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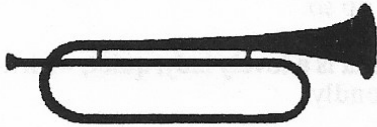
Mid - Valley Genealogical Society

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GOOD-BY HARRIET

Harriet Moore passed on last Sunday, at the Mennonite Home in Albany. Harriet would have been 96 on the 27th of March. It seems like just the other day I was wishing her Happy Birthday, for her 93rd one, at our April 1989 meeting, when I was president.

Lee Rudisill and Edna Wiese met with her recently to do the interview for the series Lee is doing on our Charter Members. As soon as Lee gets back from her vacation, I will get the interview and it will be in the newsletter. This will probably be the April issue.

There was a very nice front page article in the Tuesday Feb 4 Gazette Times. Her obituary is in the Feb 5th paper, on page 3. If you didn't get to read them, I am sure that there are plenty of copies around for you to read. If you can't find them, see me, I have both.

Every one has their favorite memory of Harriett, I'm sure that you have your's if you have worked in genealogy, in Benton County, for any length of time.

Thank you, for staying around long enough for me to know you, Harriet.

Ed Stratton, Editor

The registration fee is \$5.00 and pre-registration is required. You can pre-register by sending a check for \$5.00 along with your name, address, and phone number to the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1511, Corvallis, OR 97339. Or you may bring your registration fee and information to the museum. There is a limit of 30 participants for this workshop. Questions? Call the museum.

TODAYS PROGRAM

Judy Juntunen will give our program today entitled "Bruton Parish in Colonial Williamsburg".

Judy's trip to Virginia last November is turning into a gold mine of information for those of us descended from that area. Her presentations are always enjoyable and this one will be no exception.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOUND

An original birth certificate was left in one of the copy machines at Henderson's. It is for Hilda Mae **GRAVES**, born in Harrison County WV on 12 September 1917. If this is yours, or know the owner, contact your editor.

ODDS AND ENDS

The Library is open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 pm. Librarians are on hand to help you with your questions. You may return books on Tuesday, but no books may be checked out.

Remember our number at the OSU thriftshop is 492.

Don't forget to bring in your Flav-R-Pak and Santiam labels. It is almost time to turn them in for the year. There is a plastic box in the library to store them in, until Audrey sends them off.

Your dues for 1992 are past due if you haven't paid them.

If you don't already belong to the Benton County Historical Society, why not consider joining? Contact a board member to find out what it is about.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY WORKSHOP SET

The Mid-Valley Genealogical Society and the Historical Society are presenting a special workshop entitled, "Beginning Genealogy" on April 4, 1992, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Museum Annex. Participants will gain an understanding of how to start researching and documenting their family histories. They will also receive hand outs and the workbook, How You Can Trace Your Family Roots. Members of the Genealogical Society will cover such topics as "Getting Started", "Avenues to Pursue", and "Resources Available". There will be time at the end of the day for questions and answers. A break for lunch is scheduled and you are urged to bring a lunch.

MARCH RESEARCH TRIP PLANNED

There will be a trip of those interested in researching the South Branch Library of the Salem LDS on Friday 13 March 1992 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will meet at Dan Froehlich's house on S.7th at 9:00 am and go by carpool.

Jim Moore will be on hand to guide us in researching their collection of books and films. They have nine film readers, intermediate to advanced independent research skills are recommended. Bring a sack lunch, or there should be food available close at hand.

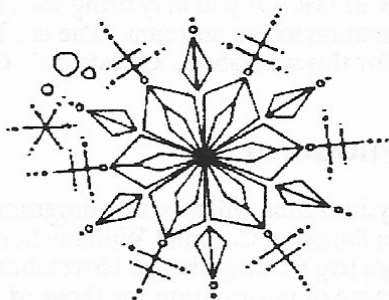
The trip is limited to 12 participants, so let us know your interest early and whether you can provide a car or need a ride.

Call Wendy James at 753-6116 to sign up.

