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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, Ed Stratton

In a perfect world you would never have to lock your doors, or protect yourself against your fellow man. This not a perfect world and a lot of our fellow men (and women) have not progressed to the state where they can be trusted out of our sight.

At the last meeting, Eugene (Mitch) Beard left his wallet in his coat pocket hanging in the hall. Since he had no money in it and it was in the Church, he felt it was safe. As I was carrying my books and stuff out Mitch told me that someone had lifted his wallet from his coat pocket. I looked around but found nothing. He kept looking and being a lucky fellow, has found most of his cards. They were all the way from just outside the Church to down to Marys River. Several people found parts of his papers and turned them in to the police.

If you have been leaving anything of value in the hall while the meeting is going on, I would suggest that you keep it with you in the meeting room.

LOOK FORWARD TO;

March 10-next meeting. The program will be given by Ken Munford on Benton County Pioneers. (this is a change from the announced program which will be re-scheduled). For sharing, bring books or any items of interest on the states of Virginia and West Virginia.

March 10 & 11- Antique Show- at Benton County Fair Grounds- Sat. & Sun.-9:30 to 6 pm (Sat) and 12 to 5 pm (Sun).

March 15 - Heritage Quest Road Show, 6:30 - 10 p.m. Senior Center, 2601 NW Tyler. Everyone invited. No admission charge.

March 31 - Clark County Genealogical Society's 1990 Seminar with Kip Sperry at Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd, Vancouver, WA. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration by March 10, - \$17.00. Lunch available \$3.00 (must be prepaid). Late registration or at the door- \$20. Make checks payable to: Clark County Genealogical Society and send to registrar, Peggy Winston, 908 Grace St., Vancouver, WA 98661, phone 206-695-3710.

March 2-3 Sleuthing the Burials IV, cemetery conference- Astoria Library.

March 23-24- Sweet Home annual 2 day workshop-Church of Christ, 18th & Long .

May 29-June 1, 1991- The Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Portland will host The National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States. The theme: "Come to the End of The Oregon Trail" Start planning to go- time flies.

NEWS OF OUR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Minnie & LeRoy STRYKER, long time members and a faithful treasurer for many years, have moved to California to be near their children and to be in the sun.

Erma ROBBINS had major cancer surgery in January at Salem General Hospital. She had moved back from Portland and is now making her home in Albany.

Marie VAN FOSSAN has moved to Portland to be near her children.

Harriet MOORE will celebrate her 94th birthday on March 27. Congratulations, Harriet. Have a happy day.

Our best wishes and gentle thoughts go to each of these special people who have paved the way ahead of us and helped make our Society strong & caring.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

New licensing and registration laws were adopted by the 1989 legislature which impact uncertified and unregistered cemeteries in the State of Oregon. The new laws require the licensing and registering of all cemeteries. Questionnaires are currently being sent to cemeteries throughout the state to determine if they meet the requirements of licensing or registration. (from Newsletter Genealogical Council of Oregon, Dec 1989).

The 1920 Federal Census, when it is released, will tell you where the parents and/or children were born in the exact foreign country and also will let you know the "mother tongue". (from Newsletter of Connecticut Society of Genealogists Jan/Feb 1990).

Pennsylvania's County maps that include cemetery locations, can be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Public Sales Section, P.O. Box 134, Middletown, PA 17057. Specify the county and ask for General Highway Service Map #10. (from Connecticut Genea. Society Newsletter Jan/Feb 1990).

Social Security Service for finding lost family members- called "forwarding a letter". You write a letter explaining your situation and enclose, unsealed, another letter to the person you are trying to locate. They send it on if they can locate the person through a Social Security number. (info from the Willamette Valley Genealogy Society Newsletter-Feb. 1990)

Missouri newspapers dating from 1808 to the present are on microfilm at the State Historical Society of Missouri, 1020 Lowry St., Columbia, MO 65201 and can be borrowed through inter-library loan. (Conn.Gen.Soc. Jan/Feb 1990)

Formation of a new group interested in Mennonite and family history is beginning. For more info contact Daniel Froehlich 753-9077.

If you have a Degreed Mason in your family, to obtain information about his birthplace, etc. write - Office of the Grand Secretary, Box 4147, Springfield, IL 62708.

American Legion Members - write American Legion National Headquarters, Box 1055, 700 N Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. (from Oregon Genealogy Quarterly winter 1989)

Remember to save Flavor Pac labels & items for the Thrift Shop.

NEW BOOKS ON THE SHELF

Virginia:

Genealogies of Virginia Families - Vols I, II, III, IV, V
Indexed by Robert & Catherine Barnes Genealogy Pub. Co
#390, 391, 392, 393, 394

History of German Element in Virginia # 397
by Herrmann Schuricht (2 Vols in 1) Pub. Clearfield Co.

Kentucky:

Early Kentucky Landholders 1787 - 1811 # 395
Compiled by James Southerland Gen. Pub Co. Baltimore 1986

Pennsylvania

Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families Vol I, Vol II, Vol III
#398, 399, 400
by Arnold - Hertzell Gen. Pub. Co of Baltimore

Colonial and Revolutionary Families of Pennsylvania Vol I, II, & III
407, 408, 409
by John Jordan L.L.D. Pub. Gen. Pub Co. 1978

Maryland

Early Settlers of Maryland #401
by Gust Skordas Gen. Pub. Co of Baltimore

First Settlers of Passaic Valley #402
by John Little Baltimore Pub. Co. 1981

Maryland Records Colonial Rev. Court Records Vol I, Vol II
by Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, M.S. M.D. Gen. Pub. Co 1985
403, #404

New England

Real Founders of New England 1602 - 1628 #396
by Charles Knowles Bolton Pub. Clearfield Co.

Pioneers of Maine and New Hampshire 1623 - 1680 #406
by Charles H Pope Pub. Clearfield Co

New York

Genealogical Resources in New York Metropolitan Area
#405 Edited by Estelle M. Guzik Pub. Jewish Gen. Society, Inc 1989

Indiana

A New Historical Guide #410
by Robert M. Taylor Jr.
Donated by Ted and La Rea GUMP Jan 1990