



# Mid-Valley Genealogical Society



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## NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME** to new member Inez MEYERS of Corvallis. We are glad to have Inez with us.

**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED:** Our leaders and guides for the coming year will be:

**PRESIDENT:**

1st VICE PRES.(Program)

2nd. VICE PRES.(hostess)

Assistant V.P.

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

**LIBRARIAN**

Assistant Librarian

Lee RUDISILL

Zira KAHL

Damaris REYNOLDS

Fern SHAFFER

Mary YOKE

John MATUSZAK

Charlotte MARSHALL

Margaret HAYS

Please congratulate each of these officers and pledge your support and help. Each of us has a great deal to contribute to the success of our Society.

**OUR THANKS** to all the officers who served the past year. All your time and efforts have been appreciated and valued. Those officers who are retiring are: Margaret ABEL, who has been Treasurer for the last 4 years and was Hostess for 2 years prior; Jean GRUBE, who just finished a successful term as 1st V.P. and before that served more than one term as Treasurer and as Secretary; Valerie NICHOLS, who has been a more than willing worker as Immediate Past President and as Program Chrm. and President before; and yours truly, Rebecca KIGER, retiring from President and prior service as Hostess and Program. What else can we say but Thanks and don't think this means you can go away! You've all done too good a job.

No Society ever survived and prospered solely by the efforts of it's elected officers and so it is with ours. We owe a great debt of gratitude to a lot of members for their long and dedicated work - we would never have made it without them. Here's Thanks and Hats Off to :

Edna WIESE - who has faithfully done the calling and caring for the members for many, many years.

Velma PARSONS - who has received and distributed the mail when sometimes it must have been more than a pain in the neck.

Audrey BROADLEY - for faithfully & quietly taking care of the Flavor Pac & Santiam labels for us.

Charles DODGE and his committee who keep us supplied with the "most wanted" books plus all the other tasks Charles does so well and willingly.

Mabelle MARTSCHING - for handling all the queries happily and efficiently.

Danell KNIGHT - for taking care of the archival supplies with such enthusiasm and skill and work.



Norman BARNES - for keeping our Society flyer out in the public eye, even tho he is convinced its being eaten.

and to the Cemetery Crew (Jean, Lee, Damaris, Charlotte, Danell, Fern, Merthel, Edna & Becky) who have walked, touched, and recorded each gravestone in 12 cemeteries- all done since June and mostly done by only 4 of the group. What dedication and perseverance to admire. All these and all of the above deserve a special medal.

#### **LOOK FORWARD TO:**

January 9, 1988 - Regular meeting-

February 26 & 27 - Workshop "Sleuthing the Burials" hosted by Portland Genealogical Forum. More info on this to come.

#### **NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF**

Just arrived the MAP GUIDE TO THE U.S. FEDERAL CENSUSES 1790 - 1920 By William Thorndale & William Dollarhide. Genealogical research in the census begins with identifying the county. This book will be a great help in this identification as it gives maps of the states with the county boundaries from 1790 to 1920. The old county lines are superimposed over the modern ones to highlight the boundary changes at 10 year intervals. In addition to this the book gives other information on census history, etc plus a complete list of all American counties including those now defunct or renamed.

#### **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING?**

Did you see the announcement in the July/August HELPER about the library program of AFRA (the American Family Records Assoc) 311 East 12th St, Kansas MO 64106, who through a cooperative arrangement with the Mid-Continent Public Library System (MCPL) of Independence Mo, AFRA has arranged to turn over all local history & genealogical books received as gifts or in exchange for reviews to MCPL for their AFRA Genealogical Circulating Library. There, the books will be available to anyone in the US or Canada on interlibrary loan. Gifts of both new & old books are also solicited to help build this into the largest circulating library in the USA. Through arrangement the Alexander Michell Public Library of Aberdeen, SD will handle interlibrary loan of bound genealogical and local history periodicals, TV VCR & audio tapes, some microfilms, etc. This collection is also known as the AFRA circulating collection. Catalogs of books in both libraries are available from AFRA for \$2.00. Anyone who wishes to request any of the listed books should contact their local library and ask the librarian to request the books via a standard ALA Interlibrary Request Form. Address the form to:

AFRA Collection, Interlibrary Loan Dept,  
Mid-Continent Public Library  
15616 E 24 Highway  
Independence MO 64050

For books listed in the AFRA collection, Aberdeen, S. Dakota- address the form to: Alexander Mitchell Public Library

Interlibrary Loan Dept  
519 S. Kline St  
Aberdeen SD 57401

The catalogs list books alphabetically by surname of author & include the call number, author and title. Look on the "personal book" table today to view the catalogs.



## THIS AND THAT

Some of the books in the Oregon State Library that you might find helpful:

HISTORIC HIGHWAY BRIDGES OF OREGON - OR 1 2 H 62

The book gives a detailed of al bridges and includes the old historic coverd bridges , many of them pictured. The book is also for sale \$10 from the Dept of Transportation.

THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN- GS 977.4 M586.P

A bicentennial Publication, revised. 21 chapters of collections about Michigan settlers from nearly 59 countries.

INDEX OF KENTUCKY & VIRGINIA MAPS 1562 - 1900. Published by Kentucky Historical Society- QGS 016 .912

CIVIL WAR MANUSCRIPTS - a guide to collections in the Manuscript Div. of the Library of Congress. Excellent for research in the Civil War era. GS Lc4.2 C49  
and there are many more, of course.

Been Wondering where to write for Church Records?

Here is the list as written in the Ore Genealogical Soc.Quarterly.

BAPTIST- American Baptist Historical Society, 1100 S Goodman ST., Rochester, NY 14620. Historical Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, 127 9th Ave., Nashville, TN 37234

EPISCOPAL Library & Archives of the Church Historical Society, 606 Ratherview Pl. Austin, TX 78767

FRIENDS Friends Historical Library, Swathmore College, Swathmore, PA 19081

LUTHERAN Archives of Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E 55th ST, Chicago, IL 60615 or ARchives of American Lutheran Church, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 333 Wartburg Pl, Debuque, IA 52001

METHODIST Commission on Archives & History of United Methodist Church, 36 madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940

PRESBYTERIAN-Presbyterian Historical Society, United Presbytterian Church United States, P.O. Box 847, Montreat, NC 28757

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST & CONGREGATIONAL - Congregational Library, 14 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108. Theological Seminary, Congregational Historical Records, 5757 University Ave., Chicago, IL 60637. (German Reform) Phil Schaff Memorial Library, Lancaster, PA 17603. (Evangelical & Reform) Eden ARchives, Eden Theological Seminary, 475 East Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN MATUSZAK** who has made the big time with an article in the Nov/Dec HELPER. The article confirms what we already ku@w - that John is a very special person- creative, artistic, and dedicated to his goals. We are proud of you John!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.....**