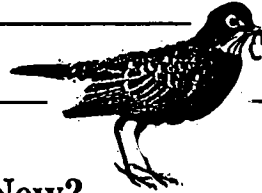


King Folk

Newsletter No. 18

June 15, 1999



What's New?

King Folk Reunion

Sat. June 26, 1999

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Kings Valley School Gym
(behind the school)

39088 Kings Valley Highway

Morning session is a workshop. Bring paper, pencils, books, family info to share, photos. A copy machine and camera will be available.

Social Gathering at 11:00 am

*For those not interested in workshop
Coffee and doughnuts served*

Lunch at Noon

Bring a main dish and another item of choice (dessert, salad, or munchies) to share.

Include you eating utensils.

Coffee served.

Bring table cloths for 8' long tables if you have any. Also portable tables or card tables would be helpful. We have chairs.

General Meeting and Story Time

1:30 pm

Discussion this year: "Which William King is Ours?" Do we want to organize a round robin? We still need a person to chair the tombstone project. Have Nahum & Sarepta's graves been located?

Include a family heirloom or family story to share.

Clean up and Go home

3:45 p.m.

Messages

Corine Brown wrote to learn more about us. She has a Isaac King/Trask connection through Alfred & Mary (Fowler) King. We have heard from Jan Leschke who is a descendant of John and Susan (Cooper) King as well as Malie Sellers, a Lucretia King Hallock/Halleck descendant, and Mary Schell, a Sarah King Chambers connection. Michelle (Starks) Aja and Pete Roberts are from the Abigail King Fuller connection through the Roberts family. Welcome to all of you. Charlotte has e-mail and snail mail addresses for these folks if any of you wish to get in touch.

We have lost one of our older cousins. Retha Allen Greig died Feb. 20, 1999 and was buried in Kings Valley Cemetery in the Pioneer Section. She was 95. Born in Kings Valley Dec. 6, 1903, she was the daughter of Lincoln and Dora (Price) Allen and a descendant of Hopestill (King) Norton. She is survived by sons, Malcolm Greig and Earle Greig, three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to Kings Valley Pioneer Cemetery Association.

Carole Putman sent in a correction for p. 5 of *King Folk*, No. 17, Jan. 1999. She states, "Andrew Jackson Zumwalt was born in Warren Co., MO, according to information I have from Jax Zumwalt. Warren and St. Charles counties are next to each other and Zumwalts lived in both counties."

What's New? ...Continued from page one

Alice Blowers sent a news clipping from the *Yakima Herald-Republic*, dated Fri. June 21, 1968. It's an article describing the King reunion that year with a photo of Nathan King. It will make a great addition to the scrapbook.

Lee Townsend writes that his wife Thelma (Bottger) Townsend has been ill. He wonders if any of you know if Thelma is the last first cousin of the Thompsons and Plunketts. Write to Lee at 32483 Oakville Rd. #74, Albany, OR 97321 or call, (541) 757-2821.

Lowell Tiller is planning two possible tours. These are not yet confirmed. One is through the Oregon-California Trail Association (OCTA) for July 31, 1999. It will be a one-day trek from Prineville to The Dalles. He would like to plan a two-day trek over Meeks cutoff, from Vale to The Dalles sometime next year. For more information write to Lowell, 12308 NE Russell St., Portland, OR 97123-1847.

Ellen Craven and Milbury "Otto" Burgett have been working on solving the "Patterson mystery". The question, "Is Moses Patterson the father of Washington Patterson or were the two men related in some other way?" You can reach Ellen at 27909 NE 151st Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604 or at Elcrave@aol.com for an update.

Marie Sorensen wrote to add to our information on James Kimsey (Kimzey) and Mary Crowley (Croly) family.

For those of you who have Price, Simpson, Kimsey (Kimzey), Crowley (Croly) connections there is a group organizing to research those lines. They have come up with some remarkable research on the Crowley (Croly) family and are planning to hold a reunion in the summer of 2000. A newsletter is available, called the Kimsey Kinfolk Out West. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Charlotte Wirfs, (503) 283-8036, charw@teleport.com, or 442 NE Bridgeton Rd., Portland, OR 97211.

Barbara Drew is coming to the reunion this year and would like to get as many pictures of Almeda VanBebber King Zumwalt's children as possible, so bring

pictures with you. There will be a camera available or they can be photocopied. Barbara is bringing her large poster board display she made on Lazarus and Martha VanBebber. She will also bring her xerox picture of Almenda and Andrew Jackson Zumwalt.

