



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome Hugh FRANKLIN, Corvallis, Sara KRUGER, Corvallis, and Frances N NICHOLS, Philomath, as new members of our Genealogical Society.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 9 - Our regular meeting date. Valerie Nichols will give a workshop in the morning - subject will be cemeteries and how to do rubbings. Afternoon program to be announced.
- May 16 Genealogical Forum of Oregon Open House and Fair. There will be library tours, classes and sale tables from other Societies, including ours.
- June 3 - A cemetery Adventure - 9:30 a.m - Details later - are you interested?
- June 13 Our last meeting before vacation in July and August. To give everybody a big send off - we will have a pot_luck lunch. Bring a salad or a main dish to share and a donation for the book fund.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Thanks to generous members who have contributed books- Edie Wirth donated KEGLEY'S Virginia Frontier (The Roanoke of Colonial Days-1740 - 1783). Thanks Edie. Charlotte Marshall gave us some back issues of The North Carolina Genealogical Journal. Thanks Charlotte. Also thanks to the many others who have made gifts of books and periodicals that have not been acknowledged in this publication

Well - I might as well confess- my beautiful new electronic typewriter has deserted me. I'm burning the midnight oil without any lead time to do this when it runs out of ribbon - how did it expect me to prepare for such an emergency when it didn' even beep to let me know. Just bear with me while I finish out this one page with my now uneven typing strokes. All you computer users can just laugh.

LDS LIBRARY UPDATE

The Branch Library on Harrison St. now has the first 100 Microfiche of the most widely used books in the Salt Lake Library. Here's hoping they have the one you've always wanted to take a look at.

ANSWERS to last month's trivia questions: 1 - Washington Monument
2 - \$1 bill 3 - True 4 - Washington, Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt,
and Jefferson.

BENTON COUNTY PIONEERS by Mabelle Martsching

One of the early pioneers of Benton County, Heman C BUCKINGHAM, served a term in the Oregon Legislature. He was prominent in his community and an active member of the United Brethren Church in Bellfountain. After arriving in Benton County in 1850, he took up a donation land claim south of Bellfountain. Here he and his wife Matilda Jane continued to live until their deaths. They were laid to rest on a hillside near the church in Bellfountain Cemetery where many of the early day settlers were buried.

Heman C BUCKINGHAM was born in Chenango Co., New York on March 15, 1812. He remained with his parents, Reuben and Philena Chapin BUCKINGHAM until he was married. He married Laura KINNEY on Feb. 7, 1833 at Georgetown in Madison Co., New York. She died on May 11, 1835 following the birth of her son, Randolph Case, on May 7 in Chenango Co, New York.

On April 16, 1837 in Chenango Co, New York, he married Betsey TRUMBULL and they moved to Illinois where they made their home until 1845. They had four children: Joel Trumbull, George W, Lavina P and an infant boy born on the Oregon Trail. They felt the urge to join the many others making the trip across the plains to Oregon but decided to spend the winter of 1845 in St. Joseph, MO and to resume their journey in the spring. They settled in Oregon City where Mr. BUCKINGHAM operated a mercantile business until 1850 when the family moved to Benton County where they wanted to settle. Betsy BUCKINGHAM died January 28, 1847 at Rickreal, OR where she had gone to a doctor for treatment.

In 1850, Heman Chapin BUCKINGHAM married Matilda Jane STARR who had come to Oregon with her family in 1848. They had twelve children: Precious, Franklin P, Pauline G, Augustus H, Eliza D, Mary M, Victor R, Nancy Edith, John R, Lillian W and two babies buried at the Bellfountain cemetery.

Heman BUCKINGHAM died April 30, 1881 and his wife, Matilda Jane died in 1894. Heman was father of 17 children.

MISCELLANEOUS - This and That

Pioneer certificates are offered to individuals who can prove their descent from ancestors who were living in present-day Washington state on or before Nov. 11, 1889. In addition to the certificates your family will be included in a book- a lasting memorial to your family. The book is a centennial project of the state society. Application forms are available from WSGS Pioneer Project, 3235 Alderwood Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225 or other local Wash Societies. Certificates cost \$5.

Each month-member s are encouraged to bring books from their personal libraries to share with others during the research time. Personal books are to be kept on the designated table and not removed from that table area. Sharing books for May are these states: CA, AZ, NM, NV, UT, CO, ND, SD, OH, IL, IN, plus other countries - Belg, Czech, Ire, Netherlands, Norway, Switz.