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NEW MEMBER

Horace B Cheney of 3744 Van Buren St in Corvallis is our newest member. I believe that he is returning to our group. Welcome or welcome back, Horace.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

The program for today will be presented by Valerie Nichols. It will be to honor the Charter Members of our group that are still in the area. The schedule for today will be:

Meeting	12:30
Ceremony	1:00
Pot Luck	1:10

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The following books have been added to the library during the preceding month.

- #427 County Documents in the Oregon State Archives published by the Genealogical Council of Oregon
- #428 Kings of Kings Valley of Oregon from member Francis Rexford
- #429 Families and Friends of Lobster Valley Written by Lola Bowen
- #430 Corvallis High School 50th Reunion 1938 to 1988

Mildred Beardsley has moved to Salem Oregon

Her new address is:

422 Vista Ave. S.E.
Salem OR 97302

FROM THE PRESIDENT

During my career in the Air Force, when we were subbing for someone else, the statement was "I'm not the regular crew chief". Well, the same is true today. Becky is in Colorado for her grandson's graduation, and I will be putting out the newsletter for her. Again "I'm not the regular crew chief". I hope that you are satisfied with the end product.

On last Tuesday, at the Board Meeting, an idea was floated around and from it came the following request. If you belong to another Genealogical Group, or group of historical interest, would you please let them know about our books for sale. At present we have the first two volumes of the Cemetery records completed and ready for sale. The third one, volume #6 on the Military Dead in the county, is nearing completion. We also have the 1910 Benton County Census. See the accompanying sheet for descriptions and prices. Feel free to copy the page if you want to send it to someone.



Is this type large enough for you to read it?

Let me know what you think. Thanks Ed.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER HOURS

The current operating hours of the LDS Family History Center on Harrison are as follows:

Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM and 7 to 9:30 PM
Wednesday and Friday 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM

NEW FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently announced plans for a major new family history center in Salt Lake City within walking distance of the Family History Library. The new center will open sometime in 1992 and will be located on three floors in the historic Hotel Utah.

The Family History Center will complement the services of the Family History Library. Its primary purpose will be to help beginners easily find information already compiled on their family lines. Plans currently call for over 100 computer workstations in the center, enabling visitors to search family linked databases and other automated resources. The new center will also have more than 80,000 published family histories.

This Family History Center will help alleviate crowded conditions at the Family History Library and make the specialized services of the library more readily available to those who need to do original research.

(from the Winter 1990 FORUM)



FAMILIES AND FREINDS OF LOBSTER VALLEY
BY LOLA BOWEN
Library #429

For those of you not familiar to the southwestern corner of Benton County I'll give you directions. Go to Alsea on highway 34 and turn south on what they are now calling "The

Deadwood Highway". About six miles south west you will go over Lobster Mountain. At approximately the seven mile mark (this is where I grew up) you will come to a fork in the road. The right fork is used very little now. This used to be the main road that Lola talks about in the book.

Straight ahead, or the left fork, will take you over the "new" road to the area of the Lumber mill in the upper valley. If you want to take your time, and see what used to be, use the right fork. You will cross Little Lobster and then climb up to the "road" that is Brattain Hill. This is on your left, if you can find it. I used to walk it each day to school at Hazel Glen. The area at the top of the hill is called Fern Flat. Nellie's ancestors the Archerds and Strattons lived there after about 1906 thru the early 20's. Go on down the road, slowly, and in about a mile you will be in the valley.

You can go west through to the Five Rivers Bridge area and on to Highway 34, half way between Alsea and Waldport. If you go east you can get back to Alsea or follow the upper valley onto the south side of Prarie Mountain.

Get the book and read it and take the trip, you will like it.

by Ed Stratton

HISTORIC INTEREST GROUPS MET AT MUSEUM

The Society sponsored a meeting of historic interest group on April 29th. Representatives from a number of groups in Benton County told about their groups' particular activities. At the end of the presentations, Society President John Beaton asked for suggestions. The results were; Suggestion 1: Hold interest group meetings on a regular basis. Suggested interval is three months. Consider planning other activities like seminars, etc., in conjunction with these meetings. Action: BCHS will host interest group meetings on a quarterly basis. Next meeting in July or August. We will explore the possibility of additional activities with principals of other groups. Suggestion 2: President of the Society meet with principals of other historic interest groups on a regular basis, preferably prior to general meetings. Action: BCHS president will organize a meeting with other interest group principals in June or August. Suggestion 3: Publish a joint calendar of events and activities. Action: In the short run, other groups are encouraged to submit activity announcements and event calendars for publication in the Society newsletter. Suggestion 4: Compile a roster of people interested in or involved in historic interest activities. Include name, address, phone number, affiliation, interest area or expertise area, "need" areas. Action: Implementation of this idea will be discussed at the planned meeting of group principals. Suggestion 5: Consider an annual "major" public event or activity involving all local historic interest groups. Action: Implementation of this idea will be discussed at the planned meetings of group principals.