Mimi Stang will attend the reunion again this year. She was helping prove the Amos King line for a prospective DAR member and discovered that no one has ever gone into DAR on his line. That's quite surprising considering the number of descendants he has. With the information from our files we were able to help her prove the line, which means other family members can join DAR on the Amos King line.

Lee Genteman, a researcher for Benton County Historical Society, wrote to let us know how confusion over Mulkey and Murphy started. He writes:

"Problem solved:
Consent To Marriage given by W. S.
MULKEY: 'my step daughter'

Nahum NORTON death certificate:
Died Oct. 6, 1922, Monmouth
Marital status: Divorced
Wife's name Margaret J. PENCE
Informant: Margaret J. PENCE

Benton County Circuit Court
Divorce Case # 4348 - 1905
States marriage date was 20 Mar. 1873
M. J. NORTON - Plaintiff
Reason: Cruel & inhuman treatment
(cursing her and false accusation of adultery)
Finalized: Nov. 1905

Death Cert. of Margaret J. PENCE
Death date: April 6, 1923, Monmouth
Marital status: widow
Spouse name: Jacob PENCE
Date of birth: Feb. 19, 1858
Place of birth: IL
Father: James MURPHY, b. Belfast, IRL
Mother: Sarah GIBSON, b. IRL
Informant: Mrs. Tena PALMER, Corvallis"

**Back When in Benton County
The Kings of Kings Valley
Part 13
Kings and Fullers Unite
Kenneth Munford**

On starlit nights around the campfires on the Oregon Trail, romances blossomed. Marriages resulted. The Arnold Fuller and Nahum King families, who had traveled west together, were linked by two weddings in 1846. Melinda Fuller, 19, married Amos Nahum King, 24. Abigail King, 17, married Price Fuller, 20.

Each couple had concerns other than themselves. Melinda and Price Fullers father, Arnold, had lost his wife and daughter, Tabitha, on the way west. Abigail and Price Fuller staked their donation land claim alongside Arnold's just north and west of present Lewisburg. Both could claim 640 acres, Price by virtue of his marriage to Abigail and Arnold through a second marriage to Mary Ann Lewis in 1848.

Amos and Melinda King first staked a claim on the Willamette north of Corvallis but soon sold their rights to it. Believing that the village of Portland offered better opportunities, they moved there in 1849, taking his parents with them. The parents, Serepta and Nahum King, did not stay long. They were back in Benton County in time to be counted in the 1850 Census, with son Solomon and grandson Luther in their household.

In Portland, Amos worked in a tannery, the only one in the Pacific Northwest at that time, and eventually owned it. It was on the site of the Portland Civic Stadium. He and Melinda bought squatters' rights to a 535-acre tract of untillable hill land nearby. It encompassed the area west of what is now 18th Avenue from Canyon Road to Lovejoy Street. They eventually received title to it as a donation land claim. They built a fine home on the property and raised 6 children.

As Portland expanded, they opened their land for suburban housing. In King Heights, they named streets for the family. King Avenue, King Court, Kingston, and Melinda have survived. Nartilla, named for daughter Nautilla, has become SW 19th. Lucretia, named for Amos' elder sister, is now NW 22nd Place. Ella, named for a granddaughter, is now NW 20th Place.

They sold 40 acres at \$800.00 an acre to Portland for the first City Park. It is the nucleus of present Washington Park, the northeast segment where stands the statue of Sacajawea, a memorial to Lewis and Clark.

One of their sons, Nahum Amos, remembered his mother as the strongest woman he had ever seen. She weighed 336 pounds, he said, and could lift a 50-pound sack of flour by the ears and hold it out at arms length.

Next week: Lovisa and Rowland Chambers

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AMOS N. KING



MRS. M. KING

Death of A. N. King
Reprinted from Morning Oregonian,
Portland, Oregon,
Tuesday November 12, 1901

After three days' illness, Amos Nahum King, 79 years old, one of the best known of Portland's pioneers, died at 9:00 last night at the family homestead, 454 Washington Street. Last Friday he was taken with a chill which developed into bronchial pneumonia. Dr. A. E. Rockey was called and everything that medical science could suggest was done to relieve the venerable patient, and at first hopes were entertained for Mr. King's recovery, but a change came for the worst Sunday night, and it became apparent that he probably wouldn't recover.

