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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Valerie **NICHOLS** will present "Our Quaker Relatives" at 2:00 pm. As with all of Valerie's programs, this should be a winner.



NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members this month. Ken **MUNFORD**, local historian who writes the article in the Gazette Times each week, and Mike **SMITH**, new owner of the Sears Catalog Store in Corvallis, with a Polk and Benton Pioneer background.

Bob **BULCHIS** is returning after a years absence.

Welcome to the new members and welcome back Bob.

The new membership list will be out soon. You should get yours at the meeting next month. If your dues aren't paid, you won't be in the list.

SHARINGS

This month we have two offers, from members, of research materials they would be happy to share with other members. If you are interested, and are researching in these areas, contact the member directly.

Ken **BIELMAN** has a full set of the BULLETIN, (Vols 1-4), the publication of the German Genealogical Society of America, and all issues of THE GERMAN CONNECTION, from 1983 to date (Vols 7-15), published by the German Research Assoc.

Damaris **REYNOLDS** has a rare copy of the BUTRICK/BUTTERICK/BUTTRICK genealogy, also a booklet "Early Marriage Records of the BLACK Family in the United States" (1628-1865).

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.

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

NEW BOOKS

There will be a list in the library of the new books that have been added to our library. After all of the work on the library we have a lot of new books. You should find something that you can use. Thank you Jean for the list.



RAFFLE

Damaris **REYNOLDS** won the Cloth Christmas Wreath that was made by Lee **RUDISILL** with Number 5086072.

Joan **FROEHLICH** won the Leaded Glass window ornament made by Janice **BARCLAY**'s husband with number 5086092.

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

STATE ARCHIVES

The following article is from the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter for January 1992.

OREGON STATE ARCHIVES NOW OPEN IN NEW BUILDING NEAR CAPITOL.

The work of preparing to move archives records from the inadequate storage facility on Broadway which began in May culminated Monday, Dec. 23, marking the first day of being open to the public in the new Archives building near the State Capitol and other state buildings. The new address is 800 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR 97310. The large reference room is on the north side. Patrons first register at the receptionist desk located in the lobby by showing identification and filling out a form, renewed annually. A reference ID card is issued, to be shown to the receptionist at each visit so the patron's name and ID number can be entered on a records use form. The patron shows this to a reference archivist when consulting about research needs. Only research materials are permitted in the reference room. All other personal belongings need to be left in a locker or on the coat rack in the lobby. The lobby also has a sitting area, pay telephone, courtesy telephone, drinking fountain, a lunch room, and restrooms. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An added benefit: there is ample parking!

The first exhibit in the new building will focus on the Archives holdings and materials depicting archival services relating to legislative and genealogical research. The display will be in the southwest corner of the building. These exhibits, to be on a rotating basis, are free for public viewing.

Oregon death certificated, 1903-1940, have been transferred to the Archives by the Board of Health, and are arranged by year, county, and month in folders available for research in the reference room. The 1941 death certificates will be transferred to the Archives in January 1992. This new building has long been needed to preserve Oregon's public records, part of our priceless heritage.

POSTAGE RATES

You think that you pay a lot for your mail today. Just wait until you read the listing below that was given to us by Damaris Reynolds.

Postal Rates for 1830
(from a New York City Directory)

Single page letters

on any distance not exceeding 30 miles	6 cents
30 to 80 miles	10 cents
80 to 150 miles	12 1/2 cents
150 tp 400 miles	18 3/4 cents
over 400 miles	25 cents

Double letters, those composed of two pieces of paper, double those rates.

AN ANCESTOR WHO WAS A MINER?

If you have a family member who was a miner and was either in a mining accident, was killed in a mining accident, you might want to check the "Mining Inspector Reports". I first learned about them at the Scranton PA Historical Society this fall. . . they are very descriptive not only in describing the mining accident but often give additional details about the family etc.

Pat Coolican

H Q SEMINARS/CONSULTING IN SALT LAKE

I attended the December 1991 week long seminar at the Salt Lake Library which is sponsored by Heritage Quest magazine. I will be glad to share the experience with anyone who might be considering attending next year. It's a good time to research in the SL library because it's not so crowded; we had the opportunity for consultation appointments with professional genealogists (included in our tour package fees).

I thought you might like to know that HQ is offering additional tours throughout the year concentrating on (1) Southern States research; (2) Northern States; (3) German/Eastern Europe; (4) Scandinavian; (5) British Isles and (6) fundamental research for beginners.

HQ is now also offering a genealogist consulting service. I have posted a brochure on this and the Seminar schedule on the library bulletin board.

Pat Coolican

GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL OF OREGON

Spring meeting will be in The Dalles, on April 18 1992. It will be hosted by the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society.

