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SWEET HOME WORKSHOP

A reminder for all our members. The annual Genealogy Workshop put on by the Sweet Home Genealogical Society is the 22 and 23rd of March 1991.

It will start at 9:00 am at the Church of Christ at 18th and Long Street in Sweet Home. Cost is \$4.00 per day or \$7.00 for both days. Lunch items will be available for purchase or you can use the local restaurants or "brown bag it".

For Info call: Mary Jean Crawford at 367-8323 or Carla Healy from 7 to 9 pm at 367-5646.

NEW MEMBERS

We have four new members in January.

They are: Opal Katzky, Jo Triggs, Virginia Uhden, and Gerald L. Pygott.

I am not including their addresses and phones as Jean will have the new membership list for you today.

THRIFT SHOP

Damaris has asked that all members remember to save items for the thrift shop when they are doing their spring cleaning. The proceeds from these sales go into the book purchasing money. If you take them to the OSU thrift shop yourself, the number for our society is 492.

BOOK COMMITTEE RESEARCH

Last month there was a Research Information sheet attached to the newsletter. If you did not fill out the form and get it to Sheila Madden, our book committee chair, then please do it as soon as possible.

This form will tell us what kind of books you would like us to get in the library. There is no reason getting a book on Australia if no one is researching Australia.

ATTENTION ALL

If you have not paid your dues for 1991, you are causing a lot of extra work for the membership chair. Jean works hard at keeping the records straight, but we need your help too. Also, if you intend to be gone from the area and want a newsletter, be sure that the Editor has a stamped self-addressed envelope (SASE).

The Society policy on mailing newsletters is as follows:

If you live out of the area and are a member you will receive a newsletter, since you are not here to use the library or attend our meetings. If you are in the general area then you must give a SASE to the Newsletter Editor for each newsletter that you want mailed to you. Remember that the postage has just gone up to 29 cents. If you are here and sign the roster, it will be checked and no newsletter will be sent since you picked up one at the meeting.



LABELS

Don't forget to save your labels and give them to Audrey. The turn in time is coming near.

RON BREMER AT SALEM

In November of 1989 we had Ronald A. Bremer as a speaker for a Saturday afternoon seminar at the Senior Citizens Center.

On the 19th of March he will be at the Salem Public Library, lower level, from 7 to 9 pm. These lectures are free to the public. This one is sponsored by our sister organization in Salem, the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. There will be books set up to buy prior to the meeting.

If you have never attended one of his lectures, he is something to behold. In his head is the answer to almost any genealogical question you can think of. When he was here we thoroughly enjoyed his company. We have a signed copy of his "Compendium of Historical Sources". If you have done much research you have probably used this book.

FORUM MAGAZINE

If you want to go on receiving your Federation of Genealogical Societies **FORUM** you have to send back the card that is attached in the center of your Volume 2 Number 4 issue. Affix the address label from the back of the magazine, and be sure to attach a 19 cent stamp.

IRISH INTEREST GROUP

Becky was at the Genealogical Society meeting in Eugene last month and brought us this information.

Irish Interest Group

meets the 3rd Saturday at 1 pm on alternate months starting Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov.

at Holiday Park Plaza (retirement center)
behind Lloyd center near the J.C. Penny parking lot.
(Portland)

for info - contact; Jo Alice M. Wright
c/o Portland Forum
or call (Normal hours) 245-1117

PORTLAND FORUM

On Saturday May 18th the Portland Forum is having a work party to stuff envelopes for the Convention. If you can spare one or two hours of volunteer work for them during the 9 am to 3 pm time slot the work will qualify for free use of the library that day. Becky has the additional information you need.

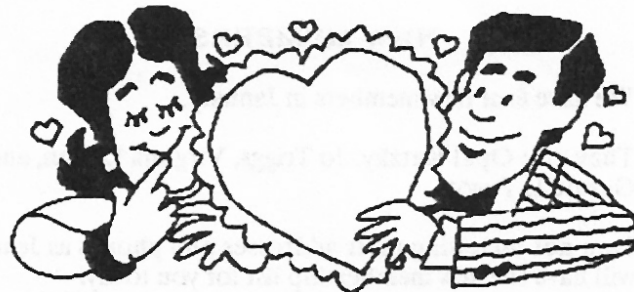
CORRECTION

In the January issue of the Newsletter there was an article entitled PLEASE TAKE NOTICE. I assumed that the writer had done their homework before writing the article. I was wrong. The full story on the Social Security Administration Form SS-5 and the complete fiasco that this "destroying" entails is on page 20 of Volume 1 Number 4 of the FORUM. I won't go into all the details here since you can read it for yourself. The forms have been destroyed, but all of the information has been stored in a computer database and the face of the form has been filmed. If you don't have this issue, contact someone who does and read it.

Since we are talking about errors, I was one year off on the 1920 census. It is in 1992 not 1991 as several people reminded me at the meeting.

REMINDER

The Albany Society's March 2nd meeting on the Albany Waverly Library is coming up. We have been invited so attend if you can.



FAGAN'S HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY

The items that will run in the Newsletter from David D. Fagan's History of Benton County, Oregon, Biographies have been copied as they appear in the original document, to the best of my abilities.

I have kept the spelling, except for a few words that could easily be seen as wrong, and punctuation, as they originally were. Since this was completed in 1885 in Portland, there were a lot of places for the errors to creep in between the writing and the printing. They didn't have word processors with spell checkers as we do.

I wish to thank Danell for her original work in acquiring the material and Becky for the work done to date.

Your Editor.

