

# Benton County Genealogical Society



## NEWSLETTER

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founded in 1971 in Corvallis, Oregon

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### Good News from George

We will resume our general meetings on Sat. 10, 10:30-Noon. After a short meeting, we will have a round table group discussion on your summer experiences and any family tree updates that you would like to share.

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**FYI**--pending approval we may return our monthly meeting location to the United Methodist Church (next to the Benton County Historical Museum) in \*October\* (We used to meet there in the past)

I hope all is well with you and see you on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

George Davidson

### IT'S SEPTEMBER

### TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

#### TWO WAYS TO RENEW

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS.

OR

A FORM IS ON OUR WEBSITE (SEE ABOVE). CLICK ON 'MEMBERSHIP, SCROLL DOWN TO "CLICK HERE TO ACCESS MEMBERSHIP FORM"

**MEMBERSHIP IS \$20.00 PER YEAR**

**See you soon!**



## Welcome Back to All of Us!

Getting together with friends we haven't seen in such a long time is a priority! We're looking forward to hearing what we all have been doing for the last several years and what our plans are going forward. **When we finish our meeting, please go over to the annex to have refreshments, get together with each other AND also get familiar with the library again.**

Bird clipart: [clipart-library.com](http://clipart-library.com)

## Open Library Changes

Our Library will be open to members and the public after our monthly meetings. (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in the month)

If you would like to use the Library during the month, contact Lois Courtney ([loiscourtney@cmug.com](mailto:loiscourtney@cmug.com) or cell 541-760-0405.

Reminder: our website has the complete inventory of our wonderful Library!  
(<http://www.bcgs-oregon.org/library/library-shelf-list> )

VISIT [LEGACY WEBSITE](https://familytreewebinars.com/upcomingwebinars/?category=webtember&multiple=true&list_view=true) TO SEE A LIST OF WEBINAR TOPICS AND SIGNUP INFORMATION:

[https://familytreewebinars.com/upcomingwebinars/?category=webtember&multiple=true&list\\_view=true](https://familytreewebinars.com/upcomingwebinars/?category=webtember&multiple=true&list_view=true)

**FREE WEBINARS** THANKS TO LEGACY FAMILY TREE

## September Long. Sign up today (free).

August 09, 2022



The graphic features the Legacy Family Tree Webinars logo in the top left. The main text reads "Webtember: All Genealogy. All September Long." Below this, it says "Join live for all five Fridays in September. 31 live and pre-recorded FREE webinars in all." A red button with white text says "Register now". At the bottom left is the URL "www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com/webtember" and at the bottom right is the MyHeritage logo. The background is orange and includes icons for a DNA double helix, a portrait of a woman, a portrait of a man, and a family tree diagram.

Take your genealogy skills to the next level with this FREE online genealogy conference, held each Friday in September: 31 live and pre-recorded webinars in all. Join live for all five Fridays or just one, and if you can't, we've got you covered! Enjoy the recordings at your convenience – they'll be free to view through the end of the month.

## Help From the 1950 Census

### Never give up

For years I've tried to find where Leslie Winkler, one of my grandpa Harlan's brothers, was buried. There were six brothers and I had everyone except Leslie.

I don't remember ever seeing him or any of the others, but from all I learned in the censuses and newspapers, he was quite a character. He had three wives and six children. It seems he was someone who couldn't stay in one place very long and was never satisfied. But he and his third wife were together for 18 years so possibly he mellowed.

These are just my thoughts. As usual, it's too late to find out from people who really would have known what kind of person he was.

### Back to the 1950 Census

As soon as I put Leslie's name in, there was his obituary in the Burt County Plaindealer in Tekamah, Nebraska. He died on March 3, 1954. The obituary stated that he was buried in the Tekamah cemetery but I can't find him there. There are a number of small cemeteries in Burt County and I looked at all of the lists and found nothing. But that doesn't mean I won't keep trying! **Shared by Sue Van Laere**



Left to right: Leslie, Grandma Lena, Grandpa Harlan  
Tekamah, Nebraska (no date)

# A New Oregon GenWeb Project!

Welcome to Benton County ORGenWeb



Croquet in Corvallis circa 1885

The Oregon GenWeb covers the whole of Oregon counties with history and genealogy. It was sad when the other GenWeb stopped working. It's nice to have it back.

You can check it out at:

<http://orgenweb.atwebpages.com/>



**Fun Benton County books to take home and read!**

*The Alpine Tavern* (# 4088 in OR-Benton)

*History of Soap Creek Valley* (#431 in OR-Benton)

*They Laughed Too : Alpine, Oregon* (#2587 in OR-Benton)

*Fort Hoskins Illustrated* (#4129 in Or-Benton)

**Not about Benton County, but fun!**

*Where's Me Plaid* (#4317 in SCO upstairs)

Book-clipart [clipartix.com/books-clip-art-image-16452](http://clipartix.com/books-clip-art-image-16452)

## Did you know?

In 2001, Congress passed a resolution to observe Family History Month in October. I don't think I ever heard this or, if I did, I forgot!

I thought it would be fun to pick a portion of an ancestor's life that you already have some interest in. Search what was happening in the family, the town, the country, and the world that would have affected their life to some degree.

I'm probably going to research my father in 1942 and look at his reaction to WW II. I'll write several sentences about it and add a photo. Later on I can fill in more information.

I hope you'll join me and give it a try, too. If so, just send me whatever you've found, no matter how little, and we'll have a little Writers Group in the newsletter for a bit!

Shared by Sue Van Laere

PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN HELP **BCGS**. TAKE A LOOK AT THE OPEN POSITIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

**The Society needs your help  
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

Isn't genealogy fun?



The answer to one  
question leads to  
two more.

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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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## List of open positions

### 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(s):

Accession and de-accession materials, attend board meetings once a month, 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](mailto: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!

There are no limits to what you can accomplish in your genealogy research when you are supposed to be doing something else.

  
Twisted Twigs  
& Gnarled Branches