The 1992 Conference will be held in Springfield on August 14 - 16 1992. It will be hosted by the Oregon Genealogical Society.

from The Heritage, Albany

SURNAMES

by Wendy James

No doubt we all find strange and amusing surnames during our genealogical searches (and in the course of day-to-day events). I have always had an interest in them so have jotted them down as I came across them. Ed has agreed to print them as space allows, so you will see them from time to time. I apologize in advance to anyone who really has these names in their lineage -- that wouldn't be so funny!

GUNETTE	JUGUM	UFER
CRINKS	BIBBY	FOOTH
PISSOT	CLACKER	SOTHEY
SWNOW	HELCOTT	BALDWINE
WILMOSE	MISRACK	HINKHOUSE
LUNTHORNE	LETEY	KESSI
SHEPPY	TURGIS	TATTAM

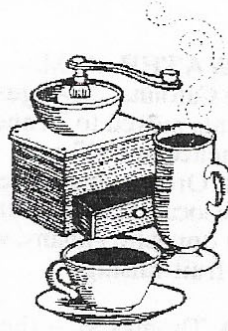
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COMPUTER

Q. Will a computer make my Genealogical Research easier?

A. Probably not. In fact, I am sure that it will not.

Q. Then why should I waste my time in buying or setting up a computer to use in my Genealogy?

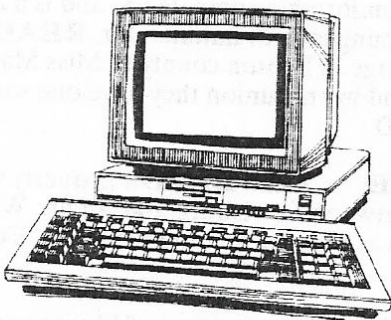
A. Once you have your information installed, in the program of your choice, you can manipulate the information to your heart's content. You only have to type the information in one time. The program puts it where it is needed.

Q. Is there any other reason to have a computer for my research?

A. A Word Processor can make your queries much easier to send out and you can have a complete history of what and who you sent queries to. If you are writing histories of some of your ancestors, or yourself, and you find or remember some bit of information, you don't have to retype the entire document, just insert the information where it goes.

Q. Isn't a computer hard to use?

A. If you are typing your information now, you can use a computer. All you need to learn is the operation of the computer. LBCC has some excellent training at Benton Center. Mike **FAY**, one of our members, teaches there. Ask him about it.



Gene **KELSEY** would like to start a computer group in our Society. This seems to be a good idea. He will not be at today's meeting since he is librarian at the Family History Center today. If you are interested, contact him or your editor.

FAGAN'S HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY

Since we have a lot of new members, it is about time that I ran the introduction to the FAGAN Columns again.

These items were copied from the original book by Danell Aukerman and started in the newsletter by Becky Kiger when she was newsletter editor. This all began in May 1988.

The paragraph below was from the first issue when I became editor.

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.

FAGAN: HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY, OREGON BIOGRAPHIES 1885

POOL, Newton -- this early settler of Yaquina Bay, was a native of Sangamon county, Illinois, and born 5 June 1835. In 1856 he came across the plains to California, and in 1865 to Benton county, Oregon, and at that time located on Yaquina Bay, where he engaged in the oyster trade. He now owns 160 acres located on Pool Slough; is married, and has one daughter. Since writing the above we have learned of the sad death of Mr. **POOL**.

PORTER, Isaac W. -- the subject of this sketch a view of whose residence appears in this history, is the son of William **PORTER**, a pioneer of Benton county of the year 1848, was born in Sullivan county, Missouri, in 1847, and when one year old was brought across the plains to Oregon. His parents first located near the place now owned by Mr. **FOSTER**, but in 1883, our subject purchased the farm on which he resides, and known as Spring Hill, which is situated about three quarters of a mile north of Monroe, and comprises 350 acres. Besides being engaged in general farming Mr. **PORTER** is also concerned in a livery business in Monroe.

PORTER, McCauley -- this pioneer of Benton county, a view of whose residence appears in this work, was born in Todd county, Kentucky, 29 November 1829, but when 6 years of age he was taken by his parents to live in Montgomery county, Illinois, and there remained 11 years, being brought up a farmer. In 1846 they removed to Linn county, Missouri, where, in the spring of 1848, in company with his brothers, William G. and John E. **PORTER**, and their families, they started to cross the plains with ox teams to Oregon, our subject being chiefly engaged en route in driving sheep. At the end of 5

months he reached Foster's ranch, hired out for a short time and then followed his brothers to Benton county. In the spring of 1849 he proceeded to the California gold mines, where he remained 3 years, returning to Oregon in the fall of 1852, and the following spring took up his present farm as a donation claim, to which he has since added until he now owns 1500 acres. Mr.

PORTER is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He married in Benton county, 7 April 1853, Miss Martha **WINKLE**, a native of Alabama, who crossed the plains in 1848, in the same train with her future husband, by which union they have Samuel H., John F., Jessie, Isaac and Mark M.P.