**From: D. Fagan History of Benton County,
Oregon Biographies**

HAWLEY, Leonidas H. -- was born on the farm where he now resides, 5 miles west of Monroe, 24 October 1851, and is the son of Chapman **HAWLEY**, who emigrated from Licking county, Ohio, to Oregon in 1848. Our subject has always been a farmer, and now owns the north half of his father's donation claim, to which he has added, until now he owns 1300 acres. Mr. **HAWLEY** is married and has one child--earl Vincent.

HAWKINS, Joseph A. -- is a native of Indiana, born 3 March 1843, and there resided until 1856, when his parents moved to Greenwood county, Kansas, where our subject lived until 1876, when he came to Benton county, Oregon. In 1878 he returned to Kansas, but being so favorably impressed with Oregon, he again, in 1880, returned to Philomath where he now resides and where he owns and operates a saw-mill, one mile west of town. Is married and has a family of 5 children, viz: James E., Ruth I., Nora I., Hugh G., and Franks S.

HAYES, James -- a capitalist of Corvallis, was born in Albany, New York. When quite young his parents moved to Cook county, Illinois, where he was brought up on a farm. In the spring of 1852 he paid \$100 to a company to allow him to ride in their train across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Jackson county in the fall of the above year, where he engaged in farming. In 1858 he went to Frazer river and embarked in mining until 1859, when he returned to Jackson county and entered the employ of Thomas **CAVENAUGH**, to work on his farm. One day, while in search of a lost mule, Mr. **HAYS** discovered the well known "Gold Hill" mines, which has since proved a bonanza for some of the residents of Jackson county. A short time after Mr. **HAYS** sold his interest in the mines and came to Benton county, where he has since resided. Mr. **HAYES** took part in the Rogue river war, being a member of Maj. **BRUCE's** company. He is married and has 2 sons and 3 daughters.

HENKLE, Ichabod B. -- the subject of this sketch, a view of whose premises will be found in this work, was born in Pendleton county, West Virginia, 10 October 1810, but when quite young was taken by his parents to Fayette county, Ohio, where he resided until the year 1839, at which time he moved to Lee county, Iowa. In 1849 he transferred his abode to Appanoose county the same state, and there engaged in farming. April 4, 1853 with his wife and 4 children, Mr. **HENKLE** started with ox teams to cross the plains to the great Northwest, and after a journey occupying about 6 months, arrived at Butte creek, Clackamas county, Oregon, there halting in October, 1853. In November of the same year he arrived in Benton county, took up the donation claim on which he now resides, situated 4 miles west of Philomath, where he has three hundred and 60 acres of land, and on which is a saw-mill. Mr. **HENKLE** was one of the original incorporators of the Corvallis and Yaquina Bay Wagon Road Company. In Mr. **HENKLE** we have one of those men of push and energy who do honor to a

community. He married, firstly, in Fayette county, Ohio, 20 January 1831, Miss Mary A. **KING**, a native of Delaware, by which union there have been 7 children, only 3 of whom survive, viz: Jessie, Jeremiah E., and Helena (Now Mrs. Thomas W. **GIRTON**). Secondly he espoused, in Appanoose county, Iowa, 28 April 1852, Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John **CONGER**, who was born in Ohio, and had 6 children, four of whom survive, viz: Julia A. (now Mrs. John H **MAY**, of Washington Territory), John A., Jacob L., and Charles J.

HENKLE, Jacob -- was born in Fayette county, Ohio, 1 October 1825, and there lived until 15 years of age. He then, with his parents, moved to Lee county, Iowa, and embarked in farming. In 1853 he crossed the plains with his family and took up a donation claim three miles west of the present city of Philomath, where he followed farming until 1877, when he came to Philomath and purchased an interest in the general merchandise store of J. E. HENKLE & Co., a business he still continues. Mr. **HENKLE** is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Philomath College.

HENKLE, Jeremiah E. -- is one of Benton county's leading merchants, and a resident of Philomath. Mr **HENKLE** was born in Lee county, Iowa, 18 November 1843, and is the son of Ichabod **HENKLE**, one of the most respected residents of Philomath precinct. In the summer of 1853 he, with his parents, crossed the plains to Benton county, Oregon, his father then taking his donation claim where he now lives. Our subject received his education at the Philomath College. In 1872, in partnership with J. L. **SHIPLEY**, he purchased the general merchandise store of T. J. **CONNOR**, under the firm name of ShIPLEY & Henkle. This firm prospered until 1877 when it was dissolved by the death of Mr. **SHIPLEY**. The firm's name was then changed to J. E. Henkle & Co., under which they have a large and ever increasing trade. As a citizen, Mr. **HENKLE** is respected by all; as a business man his integrity is unimpeached, as a suave, courteous and generous gentleman, with whom to do business or meet socially, he has no superior in the county and but few equals anywhere. A view of his beautiful home accompanies this work. Mr. **HENKLE** is married and has a family of 3 children.

HENKLE, Hon John A. -- is a native of Benton county, born 16 November 1854, and is the son of Ichabod **HENKLE**, a respected pioneer of Benton county. He resided on his father's farm, 4 miles south of Philomath, and was educated at Philomath College. In 1876 he went to Iowa, where he remained until 1878, when he returned to Oregon and accepted a position in the mercantile house of J. E. Henkle & Co., of Philomath. This position he filled for 6 years, until 1884, when he resigned to attend the session of the State Legislature, to which he had been elected to represent Benton county, a position he filled with credit and ability. In October 1880, he was married to Miss Mary E **GANT**, daughter of Ruben **GANT**, of Yamhill county, and a pioneer of 1845. They have 2 children, viz: Robert E. and Zella.