Early last evening it was seen that Mr. King did not have long to live, and urgent messages were sent to the various members of his immediate family, who mournfully gathered around his bedside. He was able to recognize them and bid them goodbye. He did not appear to suffer much. Then he passed into unconsciousness and in a short time to death.

Mr. King was on the streets last Friday and he gave a hearty greeting to the old friends he met for the last time. Latterly he led an active outdoor life, and was a frequent visitor at the Portland Carnival. When he became sick it was with difficulty that his family could get him reconciled to remain in his home. The latter is a familiar landmark in Portland, located to the westward of the Exposition building. The house was built in 1856 and the first roof erected still braves the storms of winter. It was Mr. King's boast that he had lived in no other house in Portland since the erection of his home, and he recalled with pride when he attended the athletic events of the Multnomah Club that his tannery once stood where the grandstand of the Multnomah Club is located. In the old house, E.A. King was born, also two of his children. It is about 10 years since the deceased retired from active business and he resigned himself to the enjoyment of a well-earned rest.

The Life of Amos N. King
A pioneer of 1845 With a Long Career
of Usefulness

Amos Nahum King was born near Columbus, Ohio April 30, 1822. In 1840 he removed to Missouri where he operated a ferry boat across the Missouri River for several years. A great flood destroyed his property and in 1845, in company with his father, mother, five sisters and three brothers, he was on the plains bound for Oregon. A hundred wagons composed the immigration, whose passing was made memorable by a desperate trip through Meek's cutoff, from Snake River to The Dalles. On reaching the latter place, the party constructed a number of pine-log rafts, on which they descended the Columbia, making the portage at the cascades after which they came to Linnton in small boats, the passage being a thrilling one and full of hair-breadth escapes.

The King family spent the winter of 1845-46 near Forest Grove. Early in the following summer, the elder King and one of his sons went to the beautiful valley in Benton County, which now bears the family name. There they took up donation land claims. A. N. King however, selected his claim on the Willamette River a few miles below the present site of Corvallis. Foreseeing the commercial greatness of Portland, he came hither in 1849 and bought a squatter's right to the magnificent hillside claim now of the city, known now as King's Addition. Ebson (or Aperson) and Balance were the men from whom he made the purchase. They had obtained it from D. H. Lowndsale, who had erected a tannery there. This business Mr. King continued for 12 years, in the meantime clearing off the timber and laying out King's Addition to Portland. An act indicating his public spirit was his sale of the 40 acres for the city park at \$800.00 per acre, which was only a fraction of the actual value of the property.

In 1846 Mr. King was married to Matilda (Melinda) Fuller of Tualatin Plains. Mrs. King died on Jan. 30, 1887. The fruits of the long and happy union were six children,

four of whom are still living. They are: Edward A. King and N. A. King of this city; Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Lucy A. Lumsden, of Sauvie's Island. Mr. King's first wife died in 1887, and in 18?? He married Mrs. Fannie G. Roberts, who survives him.

Mr. King was held as one of Portland's most substantial citizens, and was regarded as a good man in every sense of the word. He was a progressive citizen in the community, a kind and generous neighbor and a trusted friend. His domestic relations were most happy, and he left not only grandchildren, but great grandchildren, to mourn his loss.

Of late years Mr. King had devoted much of his time to looking after his property interests, which were very extensive. He was often seen by the residents of King's Addition, now one of the most beautiful resident districts of Portland, spade in hand, correcting faults in a street improvement left by careless city workmen, or, in time of heavy Winter downpours, taking good care that choked sewers did not cause damage by overflow of water.

He was always in favor of improving property wherever possible, and had not the plan been blocked by a minority of the property owners along the way, he would before this have secured the laying of fine asphalt or vitrified brick pavement on Washington Street, from 16th to the City Park.

Mr. King was a man whose judgement on matters of property values was seldom in error, and whose counsel was eagerly sought by his friends and associates. Benton Killin, a life-time friend once said of him: "When Amos King gives his advice about anything, you can be mighty sure that it is the advice to be followed. I know of no man in Portland who has sounder of clearer judgement."

At the time of the publication of the semi-centennial number of *The Oregonian*, Dec. 4, 1900, Mr. King was the only person then living in Portland whose name had been mentioned in the first number of this paper. He contributed a column of interesting reminiscences to the settlement at

Portland. He said: "We didn't stop at Portland when we first came to Oregon. Up in King's Valley, where we lived, I early began to hear stories about the profit and dangers of boating on the rivers between Oregon City and Vancouver. Every once in awhile, someone was drowned in Clackamas Rapids, or a boat was capsized and her cargo lost, or a mishap of some kind occur. I had had some experience in that sort of work on the Missouri River, and I concluded I would try it. So I came down the river, got a boat and set out to have a look at Clackamas Rapids. I was two or three miles below Oregon City, and I met a boat with a man in it.