PRICE, Levi N. -- was born in Boone county, Indiana, 4 August 1835. When 13 years of age his parents moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where they engaged in farming. In the spring of 1853 his parents, with a family of 11 children, crossed the plains to Oregon. After a short sojourn in Albany, Linn county, they moved to the Umpqua Valley, near the present site of Oakland, Douglas county, where our subject remained for 4 years. He then moved to Polk county, and in 1873 came to Benton county, locating in Corvallis. In 1875 he moved to the Belknap Settlement, and in 1879 came to Philomath and purchased his present homestead, a view of which appears in this work, where he has since lived. Mr. **PRICE** for the past 5 years has been the financial agent of the Philomath College, a position he now holds. Mr. **PRICE** was united in marriage in Douglas county, to Miss Elizabeth J. **APPLEGATE**, and by this union they have 2 children, Sarah M. and William I.

PYGALL, Albert R. -- the present efficient Marshall of Corvallis, is a native of New York State, born in Rochester 23 July 1851. In 1858 his parents moved to Fondu Lac, Wisconsin. In 1871 our subject went to Minnesota, where he lived until the spring of 1877, when he came to Oregon and direct to Corvallis, where he engaged and followed the dray business until 1879, when he was elected City Marshal, an office he has since held. The citizen of Corvallis are to be congratulated in securing the services of Mr. **PYGALL**, for his well-known reputation as a public servant, coupled with qualifications that are necessary to the fulfillment of the duties of that office, are a sure guarantee of peace and order being maintained.

QUIVEY, Gilbert W. -- the subject of this sketch was born in Meggs county Ohio, 8 July 1840. When but an infant his parents moved to Dane county, Wisconsin. In the spring of 1853 he, with his father William **QUIVEY**, crossed the plains to Oregon and took up a donation claim ten miles south of Corvallis, where his father died in 1871. Our subject for five years was a school teacher in Benton county. In 1862 he went to Portland and learned the printer's trade and from 1864 to 1871 Mr. **QUIVEY** was a resident of Idaho. In the latter year he returned to Corvallis, and for the following six years published the "Benton County Democrat." He then sold out and established the "River Side" now the "West Side", at Independence, which he ran for 3 years. He then returned to Corvallis and embarked in his present business as dealer in all kinds of agricultural machinery. In 1884 Mr. **QUIVEY** was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for Corvallis, an office he at present

fills to the entire satisfaction of the residents of that city.

RAINWATER, A. M. -- this early pioneer, was born in North Carolina, 29 August 1820. When quite young his parents moved to Tennessee, and later to Missouri, from whence in 1847, with Ox teams, he crossed the plains to Oregon and came direct to Benton county, at that time locating his present valuable farm of 200 acres, directly opposite Albany, where he is engaged in farming and fruit-raising.

READ, Thomas M. -- the well known and prosperous farmer, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, is one of the very first settlers in Benton county. Mr. **READ** is a native of New Hampshire, and was born in the year of 1812. In October 1834, he located in Ottawa, Illinois, where he remained but a short time, removing to Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1836, and followed different occupations in the state until the spring of 1845. He then crossed the plains and arrived in Oregon October 15 of the above year. In April 1846, he first arrived in Benton county, and a short time thereafter located the place where he now resides, some five miles north of Corvallis, where he owns a large and valuable estate. Mr. **READ** is one of the substantial men of the county, and has made his money since he came here. He believes in improvements and the advancement of the community in which he lives, and is one of those who spend time and money freely in that direction. In Benton county, Oregon, 10 November 1846, Mr. **READ** was united in marriage to Miss Nancy **WHITE**, a native of Ohio, and by this union they have a family of four sons and two daughters viz: Therese, Perry, Clara, Columbia, Sumner and Charles.

READ, Columbia -- is the son of Thomas M and Nancy (**WHITE**) **READ**, who were among the earliest pioneers to Oregon. "Clum," as he is commonly called, was born on his father's donation claim, about 7 miles north of Corvallis, in December 1853, and remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority. At the age of 21 he started out to do for himself -- with what success may be seen in the valuable farm he now possesses, consisting of 406 acres, locked in one of the garden spots of the beautiful Willamette Valley, 2 miles south of Wells Station, on which he has built himself a fine residence, a view of which appears in this work. Although yet a young man he has through his energy and business ability secured a comfortable competency, and is a fit subject for other young men to imitate. Mr. **READ** was united in marriage in Benton county to Miss Matilda **DODELE**, and by this union they have one son -- William **READ**.

NOTE: Clum **READ**'s property would be somewhere between Lewisburg and Adair. Without an old map this is as close as we can place it. Ed.

READER, Samuel -- a resident of Monroe and proprietor of the Monroe grist mill, was born in Warwickshire, England, where he remained until 1870, when he emigrated to America. Coming direct to Benton county he purchased his present mill property which he now operates.