THANK YOU

To Pat Coolican for getting some more cups for the kitchen.

To all those that help in small ways and we forget to thank for their help.



DECEMBER RAFFLE

Two numbers that were drawn were not there. If you have numbers 5086005 or 5086049 please bring your ticket to the president.

SURNAMES

by Wendy James

This is the second part of the current list. I apologize in advance to anyone who really has these names in their lineage -- that wouldn't be so funny!

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| HAWAY | FILENST | GASKO |
| LINGE | ROWNIGE | SPARSHOTT |
| MAYRO | SHARPLES | YEMANSON |
| BEW | DILKE | HEBBO |
| CAWT | NUTGRASS | TRUCKSESS |
| GLAZEBROOK | | REAT |
| FRAKES | NAUGLE | LILLICROP |
| GRUNDEN | TREICHLER | RUNKLE |
| DOST | SPLETSTOSSER | |
| SHEWEY | DENAPOLE | BOGANKIRK |
| WOJTYNA | BRABON | BJERKAGER |
| PAWSEY | GROPPER | |

ED NOTE: Wendy, I can tell you aren't a treckie. Commander Riker is in there somewhere.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Lee Rudisill has agreed to do a series of articles on those of our Charter Members that she can contact. The first article begins this month, with an interview with Velma Parsons. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Lee and each of the Charter Members that assist her with these interviews.

VELMA PARSONS

For my first profile, I wish to re-introduce Velma Parsons to those of you who already know her and to those who have not met Velma. I hope you make an effort to do so.

Velma is a lovely lady, quiet, with a ready smile, and very friendly.

There was no genealogical society in Corvallis in 1971 so she and Mary Pepper decided to organize one. At that same time an announcement appeared in the Corvallis Gazette Times asking persons interested in genealogy to meet at the Ritchie Room at the Public Library. Mary and Velma thought this was an excellent idea and there was a small turnout. Erma Lee Brown was present, representing the END OF THE TRAILS headquartered in Lebanon, which was strongly supported by the Lebanon Genealogical Society. Erma offered to help us establish a society.

Mary set up several organizational sessions at the home of Celia Coon and Lotta Chapman and enlisting the help of DAR Members and friends already well-versed in genealogical research. Thus the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society was formed and Velma became the first president. Celia and Lotta had a large pet turtle who showed quite an interest in our meetings.

Velma's interest in Genealogy and family history started in her childhood as she loved to listen to the stories her parents told of their childhood days, and like some of the rest of us she did not write them down.

Velma has researched some of her lines back to the 1600's. Her mother's ancestors came to Virginia from Cornwall, England. Her father came to this country from Northern Ireland when he was 16. Her husband, Tom, has researched one line on his family to the 1600's.

Her advice to you is to get all the information you can from your family, learn as much as you can about the personalities, vocations and interests of your ancestors.

Also when someone writes to you for information, send only what they ask for, as excess material may prove only time consuming and expensive.

Her research has been interrupted for awhile with family activities, but she is looking forward to working on it again.

When you see Velma remember to thank her for the time and effort she put in helping to get this group started.

OUT OF THE PAST
by Charlene Talbot

A year or so before World War II, my Talbot relatives in Marysville, Kansas, received a letter from India addressed to Charles Talbot Esqre, Marysville, Marshall County, Kansas, North America. The writer, a Mrs. McIntyre, had found among her husband's papers (the English save EVERYTHING) a letter from my great grandfather, Charles Talbot. She could not explain how her family was connected with ours (nor could we) but as a genealogical find, Charles Talbot's letter was wonderful. My farming relatives weren't letter writers, so it was given to my mother to answer and thus it has come into my hands. WWII ended our correspondence.

