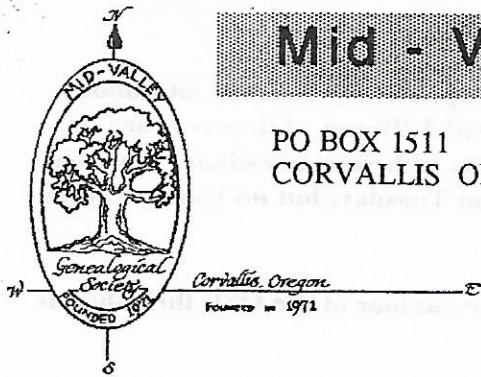


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PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Margaret Ingram of Albany will present a program on "Writing a Personal History" at 2:00 pm today.

NEW BOOK IN LIBRARY

We have one new book to list this month. It is The Military History of the State of New Hampshire, 1623 - 1861, by Chandler E. Potter. This is two parts in one volume, with added Indexes prepared by the staff of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have several books missing from the library. One of them is from 1988. Please check your library to see if you might have forgotten to return the book.

Help is Available Apr 1988

Benton County, Oregon Census 1880 Jun ??

Surname Index to 65 Volumes of Colonial

Revolutionary Pedigrees Sep 1991

Cemetery Survey, Oakridge & Powell

Cemeteries Aug 1991

History of Isaac, John & Noah Wood Family

Sep 1992

Thanks to 99% of us who are always prompt in returning books from month to month. This shows how proud we are of our collection and out thoughtfulness for other members.

Wendy James, Librarian.

DRAWING WINNERS

The drawing during our December meeting produced the following winners.

Damaris Reynolds	The Large Santa
Betty Swan	The imported Table Cloth
Julie Bielman	The Afghan

Thank you to those that made the items available, and to those that helped by purchasing the tickets.

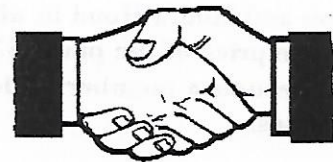
DAR MEETING

Don't forget that Tuesday the 12th is the DAR Workshop at the Annex. It runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Ellen Maring Benedict, State President of the OSDAR will be present to help with Revolutionary War ancestor research. Come by any time or all day - the library will be open also. Coffee and cookies will be provided. No charge.

THANK YOU'S

To all the people that helped clean up after the Christmas party, thank you very much.



FIVE GENERATION ANCESTOR CHARTS

If you are new to the society, we have a listing that has been in the making for several years now. It is a listing of your Five Generation Pedigree Charts.

Each member is to hand in a Five Generation Pedigree Chart so that it can be added to the list. This was completed by all of the members that didn't have an objection to it at the time. Now we would like to have all of the new members submit their five generation charts. They will be added to the file as your editor has time to do it.

If you would like to see the interim list that was completed by Roland Crosiar, it is in the library.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

If you are going to be in the Southern California area on the 1st and 2nd of May there is going to be a "Jamboree" at the Exhibition Building of The Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena. If you have any questions, your editor has the flyer.

GARAGE SALE

During the spring, Mabelle Martching is going to have a garage sale. We have been invited to share the sale with anything that we have to sell. If you have anything that might be of interest to garage sale patrons, keep it until that time. Everything that we can sell will add more to our book fund.

PIONEER PIN

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers at PO Box 6685, Portland OR 97228 has a pin for sale.

It is blue, in the shape of Oregon, with a gold Covered Wagon and Mount Hood in white in the background. The price of the pin is \$3.50 post paid. You can become a member of their group for \$10.00 in dues.

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.

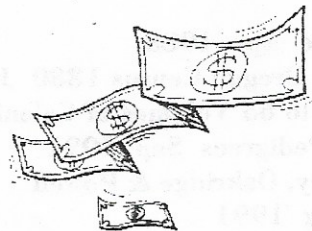
Remember our number at the OSU thriftshop is 492.

Don't forget to bring in your Flav-R-Pak and Santiam labels. There is a plastic box in the library to store them in.

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.

CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP

Canadian Interest Group, for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available for Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and some Quebec, plus Canada in general. Car pooling can be arranged. Call Pat Rawlinson, 752-2243.



PAY YOUR DUES NOW

If your dues are not paid this month, this is your last newsletter. Please get them paid so you don't miss out on any information.

Your 1993 dues may be paid beginning in September of each year

Remember that the dues are now \$6.00 for a single and \$9.00 for a family.

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.

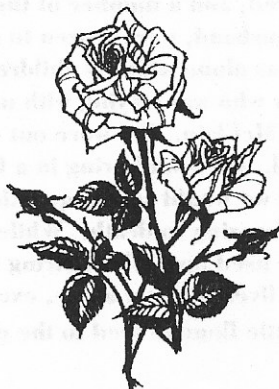
If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and let's see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

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

RECUPERATING MEMBER

Maxine McDowell had by-pass surgery at St. Vincents in Portland the week before Christmas. She is Recuperating at her brothers home in Seaside. She will be there for all of January and possibly part of February. If you would like to drop her a note, her address is:

Maxine McDowell
% Les Ordway
Hamlet Rt. Box 890
Seaside OR 97138



CHARTER MEMBERS

Here is the next installment on the Charter Member Interviews by Lee Rudisill. These articles will be in the Newsletter, as interviews with the charter members will allow.

