

From President George
Hi fellow BCGS members,
I hope you are well and
had a great Thanksgiving.

We need to secure
nominations/names for
2023 officers and create a
ballot that will be sent to
you asap after our 10 Dec.
meeting and returned by
Jan 2023 meeting.

Enjoy the holiday season
with family and friends.

George

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It's December 2022

Time for **HAPPINESS** and **GOODWILL** !

Every December we have a potluck after our meeting to elect the next year's officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.)

It's great to spend some extra time with our friends, eat good food and talk a lot (probably about genealogy!)

In past years we've also had a silent auction. The board decided to wait until next year to start again.

See you on December 10th at 10:30 for the meeting. This is the meeting where you can nominate members to be next year's officers.
After the meeting head to the annex for the potluck! You can drop off your potlucks in the annex before the meeting in the Museum.

A Christmas Story BY SUE VAN LAERE

About 4:30 in the afternoon a couple of days before Christmas, grandkids Bryson and Katie came over to say it was time to go look for a Christmas tree down in the woods. It was a nice day so I put on my coat and we started down the hill. It took about ten minutes to get down to where we might be able to find a good tree. As we started looking, we realized it was getting dark already.

But it was fairly warm, so we just kept looking. We finally found a tree for their house and Bryson cut it down. Suddenly it was pitch black and big rain droplets started coming down. Without a flashlight, we tried to figure out the easiest way to get the tree up the hill and finally decided that it would be best to go to Columbine and come up Marys River Estates road. I knew there was a deep ditch we'd have to cross to get over to Columbine. I told the kids that I couldn't go that way, but they should, and I'd walk up the hill through the woods.

I took the bow saw and Jake, the black lab, with me and trudged up the hill. Rain came down steadily in even bigger drops. I was thoroughly soaked, and I could see less and less through my glasses. My protector Jake took off and I was half blinded by rain, but I still had my trusty saw for protection. I could see a bit of light if I looked straight up, and I was sort of familiar with where the trees were closer together. I was trying to avoid that area because I didn't want to plow through blackberries and ferns.

Thinking I was on the right track, I kept plodding along, using the saw as a cane. The woods stretched straight ahead, blacker and blacker, and I knew I was heading through the thickest trees. Telling myself that I just had to keep going uphill and I would run into either our house or Andrew and Kim's, I held down the panic. All of a sudden I heard something come rushing toward me through the brush. I screamed, then realized it was Jake. I was so shocked, I think I forgot to swear.

Jake took off again, but by that time I saw a light in the forest, so to speak. It turned out to be our house. I dragged myself up the rest of the hill and went into the house completely soaked.

All this time, I had been worrying about Bryson and Katie, too. I called over to their house and they had just made it home. Katie was in the shower trying to get warm. Later, they told me they had climbed the fence between our property and Wren Hill, went down to Columbine and then climbed the hill up Marys River Estates Road to get home. Every time a car came by, they'd step into the ditch to make sure they didn't get run over. I hope they'll always remember this time as one of their more interesting expeditions with Grandma!

JAKE THE DOG AND THE CHARLEY BROWN TREE



The end of the year is a perfect time to remember all the good members we've had the privilege to know.