Marysville Decr: 17 1870

Dear Brother and Sister

I know take up my pen to adress a few lines to you hooping they will find you all in good health as thank God this leaves us all at this time. Susannah as had a bad cold but it is better her feet are very lame she says she wishes she could just look in & se you all but she never will be able so she must be contented to hear from you sometimes while on this Earth hoping to meet altohthter in the Next never to part again. You said in your last you was glad to hear of our good prospects for harvest but the Drought took it we did not get only about three Bushells of wheat to the acre none to sell but Plenty for seed and for Bread. We raise Plenty of Chickens and plenty of Bacon and there is plenty of game. Our boys shot a Nice Deer the other day and a nice wild turkey, plenty of Rabets and plenty of grouse called Priria Chickens. We send you a paper not and then and we receive some from you. We hope your son John's family are all better. I hope that awful war will soon stop. We thought that owers was a hard war but is was nothink like that now. I will tell you about my Boys. Charles Talbot Harniss Maker wife and two boys two girls Ilinois 500 miles from us. Henry Iles Susan two boys four girls farmer 80 acres of land . Josiph Talbot single, farmer, 80 acres, lives at home. William Talbot single, lives at home, Richard Talbot, Yankey, at home, so you se that we have got fourteen grandchildren and four ded. We are so far from Henry Ship [?] that we do not hear. We have not heard from Richard Slater since we have being in Kansas. We was sorry to hear that you could not come to us but we must be satisfied to hear from you. Long life to your good wife and nurse for have taken good care of you to make you looking 25 years younger. We are very glad to hear that Richard Slater is doing well and likely to get married soon. I often se papers with your Directing on for Cockerel. He called in yesterday as he came back from Marysville. We only live three miles from town. We expect the railway to be finished from Chicago to Marysville by New Year. I do not know any more News this time. If I have ommited any think i will tell you Next time. Hoping to hear from you soon. The boys all join in sending thear best to you all so no more this time from your Efficonate Brother and Sister.

Charles Susannah Talbot

We hope by the time you receive this you will have spent a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sweet Home Genealogical Society Annual workshop will be at the Church of Christ, 18th & Long, Sweet Home, OR. on March 27 & 28, more later.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will sponsor Dr. George K. Schweitzer of Knoxville Tn, who will speak on Tennessee Genealogy Research, the War of 1812, and Tracing Ancestors Across the Atlantic. This will be at Mill Creek Inn, 3095 Ryan Dr., SE, Salem (I-5 Mission St exit off Hawthorne). The cost is \$20.00 if pre-registered by April 11th plus \$5.00 if you desire lunch (must be prepaid with registration). It will be \$25.00 for late registration or at the door.

Send to :
Registration, WVGS
P.O. Box 2083
Salem OR 97308



*Happy Valentines Day
to all our loved ones*

MONTHLY SHARING

Each month we have a table to bring books or other artifacts to share with the other members, from the area we are specializing in. The items are used for that one day only, you take them home that night. Following is the listing for the ten months that we have meetings. If you have books or items to share, please bring them as shown below.

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| Jan | PA, OH |
| Feb | OR, WA, ID, MT |
| Mar | VA, WV |
| Apr | NC, KY, TN |
| May | IL, MI, WI |
| Jun | IN, IA |
| Sep | NY, NJ, MD, DC |
| Oct | NH, VT, MA, ME |
| Nov | CT, RI, DE |
| Dec | Christmas Party |

**From: D. Fagan
History of Benton County, Oregon Biographies
1885**

RICKARD, John -- a view of whose home accompanies this work, is one of those, who coming to this valley without capital, has gained a reasonable competence through his own industry. Mr. **RICKARD** was born in Ruan county, North Carolina, 7 November 1827. When he was 18 years of age his parents moved to Pike county, Indiana, where our subject followed farming until spring of 1853. He then, with his wife and one child, accompanied by his 2 brothers, Andy and Casper **RICKARD**, started across the plains to the Pacific Coast. After an unusual long trip they arrived in Lane county. In the spring of 1854 Mr. **RICKARD** came to Benton county and located the place where he has since lived, and owns 640 acres of valley land, beautifully located for farming and stock-raising, 12 miles south of Corvallis. In conclusion we would say of these two, Mr. and Mrs. **RICKARD**, that the fortune, which, in the autumn of life, surrounds them, has been gathered by worthy hands, and properly rewards the life labors of 2 pioneers of this county. It is not infrequent, that those who struggle less and are favored according to their efforts, are envious of those who succeed. In the wandering to seek a favored spot for a life home, these have woven into their history some strange adventures and narrow escapes, but to detail these would require more space than is admissible in this work.

