



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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WELCOME to new members Roger Joseph SCHMELTZ, Corvallis, and Dick MILLIGAN, Albany.

COMING EVENTS

Antique Show- March 11 & 12th; Sat. 9:30 a.m to 6 p.m.; Sun 12 (noon) to 5 pm. New location this year is Benton County Fairgrounds. Our Society will have a booth to sell the archival supplies. Your help is needed. See Danell KNIGHT for more info and to sign up.

March 18 the Clark Co. Genealogical Society will present "In Search of your roots with Angus Baxter" at the Luepke Center, 1009 East McLoughin Blvd, Vancouver, WA. Topics include "Searching for Canadian, British, Irish, & East European roots". Registration is \$20. Make checks payable to Clark Co Genealogy Society and mail to registrar: Shirley Rask-1912 "E" St, Vancouver, WA 98663-3338, Phone-206-695-1040.

March 11-next meeting of our Society. Bring books, maps, and other to share on these states: North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

APPOINTMENTS

President, Ed STRATTON, made the following new appointments: Merchandising Chairman - Daniel FROELICH. This is a new position that involves coordinating, supervising, & combining the sales efforts of different things. A complete job description is being compiled.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE - Charles DODGE, Joan PERRY, & Ed EBERHART will do the meeting reminders and special calls

AUDIT COMMITTEE - Jane DODGE & Rebecca KIGER to audit the Treasurer's books for 1988.

THANKS TO

Thanks to Valerie NICHOLS who has designed and produced some book plates for our Society. These will enhance and identify our books in a unique way. Valerie has also made book plates for memorial books that are purchased to honor deceased members or for other recognitions. Thank you Valerie for your generosity and for your extraordinary talents that you share with us. We can only guess at the real monetary value of all this but can be sure it is great.

THIS AND THAT

Best Wishes to Joan PERRY who has announced her engagement and plans for a July 13 wedding. We wish her all the happiness.

Stop by the used book store periodically - they often have desirable genealogy and history books for sale.

Save Flavor Pac and Santiam labels. Turn in to Audrey BROADLEY. Donate items for the Thrift Shop. Give to Damaris REYNOLDS or take yourself.

BRUCE, James, Maj.--was born in Harrison county, Indiana, 3 November 1827. Five years later his father moved to New Albany, Floyd county, same state, and engaged in the mercantile business, where they resided until 1839. In that year his parents moved to Adams county, Illinois, when, a short time thereafter, his father died, leaving a family of wife and 7 children. In 1846 his mother and family returned to New Albany, where our subject started to learn the blacksmith's trade. In 1847 he joined a train bound for Texas, remaining there until 1849, when he returned to Illinois and engaged in boating on the Mississippi river. In the spring of 1850 he again joined a train, this time bound for Oregon, but on the plains the route was changed, and after a trip of 6 months they arrived at Hangtown (now Placerville), California. Mr. BRUCE immediately proceeded to the mines which he followed with good success until fall of 1851; he then took up a ranch in Scott's Valley, Siskiyou county, California. In 1852 he sold out and came to Oregon and began merchandising in Jacksonville. On the breaking out of the Indian war of 1853 Mr. BRUCE enlisted as a private, from which he was promoted for meritorious service to Captain, and at the close of the second Rogue River war, in 1856, had been promoted to Major, an office he filled with distinction, as there were but few who took a more active or braver part in the Indian wars than Major BRUCE as will be seen by the perusal of the Indian wars embodied in this work. On the close of hostilities and the removal of the Indians to the Siletz Reservation, our subject took the contract to plow and fence part of the Reservation. He then followed different occupations until 1862 when he engaged in the stock trade, and while in that business in 1864 he accomplished a feat that is seldom equaled in driving a drove of hogs from the Umpqua Valley, Douglas county, to Boise Basin, Idaho, a distance of over 700 miles, a venture which proved very successful, as he sold the most of them at \$1 per lb. He then returned to Benton county and purchased his present farm of 320 acres, 10 miles south of Corvallis, where now this well known veteran is enjoying the comforts of a peaceful home. In the spring of 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret KINNEY (now deceased) daughter of Col. James KINNEY, an early pioneer to Oregon.

BRUNK, William H.--was born in Lincoln county, Missouri, 13 Nov 1845 and is the son of Harrison BRUNK, an honored pioneer of Polk county, this state, in 1849. Our subject came with his parents to Oregon in the above year and remained under the parental roof in Polk county until grown to manhood, he then found employment in the mines and on different railroads until 1883, when he came to Corvallis where he now resides.

BRYANT, Perren--was born in Garrett co, Kentucky, in 1824. When he was 9 years of age his parents moved to Missouri where our subject lived until spring of 1853, when he, with his wife and 1 child, crossed the plains to Oregon, and first settled in Lane county. In 1862 he came to Benton county and purchased his present farm and built the well known Yaquina House, located 6 miles east of Little Elk P.O., where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

BUTLER, Henry P.--was born in Jackson county, Tennessee, 11 August 1826, and there lived with his parents until March 1850, when he, with his wife, moved to Arkansas, for one year, when he again moved to Berry county, Missouri, and remained in that state until 1856, when he took up his residence in Adams county, Illinois, and resided in that county until 28 April 1864, when he, with his wife and 6 children, crossed the plains with ox teams to Oregon, arriving at the Grand Ronde, 27 September of the same year. The following August he came to Benton county, locating on Yaquina bay, where he owns 300 acres of valuable land and engaged in farming, 2 miles east of Toledo. Was united in marriage in Overton county, Tenn., to Miss Juda E SMITH, a native of that state; by this union they have 6 children.