	OR-Lincoln	Carson and Stevens	The Valley Called Home (Yachats)	
4307	FH-STEP	Henry P. Scaf	The STEPP/STAPP Families of America	
4308	FH-STEP	William W. Stepp	The STEPP Family Chronicles	
4309	OR-Benton	Senior Volunteer Program	Remember When	Karen Sanford
4310	OR-Benton	Corvallis H.S. Annual	Chintimini 1912	Ann E. Simpson
4311	OR-Benton	Corvallis H.S. Annual	Chintimini 1912	Ann E. Simpson
4312	OR-Benton		Corvallis High School of 1928 Reunion	
4313	HT	Devon Lee & Andrew Lee	A Recipe for Writing Family History	Nancy DeBoie
4314	OR-Benton	Corvallis School Dist. 509J	A History of Corvallis High School	Nancy Deboie

**Thank you to all who donated books in the last two years. From the beginning of Benton County Genealogical Society in 1971, the majority of our collection has come from the generosity of our members. So, we salute not only our current members but all those who came before us.**

### Library Access during COVID

We are creating opportunities for use of the Benton County Genealogical Society library beginning in January 2022.

#### Options for Access:

**Visit when open.** The library will be **open once a month** on the second Saturday beginning in January. The hours will be from 1-3 p. m. [January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, etc.]

**Make an appointment.** Contact Lois Courtney ([loiscourtney@cmug.com](mailto:loiscourtney@cmug.com) or cell 541 -760 – 0405.) Let us know how many of you will come and how much time you might need. Hours for appointments are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**Request a book to pick-up.** Select a book from our online inventory (<http://www.bcs-oregon.org/library/library-shelf-list>) **Contact Lois Courtney** (email [loiscourtney@cmug.com](mailto:loiscourtney@cmug.com) or cell 541 – 760 – 0405) with your request and plan to pick it up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month between 1 and 3 p.m. If the book is not available we will notify you.

For an in-person visit please confirm your vaccination status and **plan to wear a mask inside the library.** We will have masks available if you don't have one.

Hopefully, you will understand and be respectful of our COVID protocols, so that everyone, patrons and volunteer librarians, can be safe in the library.

### Answers

**Boniface** - Inn Keeper

**Lardner** - Cupboard keeper

**Chiffonnier** - Wig maker

**Maltster**- Brewer

**Pettifogger** Shyster lawyer

**Wainwright** – Wagon maker

**Yoeman** – Farmer who owns his land

**Puddler** – Wrought iron worker

**Webster** – Loom operator

**Cohen** - Priest

**Tipstaff** - Policeman

**Vulcan** - Blacksmith

My great-great grandfather Alois Meyer worked as a brewer possibly from when he returned from the Civil War to approximately 1874 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was listed in the 1870 census as a brewer, single, and living in what was probably a boarding house. Nearly every renter was a brewer. He probably worked for Joseph Schlitz of Schlitz Brewing as he is listed in the same household in Milwaukee. Many of the men on the census page, including my ancestor, were from Bavaria in Germany.

“A maltster was someone who brewed beer or prepared malt for brewing purposes.”

merriam-webster.com **Shared by Sue Van Laere**

## Help Needed When We Come Together Again

*If we all do a little, no one has to do a lot*

There are a number of open positions that will be needed soon. Here's an opportunity to help our Society rebound from the difficult two years we've endured. We can do it with your help! No position is set in stone. You can make it work for you OR you and a co-member.

### List of open positions and major responsibilities

#### **Membership:**

Greet people and collect names at the monthly meeting. Keep track of new members.

#### **Historian:**

Insert newsletter, obituaries, pictures, special events into the society notebook.

#### **Library Chair:**

Accession and de-accession materials, attend board meetings, oversee projects, write a short article each month for the newsletter.

#### **Society Photographer:**

Take photos at events, especially of swearing-in of officers and speakers, send photos to newsletter editor and society historian.

#### **Programs Committee (need two to three volunteers):**

Select, arrange for, organize, and execute programs for general meetings.

**Contact President George at [bcgisor@gmail.com](mailto:bcgisor@gmail.com) and he will direct you to the right person for information about the position you're interested in. Thanks for doing your part!**

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#### Appointed Positions

Membership: OPEN

Librarian: OPEN

Programs: OPEN

Historian: OPEN

Photographer: OPEN

Audit: Connie Patterson

Refreshments: Pegge Gee

Host: Kathryn Moss

Research: Lois Courtney

Book Sales: Maridee Symons

Website: George Davidson

Facebook: OPEN

Publicity: Lois Courtney

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**THANK YOU, ONE  
AND ALL**