RUBLE, David -- was born in Virginia, 11 December 1831. When he was 4 years of age his parents moved to Wabash county, Indiana, and there lived until the spring of 1853. At a very early age Mr. **RUBLE** learned the trade of miller, which he has followed mostly since. In the spring of 1853 he started with his wife, a bride of but one day, to cross the plains to Oregon. After 6 months trip on the plains, with an ox team, they arrived at Salem. In 1872 he came to the Alsea Valley, Benton county, there engaging in the flour mill business, and later erecting a saw-mill, accounts of both of which will be found in this work.

RUSSELL, James H. -- born in Bath, England, 7 September 1837. In 1841 his parents emigrated to America, first locating in Jackson county, Wisconsin, and embarked in farming. In 1845 they returned to England where they remained some 7 years, when they again came to the United States, this time taking up their residence in Minnesota, where our subject engaged in farming until 1871, when he, with his wife, came to Oregon, and the Alsea Valley, where he now lives on his farm of 184 acres, located at the head of the Alsea Valley. To Mr. **RUSSELL**'s father, Thomas **RUSSELL**, belongs the greater share of credit in securing a post-office for the Alsea Valley. He also being the first postmaster.

RYCRAFT, S. L. -- was born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1828. 2 years later his parents moved to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he remained until 1850. He then started with several others and with horse teams to cross the plains to California, arriving in Placerville in

the middle of August. He then followed mining in the Golden State until February, 1851, when he came north to Yreka, and found employment in a butcher's stall under an oak tree, and owned by O. F. **CLARK**, then a resident of Benton county. He afterwards followed freighting until the summer of 1851, when he was joined by his brother George **RYCRAFT**, who had crossed the plains that season. In 1852 he came to Oregon and then went to the "Sound Country", but not liking that place again returned to Oregon, and in 1853 located a donation claim in the Alsea Valley, and with David and John **FUDGE**, and Henry **CLARK**, built a saw-mill on the south prong of the Alsea river. In 1860 Mr. **RYCRAFT** disposed of his mill property, since which time he has paid all attention to farming and stock-raising, and is now the most prominent farmer in the Alsea Valley. In August 1858, he married Miss Sarah J. **HAWLEY**. They have a family of 10 living children and one deceased, viz: Alma May (Now Mrs. John **WREN**), Emma F., George H., Joseph C., John H., Leona B., Leonidas H., Mark P., Ethal M., (Edna H, deceased), and Mildred.

SCHWAIBOLD, Robert -- was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, 7 January 1843, and in 1869 came to America and lived in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, for a time. He then came to Omaha, Nebraska, where he lived until 1881, when he came to Oregon and to Yaquina Bay, and established his present industry, the Newport brewery, which he now conducts, and manufactures an excellent quality of beer. He is married and has 3 children -- George, Annie M., and Louise.

SCOTT Prier -- one of the very early pioneers to Benton county, was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, 18 January 1825. When 16 years of age Mr. **SCOTT** started out to do for himself, and in 1841 came west to Polk county, Missouri, where he spent four years at the blacksmith's trade. May 10, 1845, he joined a train bound for Oregon, arriving in Benton county some six months later. In 1848 Mr. **SCOTT** spent a short period in the mines of California, when he again returned to Oregon, a short time thereafter purchasing his present farm of 640 acres, one mile south-west of Corvallis. In 1847 Mr. **SCOTT** opened a blacksmith shop in Corvallis, it being the first started in Benton county. He was united in marriage in Benton county, to Miss Mary **JONES**, and by this union they have 11 children.

Happy
BIRTHDAY

OREGON