ELIZABETH AKIN

The Akin home is at the edge of Albany, in a beautiful setting, over looking Bryant Park. Elizabeth and Richard and their family moved there in 1958.

She became interested in Genealogy, at a very young age, while listening to her elders talk about their family history. It wasn't until they moved to Oregon that she began her serious research.

Elizabeth's two children, Elizabeth Ruth Diane and Richard Arthur(now deceased) also became interested and wanted to know who was supposed to be in the empty spaces on the family group sheets.

About this time she saw a notice in the paper of the organizational meeting of the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society. She said, "I told my husband I was going and if dues were less than \$5.00 I would join. I came home a Charter member. This turned out to be the best thing, genealogically, that could have happened to me".

The members were wonderful and always helpful. During her years with the society she was involved more and more. She was Sec/Treas in 1974 and President 1975. Also at various times on the following committees:

Book acquisitions, By-laws revisions, Nominating committee, and teacher of beginners in genealogy for several years.

"I just looked back through my news letters and it certainly doesn't seem that so many years have passed. Best of all they have been quality years for those who have been helped along the way, as I was helped. I hope the Society will still be going strong when another twenty years have rolled by."

PIONEER FAMILY

Esther Forsyth has allowed me to use part of the article written by her daughter Diane, in response to a request in the Oregon Stater.

On the morning of April 25 1847, our great-great-great grandfathers, William Thomas McClain and William Thomas Allphin, set out on the Oregon Trail. It was at St. Joseph, Missouri, that these families met and, along with 100 wagons, began their long journey. This was the first group out that year for the Oregon "Land of Promise." Nat Bowman, an old, wild mountain man, was to lead them. Besides the 100 ox teams and wagons, there were 25 young women riding horseback and many animals that the young men herded from horseback. They arrived at Howell Prairie near Salem, Oregon, on September 14, 1847. There they spent their first winter.

At age 54, William McClain decided to take his family west. In 1940 my great-great grandmother, Allie Ann McClain Burbank (William McClain's daughter), was interviewed by Leslie Haskin. I would like to share some of Allie Ann's memories that were recorded during that interview.

"My name is Allie Ann Burbank. Before I was married, I was Allie Ann McClain. I was born in Platte County, Missouri, on September 15, 1843. (Note: Allie Ann's father was a widower when he got "Oregon Fever" as Allie put it. Her mother, Malinda Oakley, died in 1845.)

"I came to Oregon with my father and my brothers and sisters in the year 1847. I was, therefore, only four years old when we reached Oregon, but I can remember a few incidents of that long trip. For one thing, I can remember walking along beside the slow ox train through the hot dust of the plains holding on to my father's hand. Then I can remember how my sister and I used to stop beside the way and play about on the big ant hills, climbing up on them and jumping off again. One time, my sister was standing up on one of the ant hills. It suddenly caved in under her, and she fell in right among the big black ants' nest. They swarmed all over her and began to bite, and she had a pretty bad time of it for a while.

"When Father took up his claim, our nearest neighbor was a man named Haight. He lived a mile or two away. Father and Silas Haight fixed up a tan yard. Father was also a cobbler and shoemaker, and they would tan the hides and make shoes. The first pair of shoes I ever wore were made by my father from hides of his own tanning. I still remember how strange and interesting it was to see the horses as they walked in circles grinding up the tan bark. The

great pits full of water, colored by the tanning fluid, were also very strange to me.

"When we first settled there, besides Silas Haight, our neighbors were the Meeker families, (they were relatives of Ezra Meeker), the William Allphin family, and 'Uncle' Johnny Crooks. To the north, on the Santiam River, lived Milton Hale, who ran the first ferry there. He founded the old town of Syracuse, now gone. Bill Hale also lived nearby. He married my sister-in-law, Rachel Allphin . . . Abram and Ike Miller lived near what is now Miller's Station on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

"There was no church in that region in the early days. Later on, Rev. Dr. Hill, of Albany, came out to preach frequently. He was a Baptist minister as well as a physician.

"In 1858, when I was just 15 years old, I was married to Marion Allphin. He was the son of William Allphin, who was the captain of the emigrant train in which we came to Oregon. He was also a member of the Oregon Territorial Legislature in 1851.

"With my husband, I moved to Eastern Oregon the same year that we were married. We lived at the upper crossing of the Umatilla River, where we kept a resting camp for the emigrants who came through. We served meals, sold supplies, and catered generally to the travelers. I had to cook over a fire as we, of course, had no stove then. It was three miles to the nearest neighbor. My first son was born. He was named William Allphin after his paternal grandfather. I also had one daughter, Henrietta May Allphin. (Note: We are investigating the belief that William and Henrietta were the first white children born in Umatilla County.)

"In 1862, there was a terribly high water. All the rivers were flooded and the bridge on the Deschutes was washed out. There was no way of getting supplies except at The Dalles, 110 miles away. On January 5, 1862, my husband started with a large party for The Dalles to buy provisions. A terrible storm came on with snow and intense cold. The party became scattered, and a number of the men, including my husband, were frozen to death. During that storm, I was alone with my children, except for a 13 year old boy who was staying with us. He was a nephew, Allen McClain. We were out of wood, but he kept me in fuel. He would bring in a fence rail on his shoulders, and we would saw it up with a hand saw to keep us from freezing to death. While the severe cold lasted, we used up a whole string of fence. For two weeks, we lived on beef alone, except that I had saved a very little flour to feed to the children."

See Esther or your editor to read the rest.