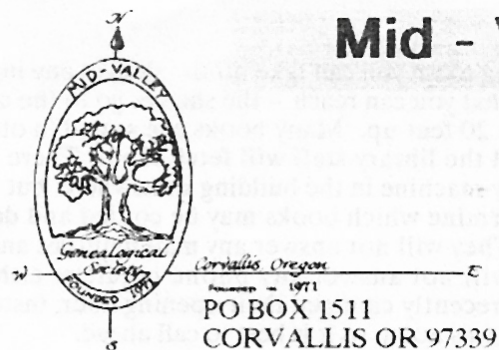


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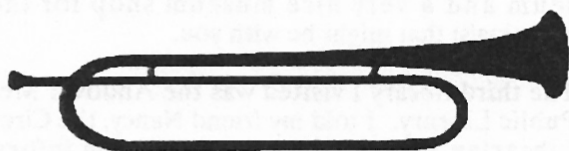
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## NEW MEMBER

Our newest member is Sandra **Ibrig** from Philomath. Phone 929-2449. Welcome to the Society Sandra, hope you get your researching done as you like it.



## THANKS FOR ALL THE EFFORT

There are a lot of thanks to hand around this month, for all of the hard work that some members of the Society put out to get ready for the NGS Conference in Portland, and for remembering us when you have extra things.

First to **Valarie** and **Becky** for the effort to get Volume IV of the Cemetery records ready and printed before the Conference. That took a lot of effort that is really appreciated.

Next is to **Sheila** and her book committee and the effort that was put into viewing and selecting the books that were bought at the Conference. Also to all of the other members there that helped with carrying the books and other physical effort.

Also thank you **Sheila** for the booklet, Ellis Island Gateway to America.

Again we wish to thank the LDS Library for thinking of us when they are cleaning out their excess items. This time we got three books. Volume I & II of General Research in England & Wales, and A Basic Course in Genealogy.

One final note. We sold 6 of our Cemetery Books, with the possibility of more being sold later.

There are probably more thank-you's that should be handed out, but this is all that your Editor has received written comment on at this time.

## BLAIR

Inez **Myers** has a book on the **BLAIR** line. If you have research in this line talk to her.

## GOOD-BY DANELL

Danell **Aukerman** is graduating from OSU and leaving us to go in search of her future. The first week in July, Danell will leave us to go to the San Jose area to begin working for Electronic Data Systems. You will recognise the EDS if you watch Formula 1 auto racing, they are a sponsor. Whenever I see their Blue and White car go flashing by I'll think of you Danell.

It is almost impossible to thank someone when they have given so much of themselves to a group. I guess the only thing to say is Thanks a Lot Friend - You will be missed.

## LDS SCHEDULE

The new schedule for the LDS Library is as follows:

Tuesday thru Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday thru Thursday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

The Library will be closed July 7th thru the 21st for staff training. It will be open with the regular hours above during the month of August.

The Library has three computers now. One is set up for the operation of the ROM. The other two have the ROM drives and readers on back order.

Look for information on putting your research on the computer, even if you do not have a computer of your own. Hope to have the information by September.

## NEW BOOKS

A note from the librarian and a listing of the new books bought at the NGS Conference in Portland.

The book committee purchased a large number of books at the NGS Conference this past week. The librarian plans to process them during the summer so they shall be ready for check-out no later than the September meeting. It is suggested that those wishing to reserve specific titles send the librarian (2925 NW Princess St Corvallis 97330) a postcard and she will 'sort them out by date' and put you on the list to check out the books.

The listing without authors in no specific order is as follows:

Ohio Sources, War of 1812, Civil War, Revolutionary War, Emigrants 1661-1699, Western NY Land Transactions 1800-24, Plymouth Colony 1620-91, Hist. Rgstr of Virginians in the Revol 1775-83, Ohio Guide to Genealogical Sources, Landholders of NE NY 1739-1802, Boston Beginnings 1630-1699, Compendium of Early Mohawk Families, International Vital Records Handbook, Surnames Listed in 1790 Census, County Courthouse Book, Guide to Irish Parish Registers, Complete Book for Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, Kentucky Guide to Public Vital Stat. Rcds., LDS Resrch Guides: (3 - Ire., Eng., Scot), Key to Parochial Registers of Scotland, The A-z Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors, The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index - 5 vols, Gene & Local History Books in Print, Complete Book of Emigrants 1661-1699, Encyclopedia of American Quaker Gene. Vol 3, 3 early atlases North CA - South CA - Idaho, and a membership to Genealogical Lending Library.