"'Say,' said I. 'How far is it to Clackamas Rapids?'

"'Why, you've passed 'em.' said he.

"So I had, and didn't know it. I concluded to go into the transportation business. There were three boats then plying from Vancouver to Oregon City. Not steamboats, mind. The first trip I made nothing. The second trip I made \$2.00. Then one boat drew off, and then another, until I had the business pretty much to myself. I never tipped a boat over or lost anybody's goods. Then I got another boat above the falls, and so I had through service from Vancouver to Yamhill. This was before the days of the Oregon City locks and we had to pack goods around the falls on our backs. It took about two weeks to make the through trip, though, if everything went well, we made it quicker. I was so prosperous that I had a crew of two on my bateau. When we reached the rapids we poled and pulled. In making the whole trip, sometimes we rowed, other times took a line, went ashore and pulled; then again it was possible to row on one side and pole on the other. Usually we didn't stop long at Portland. There wasn't much to Portland in those days.

"Well, I stuck to that business for two years, and hard work it was too. Then I came to Portland. I wanted to buy some blankets at Crosby's store at Washington and First streets, and I had to hang around three days for a chance to get waited on. How is

that for a rush of business? D. H. Lownsdale and Colonel King were about the only men living on the original Portland townsites those days. I bought out the tannery from the two partners who wanted to go to California. That was in 1849, and the gold excitement was at its height. I bought the whole outfit just as it stood—hides, leather in hand, tools, everything. Off went Ebson and Balance. In a year or two Balance came back broke, and went to work for me until he got enough money to go to Jacksonville to work in the mines.

"I had the only tannery in the Northwest and I prospered. I had lots of trouble keeping men at work, though. I paid as high as \$10.00 per day and still they wouldn't stay. I sold hides and leather to everybody. An inch strip off a cow's hide, good for bridle-rein, sold for a dollar. I had great difficulty getting skins. Cattle were scarce and usually too valuable to kill. I tanned twice as many deer skins as any other. But people had to come to me, or go barefoot, or wear moccasins, which in the winter time was about the same thing.

"Conditions of life were pretty hard then. I remember the first pair of shoes I ever had, after we got here. My father made them, and he tanned the hides by hand. I had gone barefooted from March till December of that year. Everybody then, in 1846, wore buckskin—buckskin coat, buckskin jacket and buckskin breeches, all home-made. And a home-made straw hat, too. I had just one hat that wasn't straw before '??'. Down on the Columbia River, during a blow one day, my hat went off into the river. The boys laughed at me so much that I told them I would get a hat that would fill them with envy. I did. I went to the Hudson's Bay store at Vancouver, and bought a high silk hat, the only one I could get. And I wore that hat on the river for some time.

"We ran our tannery by horse power and used home-made tools. The first real curry knife I had I paid \$15.00 for it. It was worth \$2.50 in the states. I cut out the tan vats myself with a broad ax. We had no sawmill nearer than Oregon City. People came from all over the territory to buy leather, riding

horseback from as far as Jacksonville. They had to have shoes if they had nothing else."

In politics Mr. King was a Democrat for a great many years, but on the advent of Bryanism and the silver agitation, he twice voted for the late President McKinley. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.



Children of A. N. King And Melinda Fuller King

1. Mary Ann King, died as an infant.
2. (a son) King, died in infancy.
3. Nautilla A. King, born Dec. 23, 1850, died April 20, 1936, married Edward James Jeffery in 1867. They lived in Portland and had 5 children, Harriet, Ella, Frances, Edna, and Edward J.
4. Lucy Ann King, married William White, who was a stockman in Lane County, OR and also married Mr. Lumsden and lived in Portland, OR.
5. Nahum Amos King, born Feb. 17, 1855, married Martha Jane Tucker, July 19, 1876, resided in Lake County Or and later in Portland, 5 children, Richard Ray, Anna Melinda, Amos Edward, Nautilla May, Ivan Henry.
6. Edward Albert King, born March 30, 1861, married Anna Brewer in 1880. Resided in Portland, OR. and later Oak Grove, OR, two children, William and Lulu.