(from THE SOCIETY RECORD BCHS June 1990)

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GRAHAM, Joseph D--was born in Carroll county, Ohio, 1 February 1847. When 9 years of age his parents moved west to Wapello county, Iowa, where after a short residence, they moved to near Lawrence, Kansas, and resided until 1864, when he, with his parents and 8 sisters, started with ox and mule teams and a band of stock to cross the plains to Oregon, where they arrived after the usual trip of 6 months, and first settled on the Grand Ronde. The fall of 1865, they came to Corvallis, Benton county, and one year later, to Yaquina Bay, where our subject's father located on the land on which the town of Toledo is now situated. Mr. GRAHAM was engaged for a number of years in the mercantile trade at Toledo, during which time he was post-master of that place. He now owns 160 acres of land adjoining the town on which he now lives, is married and has 2 sons, William and John.

GRAHAM, Thomas--was born in Summersville, (Monroe) now Nobles county, Ohio 23 January 1839. A short time thereafter his parents moved to Sandusky, and 12 years later he, with his parents, moved to Sparta, Tennessee, where our subject was educated at the Sparta Seminary, and in 1855, with his parents, moved to Douglas county, Kansas, where he made his home until 1864, when he started across the plains to Oregon, but on reaching Boise City he concluded to locate, when he purchased a drug store and remained there until 1867, when he came to Corvallis and engaged in his present business of drugs, medicines and books, and is now one of the leading houses in Benton county. From 1876 to 1880 Mr. GRAHAM was county treasurer of this county. He was married in Corvallis in 1872 to Miss Mary F. HAMILTON; by this union they have 2 children, Richard H. and Donald H.

GRAY, Joseph--was born in Banffshire, Scotland, 30 June 1828, and remained in his native land until 1850. He then went to Australia, where he resided for the following 10 years. October 5, 1860, he was married and returned to his home in Scotland, from whence he sailed for America, coming via New York and Panama to San Francisco. In February, 1861 he came to Benton county, Oregon, and in May 1862, purchased his present farm, the former donation claim of George E. NOLTON, consisting of 330 acres, three miles west of Philomath. MR. GRAY has a family of 2 children, Isabel and Alexander.

GRIMSLEY, Robert D. O.--this early pioneer was a native of Indiana, and came across the plains to Oregon in 1847, and took up his donation claim where his son now resides, 7 miles north of Monroe.

GREGSON, Moses--was born in Lancashire, England 4 March 1836, and at an early age started to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he mastered, and at the age of 20 years, emigrated to America, first settling in Lockport, New York, where he resided until 1863, when he moved to Michigan, from whence. in the spring of 1877 he came to Oregon and direct to Benton county, and took up a claim near Mary's Peak, where he remained until 1880, when he purchased 35 acres of land near the Custom House at Yaquina City, and moved to that place, where he is now engaged at his trade of carpenter and joiner, having a shop at Oneatta. Mr. GREGSON is married and has one daughter, Cora B.

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The Mid-Valley Genealogical Society of Corvallis has enumerated the cemetery records and tombstone inscriptions of Benton County, Oregon. Almost every cemetery was "walked" by members of the society. Additional information was gathered from sextons' records, the Benton County Historical Society, the 1948 D.A.R. report, funeral home books, the 1928 W.P.A. Historical Records Survey, and county land records. Many individuals with particular knowledge of a cemetery were interviewed. Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of the enumeration. Names are listed in the order in which they appear in the cemeteries. There is an "every name" index included in each volume, except Volume VI, which lists military personnel burials alphabetically by cemetery.

Volumes I and II are now available. Volume I contains records of cemeteries in the foothills of the Coast Range to the west of Corvallis: Alsea, Armstrong, Blodgett, Claremont, Emerick, Henderson, Hendrix/Lobster Valley, King Family, Kings Valley, Lone Fir, Mays/Strout, Pleasant Valley, Powell, Summit, and Wren. There are approximately 2,400 names listed. The price is \$23.00 postpaid.

Volume II contains records of Crystal Lake Masonic Cemetery. Over 3600 names are listed. The price is \$25.50 postpaid.

Volume VI contains a listing of military personnel buried in Benton County (Oak Lawn is incomplete) and will be available very soon.

Volume III will contain the records of the cemeteries of south Benton County. Volume IV will hold the Oddfellows Cemetery, some smaller cemeteries, and three with religious affiliation. Volume V will be the records of Oak Lawn Cemetery in Corvallis. Volumes III and IV are nearing completion.

The society also has published the 1910 census of Benton County. The price is \$23.00 postpaid.

Please send me:

Volume I @ \$23.00 postpaid _____

Volume II @ \$25.50 postpaid _____

1910 Benton County census @ \$23.00 postpaid _____

Total _____

Please notify me when subsequent volumes are available.

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip

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