**Bill
Gleaves**

**Margaret
Hays**

**David
Kribs**

**Leila
Crawford**

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Gene
Newcomb

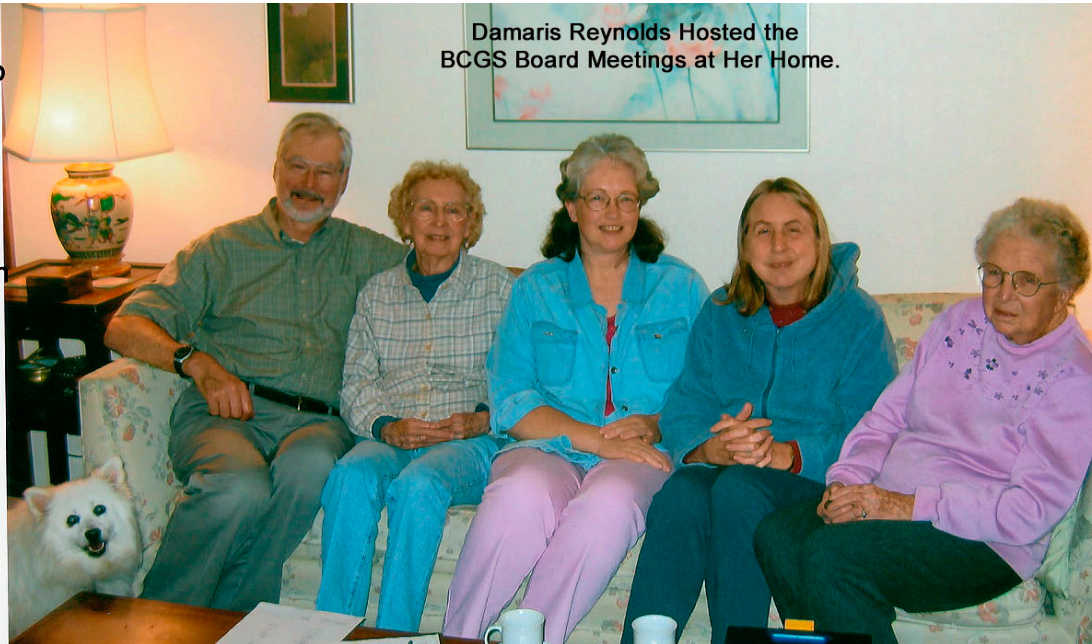
Charlene
Talbot

Danell
Aukerman

Teri
Greene

Damaris
Reynolds
March 2006

"Frosty"



Thank you to Linda Olsen for gathering these photos of members. If anyone has some photos, it would be nice to have more to share in the newsletters. You could let me know at vanlaere@proaxis.com. Thank you, Sue

RootsTech 2023

Registration is now open and online as well as in person. The online area is completely free: there are 3 days of classes, keynote speakers and other features.

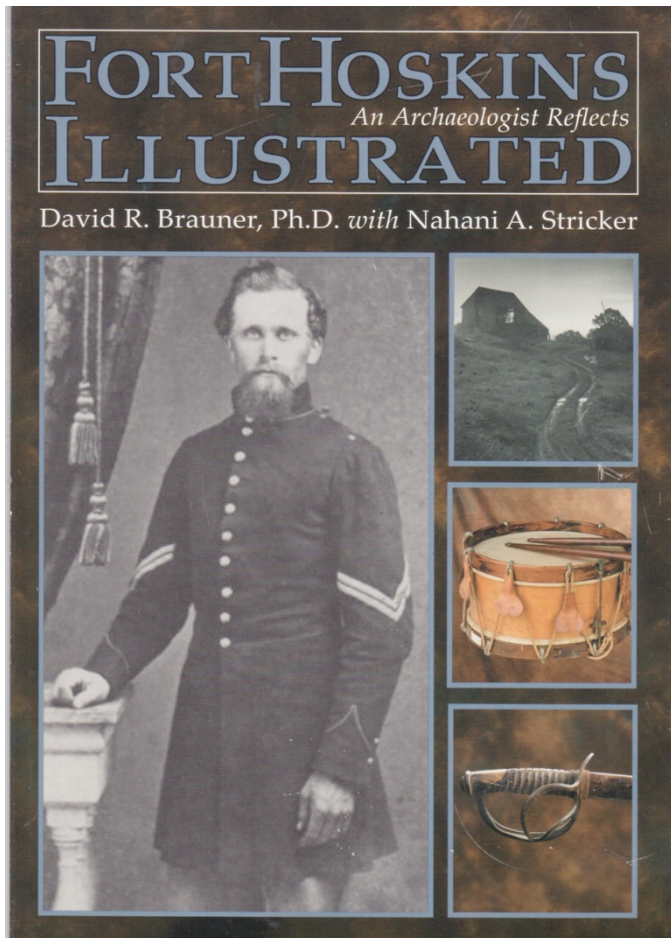
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2023-registration>

For our November program, **Captain Mark Stevens** of the **Sons of Union Veterans**, gave us an interesting look at the causes of the Civil War. In his presentation, he talked about the soldiers at Fort Hoskins whose purpose was to keep the settlers out of the Siletz reservation and the Indians kept on the reservation. He also mentioned the clouds of secession beginning to hang over the Country and Benton County. **On the next page, there is more information about the Civil War and Benton County.**