## **GENEALOGY DURING SPRING BREAK IN BOSTON**

by Joanne Perry

Over spring Break this year I flew to Boston to visit my family. Naturally I wanted to include some library time - working on the family genealogy.

The first visit was to the Massachusetts State Archives at Columbia Point, Boston, next to the J.F.K. Library and near the University of Massachusetts (Columbia Point campus). I went with my Aunt and Uncle, who are researching the other side of the family, and we found the Archives easy to locate and with ample parking. We also found out that there is an MBTA stop nearby with half-hourly bus service to the Archives and JFK Library, so a car might not be necessary although it is probably more convenient.

At the Archives we put all of our belongings into lockers and were allowed to take into the reading room only our paper and pencils. There was one man using a laptop computer, so they are ok too. The archives has the original paper census records for Massachusetts back to about 1850 and also has records on microfilm. They also have the vital record books for the cities and towns that have had them compiled. I am sure that there is much other information at the Archives but it is not out in the reading room and I wasn't accessing it. There are readers and reader-printers for use but I didn't see a photocopy machine. There were reference personnel in the outer area who would answer questions.

We were there on a Thursday and there were a number of other researchers there. The room was pleasant and comfortable.

The second visit to a library was in Salem, Massachusetts, at the Essex Institute Library, where they charge non-members \$4.00 to use the premises. They also have lockers outside the reading room and provide pencils if all you have are pens. The card catalog is near the lockers and you have to fill out a multi-part call slip with the author, title and call number for each book. Inside

the reading room you can take off the shelves any items you want that you can reach -- the shelves go to the ceiling, about 20 feet up. Many books are stored in other rooms and the library staff will fetch them. There is a photocopy machine in the building somewhere, but the staff determine which books may be copied and do it for you. They will not answer any mail inquiries and, I suspect, will not answer any phone inquiries either. They had recently changed their opening hour, instead of 10 am it was noon; so it is best to call ahead.

The library reading room is small but has large tables. It was a busy afternoon the day I was there, most of the tables were full by 3:30 pm. This library has a collection which focuses on Essex County, Massachusetts which includes the mill towns of Lawrence and Methuen as well as the seaport towns of Salem and Newburyport. There is a lot of local history to be found here, so if your roots were in Essex County at one time I highly recommend a visit. The Institute has a wonderful museum and a very nice museum shop for the non-genealogist that might be with you.

The third library I visited was the Andover Memorial Public Library. I told my friend Nancy, the Circulation Librarian at AMPL, that based upon information found at the Essex Institute, I might be related to the first settler of Andover, Massachusetts. She said that Andover has a collection of genealogical notebooks compiled by Charlotte Helen **Abbott** listing family histories of over 100 early settlers. She pulled the appropriate notebook and I had a lot of information -- if I can make the connection.

The last library I visited was the National Archives -- New England Region in Waltham, Massachusetts. This is easily reached from Route 128 and there is a small parking lot in front of the building. The reading room is rather dark and cool and all personal possessions must be placed in the lockers by the entry door. There isn't much room for writing on the tables holding the readers either. There are some reader-printers but I didn't see a photocopy machine.

I used the microfiche census records here for Lawrence, Massachusetts but they had no ward maps. -- so you should be armed with your own historical maps if they might prove helpful. They have indexes to the census that have been published and they have the soundex files for the New England Naturalization records that they hold. There were staff members available to assist researchers, some may be volunteers from the NE Genealogical Society.

Overall, I found something at each library I visited, as did my Aunt and Uncle. Using original records is exciting but scary when you actually see the condition of the volumes. For those with New England roots, a trip "on-site" will probably be most fruitful, even if you don't know where your ancestors are buried. Winter might be a good time to go, fewer tourists and less desire to be outside seeing the historical sights oneself.

## WHOPPER - SWAPPER - SHOPPER

The Cottage Grove Genealogical Society is going to have a huge swap, shop, sell for books on July 19 and 20 on "H" street (corner H & Birch). This will be part of the Bohemia Mining Days Celebration. All of the Societies are being asked to set up tables or vans or whatever, to sell their wares. If they find out soon enough, and enough groups come, the police may block off all of "H" street.

Their library will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. There is no charge for the use, and because of the large crowds expected, they will be doing like the large libraries and checking bags as you leave the library. Smart move!

For more information contact your president.



