

News from President George

Hello everyone, welcome to February – 2022. May the new year be a rewarding year for you as we watch the days grow longer and we hope Covid finally ends.

A booster vaccine is a good idea for those who have gotten their initial vaccines.

Go to <https://www.covidtests.gov> to order FREE-at home Covid tests. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-10 days.

We will wait and see how the Covid situation is before we decide on renewing our monthly group membership meetings in March.

Take care and be safe and healthy.

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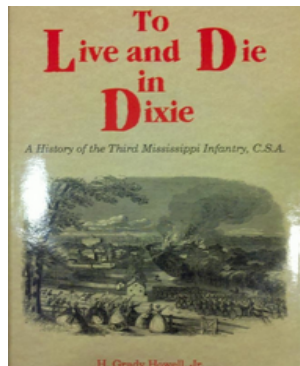
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New Book!



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From the book cover:

True history of a war is written by the privates, not by the generals, and though Pvt. Clay Sharkey of the Third said in later years, "We were making history then, not writing it," they were recording it in letters to their families.

The letters are often routine, telling of camp life and battles, discussing politics and situations at home, expressing the soldiers' hopes and fears....mostly their anxieties were for the safety and well-being of their loved ones. Despite their weariness of war, an optimistic thread is woven throughout that their sacrifices would eventually culminate in Southern independence; they kept the faith.

To Live and Die in Dixie : In Civil War section in open closet

book number 4315

How to Use the BCGS Library

<u>Downstairs</u> Categories	Color dots on books	Location	How shelved	How shelved
United States	Blue	South-West-North - Partial East wall	States are in alphabetical order	“Oregon” on West wall, Counties on North wall
Family History	Yellow	Partial East wall - Book Cabinet on right-partial Open Closet	Family history in alphabetical order of first 3 letters of family name	
How-to	Red	On Rolling Cart	Numerical	
Military	Yellow	In Open Closet	Numerical	
Civil War	Yellow	In Open Closet	Numerical	
Revolutionary War	Yellow	In Open Closet	Numerical	
Reference	Red	In Open Closet	Numerical	
<u>Upstairs</u> Categories				
Maps	Green	North Wall	Numerical	
Other Countries	Blue	North wall	Numerical	
Other Categories	Blue	West wall ?	Numerical	

Before you go to the library, it's helpful to go to our website: bcgs-oregon.org to take a look at the categories in the collection and what is in each category. Click on Library and then Library Shelf List. There are lots of interesting subjects to choose.

The Shelf List is in alphabetical order.

When you're in the library, there is a volunteer librarian who would be glad to help you.



[pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)

READ A BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY!

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 8th, February 12th, etc.]

Make an appointment. Contact Lois Courtney (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.

Request a book to pick-up. Select a book from our online inventory (<http://www.bcgs-oregon.org/library/library-shelf-list>) **Contact Lois Courtney** (email loiscourtney@cmug.com or cell 541 – 760 – 0405) with your request and plan to pick it up on the 2nd 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.

By the Way-How Did Our Book Collection Get Started?

Since we're celebrating 50 Years of Benton County Genealogical Society's existence, it's nice to find out how our book shelves became full.

[from the 25th year history of BCGS written by Virginia Hoeye in 1996.]

"The Mid-Valley Genealogical Society bought books.* They owned none when they organized. By December 1972, the group purchased and donated four books, while the Library acquired an additional eight. A dozen more publications were donated to the collection that year. Acquisition of books increased so that in 1974 Susan Taylor's report showed 209 genealogical books on the shelves and 13 periodicals in the Library. In May 1986, 297 genealogical books and periodicals were listed in the Society's Library Catalog Card List. The 1990 book list numbered 411, and the September 1995 shelf list tallied 1322."

***Mid-Valley Genealogical Society was BCGS's first name It was begun by a group of people from several counties.**

Today we have around 3000 books, many of which are not online. There's nothing better than a book in your hand filled with information you have been seeking!

Calling All Genealogists and Your Ancestors!

How many of us have ancestors who were in the Civil War,- Union or Confederate? If you have someone, please share what you know: maybe a photo, letters, or even just a name and where they lived.

