



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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WELCOME to new member Charles SARTWELL.

LIBRARY- the inventory was completed and a few lost, strayed, or missing books are on the list. If you have any of these or know of the whereabouts, please let Betty know. The missing books and magazines are:

- #244 GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF NEW ENGLAND. Vol 1. by James Savage
- #190 CLACKAMAS COUNTY OREGON MARRIAGES
- # 46 LAKE CO. OREGON MARRIAGES - 1882 -1875. by Lulu WELLS, 1974
- #173 CHEROKEE LAND LOTTERY 1832. by James Smith, 1969
- #221 LIBRARY SHELF LIST OF PORTLAND GENEALOGICAL FORUM
- #186, #189, #203, #235, #237, #256, #257 GENEALOGICAL HELPERS

The librarian, Betty SWAN, thanks those who helped inventory the Society library. These workers were: Jean GRUBE, Esther FORSYTH, Mary YOKE, Rebecca KIGER, and Betty SWAN.

New books in the library are:

- #357 SCOTCH IRISH PIONEERS IN ULSTER, AMERICA. Bolton 1986
- #358 BIBLE LISTS - OREGON RECORDS FROM MUSEUMS OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY, Vol I. Jo Ann Burgess

REMINDERS-

The Benton County Historical Museum is into its capital funds campaign, aptly called THE CHALLENGE. All Benton citizens should take pride in the Museum and marvel at how much has been accomplished in so few years. Your support and generous giving is needed for the current renovation to acquire more space and the need for more land for future expansion.

Damaris REYNOLDS thanks all those who have so generously donated items for the door prizes.

Remember the THRIFT SHOP donations. Our number is 492. Summer consignment hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday- 9:30 to 12:30. You may take in items yourself or get them to Damaris, who will take them for you.

Next meeting will be September 9th. There will not be a meeting in July or August. Enjoy the vacation.

If you haven't signed up for the "sewing bees"- call Damaris- 753-1810. The first meeting will be Tuesday, June 27th at 9:30 a.m.- at Damaris' house. Bring a sack lunch, scissors, Xmas fabric scraps, needle, thread & thimble. Stay an hour or stay all day. The purpose of this besides fun and fellowship is to create some items for sale at the Xmas auction or at other times. See you there!

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Lee RUDISILL has a map to share- a 1917 soil map of Texas County Missouri. The map is unique in the features it shows - soils, old schools, etc.

GENEALOGY AND GENETICS (from The Dingy, June 1989)

Researchers are now studying family trees to discover more about genetic diseases. Compiling a medical genealogy is a good project for grandparents, whose personal knowledge of the family's health history usually spans five generations--reaching back to their own grandparents and extending to their grandchildren. The March of Dimes provides a Family Health Tree Chart which has places to indicate date of birth, significant medical conditions or disorders, health related habits such as smoking 7 drinking, and such other data as the cause and age of death. To obtain a free chart and genetic counseling booklet, visit the nearest March of Dimes office.

NEW YORK LAND RECORDS are available on microfilm, for inter-library loan, from New York Land Records, New York State Archives, State Education Center, Empire Plaza, Albany, NY 12230. Ask your librarian to arrange the loan. (from the Dingy)

POLISH RECORDS: Persons interested in Polish family research may wish to check The Ancestor Index card file. To do so, write the Polish Genealogical Society, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622- and enclose a SASE. (The Dingy)

CONGRATULATIONS to our member Roland CROSIAR who has an article published in the May 1989 issue of THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST, the official publication of the American Philately Society. The article is titled "Tail" of a Jackass mail stamp" Roland has been a member of APS for 26 years. He is a retired Hampshire sheep farmer, his collecting interests include Federal Waterfowl stamps, Air Mails and Parcel Post. He is planning on writing a book detailing the history of Post offices in Polk County, OR- all this in addition to his work in Genealogy. You remember the great book he did recently on his family history and shared with us one meeting. We are proud to know you, Roland CROSIAR.

MASSACHUSETTS Vital Records Dept- 150 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02111; new fee schedule- \$6.00 each record. (Vital Records 1896 to present)- info from The Essex Genealogist, May 1989

INDIAN ANCESTRY? AM-TOOLA Publications, E 3308 29th Ave., Spokane, WA 99223, publishes booklets in Feb, June and Nov. (\$7 per booklet; \$20 per year. Each issue 30 pages), featuring articles about researching ancestry of native Americans.