September 3, 1998

PEDIGREE CHART

CHART NO. 1

DATE
 David Mark Trask
 NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART
 691 Murphy Rd. Suite 115 (Office)
 STREET ADDRESS
 Medford, Oregon 97504
 CITY STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS 1
 THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 1
 ON CHART NO. 1

2 Lester Hollis Trask
 BORN 12/16/1927
 WHERE Pinehurst, Oregon
 WHEN MARRIED 06/20/1953
 DIED 07/09/1989
 WHERE Medford, Oregon

1 David Mark Trask
 BORN 05/15/1957
 WHERE Medford, Oregon
 WHEN MARRIED 02/01/1997
 DIED

WHEN
 LIBIA Berena Robles-
 MARIANO
 HUSBAND OR WIFE
 born: 04/20/1963
 Barrancabermeja,
 Santander del sur,
 Colombia

3 Frances Joyce Deneault
 BORN 06/20/1932
 WHERE St. Maries, Idaho
 DIED

7 Marie Rosa Sauvageau
 BORN 05/20/1900
 WHERE Wild Rice, N.D.
 DIED 04/25/1997
 WHERE Medford, Oregon

NOTE: Names of persons in bold type were identified by name in the original chart.

1 Hollis King Trask
 BORN 12/25/1905
 WHERE Ashland, Oregon
 WHEN MARRIED 05/02/1927
 DIED 12/18/1945
 WHERE Ashland, Oregon

5 Jane Jenness Sanford
 BORN 11/20/1909
 WHERE Nebraska
 DIED

55 Alfred George Trask
 BORN 03/24/1913
 WHERE Talons, Oregon
 DIED 08/16/1982
 WHERE Medford, Oregon

6 Joseph Arthur Deneault
 BORN 09/08/1894
 WHERE Kankakee, Illinois
 WHEN MARRIED 02/03/1919
 DIED 08/05/1982
 WHERE Medford, Oregon

14 Noe Joseph Sauvageau
 BORN 02/28/1873
 WHERE North Dakota
 WHEN MARRIED 11/26/1895
 DIED 12/24/1965
 WHERE Sacramento, Ca.

18 Geraldine Stigmen
 BORN 05/31/1876
 WHERE Canada
 DIED 04/13/1958
 WHERE Sacramento, Ca.

8 George Alden Trask
 BORN 08/11/1880
 WHERE Iowa
 WHEN MARRIED 01/31/1904
 DIED 10/18/1967
 WHERE Jacksonville, Or.

9 Frances Margaret King
 BORN 03/08/1879
 WHERE Ashland, Oregon
 DIED 01/19/1918
 WHERE North Bend, Oregon

10 Carl Frederic Mohling
 BORN 03/13/1877
 WHERE Jansen, Nebraska
 WHEN MARRIED 08/27/1946
 DIED 08/27/1946
 WHERE Fairbury, Nebraska

11 Fannie Fern Sanford
 BORN 07/04/1888
 WHERE Smithfield, Neb.
 DIED 12/18/1974
 WHERE Medford, Oregon

12 Joseph Henry Deneault
 BORN 11/19/1868
 WHERE Kankakee, Illinois
 WHEN MARRIED 09/24/1946
 DIED 09/24/1946
 WHERE Ogden, N.D.

13 Joseph Henry Deneault
 BORN 1868
 WHERE Near Montreal, Canada
 DIED 09/14/1906
 WHERE Canada

27 Charles Sauvageau
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28 Adelaide Rheault
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Trask Family History

By David M. Trask

Isaac and Almeda VanBibber King had eight children. The oldest was Alfred King, born August 10, 1848 in Kings Valley. He married Mary Elizabeth Fowler in Kings Valley in 1866. The Fowlers were also Kings Valley residents and Mary's parents, George and Philena Vanderpool Fowler are buried in the pioneer section of the Kings Valley Cemetery. Alfred and Mary left Kings Valley in 1877 for Ashland, Oregon. To them were born eight children of whom one was my great grandmother, Frances Margaret King.

James K. Polk and Sarah Wilson Trask arrived by the intercontinental railroad in Southern Oregon in 1883. They settled the area near Phoenix, Oregon, which is about three miles south of Medford and five miles north of Ashland on the old Pacific Highway (Highway 99). Along with them came my great grandfather, George Aldon Trask, who was age three at the time. James was a carpenter and built a number of houses in the Medford and Ashland areas from the mid 1880's to the mid 1910's. One large house he built in 1897, outside of Phoenix, is still called the Trask House, a Queen Anne Revival style building.