Fort Hoskins-Benton County

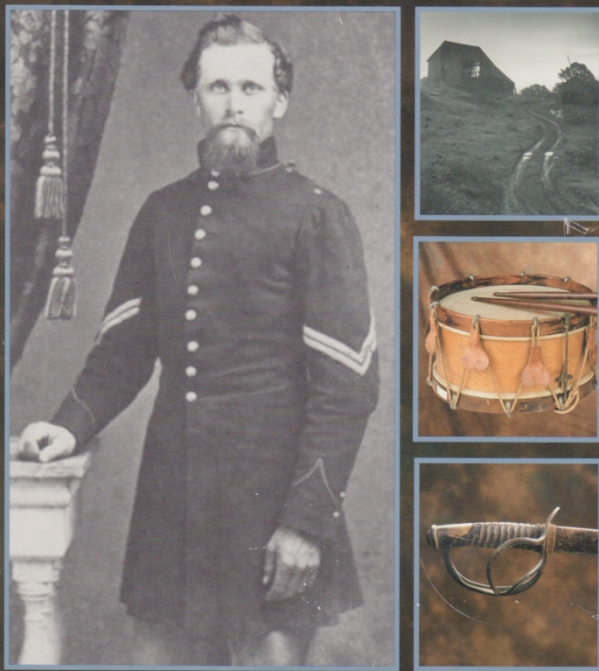
Our library has the book, *Fort Hoskins Illustrated*, by David R. Brauner, Ph.D. See below. It's easy to read and has lots of mostly colored photos to go along with the stories. If you have access to Newspapers.com, you could also read the whole Gazette-Times page devoted to Fort Hoskins.

The above book is in the section **OR-Benton Co. Book number: 4129**



FORT HOSKINS *An Archaeologist Reflects* ILLUSTRATED

David R. Brauner, Ph.D. with Nahani A. Stricker



Copy of Original Painting of Fort Hoskins

www.co.benton.or.us/parks/page/fort-hoskins-historical-park

David Brauner, an associate professor of anthropology at OSU, said most Oregonians know little of the state's early history, or of its ties to the Civil War. Fort Hoskins was built in 1856 to help protect the newly established Coast Reservation – “keeping Indians on the reservation and settlers off of it,” Brauner said.

“And then the Civil War came along and the role of the fort changed,” he pointed out. “The primary responsibility of the soldiers became keeping an eye on the growing number of secessionists in Benton County. The area around Monroe was a hotbed of secessionism.”

Corvallis Gazette Times, Corvallis, Ore.,
Thursday, August 8, 1996 page4

A secession movement in Benton County

“On Sunday last Rev. M.B. Starr preached a sermon in Monroe, Benton County, in which he referred to the present condition of the county, and the duty of good citizens to sustain the Government. This did not suit some secessionists about, and they went to work to break up the meeting. Dr. Stanton and other secessionists, having made themselves drunk, led in the affair. Dr. S. appeared at the church, shouted for Jeff. Davis, but not being interfered with, he and others attempted to pull down the American flag from the Liberty Pole. Here the citizens interfered, and a general fight ensued in which the secessionists came off second best. —Stanton received several cuts with a knife.”

The Weekly Oregonian, Aug 31, 1861 p. 2

Just for fun

Van Gogh's Family Tree

His dizzy aunt..... *Verti Gogh*
The brother who ate prunes..... *Gotta Gogh*
The brother who worked in a convenience store..... *Stop n Gogh*
The grandmother from Yugoslavia..... *U Gogh*
The cousin from Illinois..... *Chi -ca Gogh*
His magician uncle..... *Where-diddy Gogh*
His Mexican cousin..... *A Mee Gogh*
The nephew who drove a stage coach..... *Wells-far Gogh*
Th bird lover uncle..... *Fla-min Gogh*
The nephew psychoanalyst..... *E Gogh*
The fruit loving cousin..... *Man Gogh*
An aunt who taught positive thinking..... *Way to Gogh*
And his niece who travels the country in a van
(You guessed it)..... *Winnie Bay Gogh*

And there ya Gogh!

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Shared by Nancy DeBoie

That moment
when you
have so much to
do, that you decide
to do some
genealogy instead



Twisted Twigs
on graded branches

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Open Library Changes

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

If you would like to use the Library during the month, contact Lois (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>)



May all peoples and animals and trees and oceans and mountains and rocks and **all** things see peace, not some time but right now.