See you at the Museum Annex in September

## PIONEER COURTS

Pioneer courts, as well as pioneers of all other sorts, have a history peculiar to themselves. The first court opened in Corvallis was in a little log house, the home of Mrs. J. C. **Avery**. Judge **Pratt**, with all due dignity and the usual ceremony, pronounced the court open, and then Joe **Meek**, clothed with the authority of United States Marshal, stepped outside the door and called in a loud, sonorous voice, "Hear ye! hear ye! come into court," though there was not a person within hearing save Mrs. **Avery**, nor another object that broke the stillness save the dasher of her churn, as she sat by the fireplace composedly churning during this imposing ceremony, the formal opening of the first court in that judicial district. (Notes furnished by Mrs. George R. **Helm**, nee Miss Frances **Avery**.)

Contributed by Dan **Froehlich**. source Souvenir of Western Women, edited by Mary Osborn **Douthit**, 1905 Portland Oregon.

**KELSAY**, Col. John -- in all animate life there are grades of intelligence so plainly marked that the difference is evident at a glance. Between this, gradation is so distinguishable and universal that attention has only to be called to the fact to secure its unquestioned recognition. Among the Australian bushmen, or in the court circle of kings, the genius of a few men lead while the many follow. These are but truisms, facts old as the human family; still, it is not infrequent for many, who follow some distance in the rear, to forget, when the smoke of battle has passed, that they were not in the van. Nature designs some men for active service, and for such to fall short of becoming an important element in the progressive operations of whatever sphere circumstances place them, would be something they could not do. It would be impossible for comprehensive minds to dwell upon that which failed to possess the charm of intricacy or magnitude, something beyond the ordinary; and those possessing such faculties move off in the advance, plan and execute, where others hesitate and fail to act. Every community has within it characters of this kind, more or less marked who are termed the leading men or minds. West of the Cascades there are a few of this class, who stand so far in the van of progress that their names have but to be mentioned to elicit universal approval of the assertion from all except their personal enemies or the envious, whose opinions are of little value. We now refer to Judge **KELSAY**, as there are but few names in Oregon that stand out with more prominence than the one at the head of this sketch. He was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, 23 October 1819, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and is the son of Alexander and Jane (**KELLEY**) **KELSAY**. At the age of ten years in 1829 his parents moved to Cooper, subsequently Morgan county, Missouri. He lived in that country when scholastic education was one of the most difficult things for a youth to obtain; but his mother being a woman of rare attainments, added to a fund of comprehensive and practical sense, he gained his first knowledge of books from her. To that mother's early teachings, molding of life's aims and character, the Judge owes much of the favorable results crowning the efforts of his after life. At the age of 21 years he began the study of law, and in July, 1845, was admitted and licensed in Missouri, where he practiced until 1853. At the age of 18 he was commissioned a Captain of Militia and 2 years later promoted to Major. In 1844 he was elected to the State Legislature of Missouri. December 23, 1846, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha C. **MONROE**, daughter of Gen. **MONROE**, a leading citizen of the above state, and in 1853 crossed the plains to Oregon, arriving in Benton county in September, and immediately began the practice of his profession in Corvallis. On the breaking out of the Rogue river war Col. **KELSAY** organized a company with which he went south, where he took an active part against the Indians, accounts of which well(will) be found in the history of the Indian wars in this work. In 1857 he served as chairman of the Military Committee in forming the State Constitution, and in 1868 was elected Judge of the Supreme Court of the State. We have only mentioned in this brief way, the more important transactions of this man in the country, that readers might know that we have not improperly denominated him as one of those

whom nature create I to lead among his fellows. Judge **KELSAY** stands today in the front rank of Oregon's best men. He is broad and liberal in his views, strong in his convictions, and thoroughly in earnest in whatever he undertakes. His is a mind well and richly stored with the golden cream of literature, and his library at his home in Corvallis is a marvelous collection of the choicest works of the world, besides the large law library he possesses. November 20, 1854, at her home in Corvallis, Mrs. **KELSAY** passed away with that dread disease, consumption. January 4, 1864, Col. **KELSAY** married a second time to Miss **COUNTNER**, by which union they have 2 children, Annie and Lyman P.

**KENDALL**, Col. Jehial S. -- one among the very first to settle in Benton county is the gentleman whose name heads this short sketch. Col. **KENDALL** was born in Rochester, Vermont, 10 January 1816, his father, Nathan N. **KENDALL**, being a tanner and currier of that place. When our subject was 21 years of age he came west to Bloomington, Illinois, where he was employed for 5 years in driving a stage. He now moved to Linn county, Iowa, when he joined a company to fight the Indians and with which he came out to the Missouri river, where he located and resided until the great overflow of 1844, which swept away his entire possessions. In the spring of 1845 he joined a train captained by John **STEWART** and came across the plains to Oregon. On reaching Yamhill county, Mr. **KENDALL** walked to the present site of Corvallis, and the fall of that year, 1845, located the claim where he now lives. On the braking out of the first Cayuse war he enlisted in Captain **MARTIN**'s company with which he served for 6 months. On 5 June 1854 he was appointed by Governor **CURRY**, Colonel of the 7th Regiment, in obedience to an election held on that day. The Colonel was married to Mrs. A. **MATT**, the widow of Charles **MATT**, by which union they have no issue.