George and Frances King married in 1904. To them were born four children, the oldest being my grandfather, Hollis King Trask. Note that the name Hollis runs in the King family. Hollis King was a brother to my great-great grandfather, Alfred King. James Hollis King, a descendant of Hollis King, regularly attends our reunions. Hollis Trask married my grandmother, Jane Sanford in the old Jacksonville courthouse, now a museum. This was the very same courthouse of the famous DeAutrement brothers' trial. They were the ones famous for the last train robbery of the West, which occurred in Southern Oregon, south of Ashland in the Siskiyou Mountains. Four people were killed and lead to one of the greatest manhunts in our country's history.

My grandparents had one child, Lester Hollis Trask, who married my mother, Frances Joyce Deneault, in 1953. To them were born three children, Dean, David (me), and Donna. I along with my wife, Libia, live in Medford within a few miles from where both of my great-great grandparents and their families settled over 100 years ago.

James Trask had passed on information suggesting that he was related to Elbridge Trask who settled in Tillamook, Oregon in the 1840's. Elbridge may have been an uncle or a distant cousin. He started a cheese factory and was the basis of the fictional character in the book, *Trask*, written by Don Berry.



King Folk Correction

By Polly Allen

The following is a correction to the *King Folk* newsletter, No.17, Jan. 1, 1999, p.1, paragraph 4: "At the time that Fred Lockley interviewed Ashnah (Norton) Plunkett, she was visiting her son, Wylie, in Corvallis. She was not living with her son. She actually lived in Kings Valley."

Announcements

A New Baby

David and Libia Trask have announced that they are expecting the arrival of their first child early in July. Libia has also recently graduated from college. Her parents are visiting them in Medford and will stay for the arrival of the baby. David is unsure if they will attend the reunion June 26. We may or may not see them this year, but we do offer them our warmest wishes.

1890 Census Reconstruction

Daniel Frommherz

An 1890 US Census project is being initiated to regroup the one that was destroyed by fire. A copy of the letter was sent to one of the lists I belong to. The format follows. As you might or might not know that 99% of all 1890 U.S. Census was burned in a fire. A book of all living U.S. residents of 1890 is being compiled from descendants like you. If you would like to contribute your ancestors to this vital history book, please email ChinaDoll2@netscape.net Or write to Angela Foster, P.O. Box 2551, Waterville, Maine 04903 the following information on your ancestors. Submitting your information is free.

HEAD of Household:

1. Full name, (first,-middle-last)
2. Age
3. Date of birth (month-day-year)
4. Where (town-county-state or country)

SPOUSE:

1. Full name with maiden surname
In()'s if available.
2. Age
3. Date birth (month-day-year)
4. Where (town-county-state or country)

Please note * list all children and their data separately from one another.

All Children's

1. Full names (first-middle-last)
2. Ages
3. Date born (first-middle-last)
4. Where b. (town-county-state or country)

Please fill in as much of the information as you can. If you are not sure of any of the information, please fill in your best estimate

and follow it with a question mark. Thank you for this contribution to this vital genealogy book.

I have already done my King line from Solomon and Abe as they were the only heads of households in 1890 who are connected to me. Would you do your direct lines and send it on to Ms. Foster? Please send me a copy as I would like to enter your info on my computer PAF files. If possible, please sight your sources. Send copies to: Daniel Lewis Frommherz, PO Box 352, Blue River, OR 97413.



Books! Books! Books!

Neither Snow Nor Rain, by Roland Crosiar. 100 pages & index, 20 photos, tells history of the U.S. Post Office within Polk County. To order call Roland at (503) 769-7407

River View Cemetery Interments, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, edited by Julie Kidd. The book lists over 50,000 burials including many early Portland families and will be a valuable addition to the libraries or researchers and societies throughout Oregon. Cost is \$40.00. To order, contact Jim Morrow, Publisher, Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 2130 SW 5th Ave., Suite 220, Portland, OR 97201

History of Benton County, David D. Fagan, a reprint of the reference book printed in 1885. Higginson Book Co. in Salem, MA republished the book. An index, compiled by Benton County Historical Society members, Ed & Nellie Stratton, has been added to the new edition. Price is about \$56.00. Copies may be available at the Museum Store of the Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main St., Philomath, OR. (541) 929-6230 or E-Mail: bchm@peak.org

Memories of Wren Oregon, a history of Wren, Benton Co., OR Order from Nellie Stark at (541) 929-3082. Books cost \$20.00, plus \$2.00 shipping.

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