I found several of my Kentucky Winkler ancestors on Ancestry: "1890 Veterans Schedules of the U.S. Federal Census." Corporal Lewis M. Winkler was the son of my second great grandfather, Andrew Jackson Winkler. He was discharged because of "disease of lungs."

The other ancestor, Private Bethel Winkler, was the son of my third great-grandfather Lewis Davis Winkler. There are a few more that I am still working on.

The information on this Schedule is: **name, rank, company, regiment, date of enlistment, date of discharge, length of service and sometimes why they were discharged.**

In Family Search: I could only find "United States Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890." I found Bethel but not Lewis M. in this Schedule.

If anyone knows more about Family Search and the Civil War, I hope you'll let me know and we can post it in this newsletter. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and anything you might know about your Civil War ancestors.

Shared by Sue Van Laere

Some Books in the library about the Civil War in Oregon

In Oregon section

#2448 Oregon Soldiers During the Civil War

In OR-Benton section

#4280 Civil War Burials: Benton County

In CW (Civil War)

#3070 Hidden History of Civil War Oregon

#4246 The Civil War: A Visual History



To All Benton County Genealogical Society Members.

2021 marked the 50th anniversary of our society. Please help celebrate this once in a lifetime experience by writing about a special memory of BCGS.

Write your Memory

I am hoping you will all join our members who have already written a paragraph and write your special memory paragraph. It does not have to be long, just a few sentences about something you remember about BCGS. Write about something helpful, humorous or serious or write about what inspired you to join BCGS. What do you enjoy the most about being a member of BCGS?

Memories section in the 50th Notebook

An early founding member wrote a history of the society's first 25 years and it inspired me to continue the tradition by putting together a notebook to celebrate our society's first 50 years. The Celebration Notebook will include some photos, events and highlights of our society from 1971 to 2021 and a special section for "Memories."

Past and Present Members

I'm asking all BCGS members, past and present, to write a paragraph or two about a memory of BCGS. I've already received some "BCGS Memories" and they are all very different and absolutely wonderful. I'm hoping by the spring of 2022 the notebook will be mostly complete and I can fill the memories section of the notebook with your contributions.

Please Participate

Please write something to be included in the "Memories" section. What do you think the BCGS Members 25 years from now will want to know about our society?

I hope you will enjoy writing a little something about the past for the future.

Thank you,
Linda Olsen
Past BCGS Secretary, Program Coordinator, Photographer



Send your memories to me at thekeeper@ronsarchive.com.
Send me an e-mail if you need help with an idea.

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL

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 bcsor@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

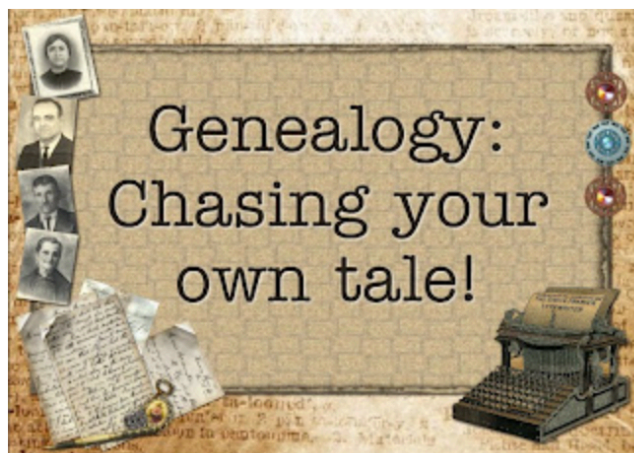
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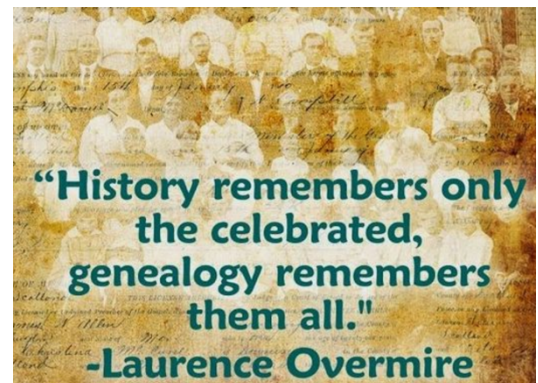
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