**KEYES**, David L. -- a view of whose place will be found in this work is one of Benton county's most successful and wealthy farmers. Mr. **KEYES** is a native of (formerly Carter) Johnson county, Tennessee, born 19 December 1822. Residing in his birth-place and engaged in farming until the fall of 1868, when he, with his family, came via New York and Panama, to Oregon, and direct to Benton county. In 1870 he purchased his present valuable farm consisting of 378 acres, three miles south-west of Corvallis. Mr. **KEYES** was married to Miss Susan J. **WARD** in his native State in 1849; she died at her home in Corvallis 20 February 1881, leaving a family of 5 children, viz: John W, Orena C. Jane R. James, and Margaret C.

**KING**, George -- is a native of Yorkshire, England, born March 1844. In 1867 he emigrated to America, first settling in Michigan and afterwards in Minnesota, where he found employment in the mills. In 1871 he came to Oregon, and in the fall of that year came to Yaquina Bay, and was employed on the building of the Yaquina Head light-house, and afterwards at the Cape Foulweather light-house. For the last 4 years Mr. **KING** has been in the government employ as engineer on the Yaquina Bay improvements. Mr. **KING** has a delightful home on the south side of the bay, where he owns 100 acres of land.

**KING**, John -- the subject of this sketch was born in Yorkshire, England, 21 August 1839. He there resided and learned the trade of engineer until 1859, when he emigrated to America, first settling in Michigan. In the spring of 1876 he came to Oregon and direct to Yaquina Bay, where he purchased property and has since resided. Mr. **KING**, together with Mr. Charles **SMITH** are the proprietors of the town site of Oyster City, besides some 400 acres he owns at different points on the bay. Mr. **KING** at present is engineer at Parker's saw-mill and is as yet unmarried.

**KING**, Solomon -- the present efficient Sheriff of Benton county, is the son of Naham and Serepta (**NORTON**) **KING**, and was born in Madison county, Ohio, on 26 February 1833. When a boy of 8 years his parents moved to Franklin county, same state, and in 1841 moved to Carroll county, Missouri. In the spring of 1845 his father concluded to move west, being induced to do so by the waters of the Missouri river overflowing their banks the previous fall and submerging his entire firm. He selected Oregon as his destination and started with his family of wife, 5 sons and 5 daughters to cross the plains. At St. Joseph they joined a train of 64 wagons under the command of Captain **TeVAULT**, but on arriving on the South Platt the train divided, Mr. **KING**'s party joining that division under the command of James **McNEARY**. After an arduous and long trip, the incidents of which would fill a chapter of this work, they arrived at the Dalles in November 1845. Our subject's family the loss of one brother (John) and his wife and three children, and one sister. At the Dalles they constructed a raft on which they placed 13 wagons and 35 or 40 people and descended the Columbia river to the Cascades, where they took boats and proceeded to the town of Linton, finally settling near the present site of Forest Grove, where they spent the first winter. In April, 1846, Mr. **KING** Sr. selected the valley that now bears his name on his future home, and with the families of Orlando **CHAMBERS** and Lucius **NORTON** settled in King's Valley, 20 miles north-west of Corvallis. Mr. **KING**, however, resided there but a short time, when he spent several years in Portland, and again returned to Benton county, this time locating on the farm now owned by James **ROBINSON**, and there, in 1856, our subjects father passed away. Mr. **KING** then remained on the old homestead until 1872 when he moved to Corvallis and engaged in the livery business, which he followed until 1883 when his large livery stable was burned. In 1876 he was elected Sheriff of Benton county, a position he has been re-elected to every 2 years since, and is present incumbent, and it is safe to say that no man stands higher in his official capacity in Oregon today than Sol. **KING**. He owns a valuable farm of about 1200 acres, one mile west of the city of Corvallis, on which he has a beautiful home residence, a view of which appears in this work. Mr. **KING** was united in marriage in Benton county, to Miss Annie Maria **ALLEN**; by this union they have 5 children -- Annie, Lucy, Ely, William and Abe.