FOR A FREE COPY of a 28 page catalog of National Archives Publications write to: Aids for Genealogical Research, National Archives Trust Fund Board, Publication Services (NEPS), Room 1W1, Washington DC 20408 (from Eugene Gen. Bulletin)

HAVE YOU NOTICED- The computer can do more work faster than a human because it doesn't have to answer the phone. (The Heritage)

Have a happy summer- enjoy the sun, the flowers and your garden- see you in September....

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CARTER, Tolbert, Hon.--is one of the earliest residents of Benton county, having now lived for almost 40 years within her borders. Born in Morgan county, Illinois, 6 March 1825, and is the son of John and Catherine (BARRETT) CARTER. He resided in his native state until 1841 when they moved to Holt county, Missouri, where, in 1842, Mr. CARTER suffered the irreparable loss of both of his parents. He then continued on the farm until the spring of 1846, when, with his youngest brother (Smiley, now deceased), he joined what was known as the VANDERPOOL train and came across the plains to Oregon, and in the fall of that year settled on the land where he now lives, consisting of 590 acres. In 1872 Mr. CARTER was selected to represent Benton county in the State Legislature and in 1878 was re-elected to the same office.

CASE, Samuel--a prominent resident of Newport, was born in Lubec, Washington county, Maine, 31 May 1831, and receiving a liberal education at the East Maine Conference College of Bucksport, afterwards was employed as teacher. On 5 April 1853 he came via the Nicaragua route to California, where he engaged in mining and teaching school for 4 years. He then paid a visit to his eastern home and, in 1858 returned to California. In April, 1861, he enlisted in Co. D, 4th Inft., California Volunteers, and came with that regiment to Oregon as orderly sergeant of his company. He served with that regiment until November 1864, when he received his discharge. He then was employed as superintendent of farming on the Alsea Reservation for 4 years. In 1866 Mr. CASE came to Yaquina Bay and located the land on which the city of Newport now stands, since which time he has made the place his home, and where he owns large interests on the Bay.

CASE, Alonzo--was born in Lubec, Maine, 13 November 1844, and there resided until the fall of 1863, when he enlisted in Company A 7th Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and was afterward, in 1864, consolidated with Company F 1st Maine Vet. Volunteers, with which he served until June 1865. At the battle of Spotsylvania, on 12 May 1864, Mr. CASE was wounded by the bursting of a shell, by which he sustained the loss of one eye and a partial loss of the other, which are honorable evidences of his bravery while fighting for the Union. On his return to his home, Mr. CASE followed different occupations until 1875, when he came to Oregon and in April 1876, came to Yaquina Bay, where, in 1881 he started his present general merchandise store. Mr. CASE is married and has a family of 6 children.

CATON, Jesse H--deceased. This pioneer, the son of Noah and Frances CATON, was born in Carroll county, Missouri, 10 Dec 1819. In his early boyhood his father moved to what was at that time Bates county, and settled on a stream called Maunaton. He remained with his father most of the time, assisting in the cultivation of the farm, until the spring of 1843, when he started for Oregon in company with the APPLIGATES, Dr. WHITMAN and Col NESMITH. He helped to bring the first wagon down the Blue Mountains. The first 3 years he passed in Oregon he was employed in Oregon City and Forest Grove, at whatever employment he could obtain, making his home with Alvin T. SMITH of the latter place. At Almond HILL's, on Wapato Lake, in that neighborhood, he worked 100 days and received therefore 2 spanish cows, these animals being then valued at \$50 per head. In the fall of 1846 he located the first claim in what has since become known as Belknap Settlement. In the spring of 1847 he moved with 30 head of cattle and 1 horse to his new home, Jacob HAMMER and wife keeping house for him during the first 12 months. Mr. CATON was married, 31 December 1848 to Miss Precious STARR, Rev. J. STARR officiating. In 1856 he visited his old home in Missouri, his wife and child accompanying him, and returning to Benton county in the following year, bought a residence in the city of Corvallis, where his family still dwell. On 26 April 1863, he started for Eastern Oregon purposing to be absent a few weeks, but after a few hours sickness, died in Union county, 15 June 1863, leaving a widow and 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, who still own the farm in Belknap Settlement. He was a member of Barnum Lodge No.7, I.O.F., also of the Methodist Episcopal church in Corvallis.