



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER
March, 1986

Your Society Board has survived its third meeting of the year. The Board is made up of the officers of the Society plus the immediate past president, Valerie Nichols, the immediate past Secretary, Jean Grube and Query/ Research chairperson, Mabelle Martsching. Our hope is that this group can be instrumental in setting goals and direction of the Society, can think through and hash out proposals and ideas before they are presented in general meeting, therefore being better prepared to make recommendations and more efficient of time. As starters, it was decided to have a NEWSLETTER that will begin small with room to grow and be an additional means of communication. So... here we go....

Thanks to talented Valerie Nichols for designing the above logo. It's intended use is for letterhead and such but it looks good here too.

The committee for doing the Preservation booth at the antique show is working hard, especially the chairperson, Danell Knight. Support them however you can, at least by attending the show and by taking a turn in the booth. The date is March 15, 10am - 7 pm, and March 16, 11 am to 5 pm. The place is the National Guard Armory, 1315 S.W. "E" st. \$1.75 entrance fee.

The group we love the best, our Book Committee, has been busy at keeping the rest of us happy by buying a really good selection of books. The latest additions are:



- "The Source"- a Guide book to American Genealogy
- "New England Marriages Before 1700 "
- "New York Marriages Previous to 1784"
- " Virginia Vital Records"
- "In Search of Your European Roots"
- "History of the Hugenot Immigrants to America"
- "Bibliography of American County Histories, 1985"
- "The Scotch Irish" - 2 volumes
- "The Genealogist Bibliography"

A REMINDER - Books checked out from our library are due at the next meeting, during the morning research time. Books may be checked out starting at 11:30 a.m., please, not before. Each volume is shelved according to locality and color coded with tape on the spine. You can find the categories posted on the library shelf doors. It helps if everybody tries to stay with the system.

SPEAKING of libraries - have you been wondering what time which out-of-town library is open? The current hours of some are:

OREGON STATE LIBRARY, State Library Bldg, Salem - 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Mon-Fri.
Located in Capitol Mall area between Court and Chemeketa Sts.
and West Summer and Winter Streets.

LDS LIBRARY, Corvallis - 4141 N.W. Harrison Tue 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7- 9:30p.m.
Thur. 12:30 - 4 p.m. 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

LDS LIBRARY, Eugene , 3550 W. 18th St. Tue, Wed, Thur 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

LDS LIBRARY, Salem , 4550 Lone Oak Rd. S.E. Tue & Thur 9 - 5, 7-9 p.m.

THANKS to Audrey Broadley and Jean Grube who are furnishing the cookies for the March meeting. Thanks to Mabelle Martsching and Ruth Musil who have volunteered to sweeten the April meeting.

WELCOME to new members: Maxine McDowell , Damaris Reynolds , Irene Shrock, and Harriet Webb. We're glad you're with us.

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* NOTES from Mabelle and her mailbag

* The Lower Columbia Genealogical Society in Longview, WA is hosting the Washington State Genealogical Conference this May 30,31 and June 1. As a Centennial project the Washington State Society is planning to publish a Pioneer book in 1889. As research for this they are offering pioneer certificates. (this info from Nancie Willey, Centralia)

* According to the office of records of the Benton County Schools, information cannot be released on any past or current student unless the student gives permission.

GRIGGS * Do you know anyone who is researching the Ira or Andrew Griggs line or who is a descendant of either man. There was an Andrew Griggs in high school in Corvallis in 1908.

BELIEU * Is anyone researching the Belieu or Collet families? Do you know anyone who is a descendant of these lines in Benton County? There was a settlement of COLLET * Belieu families in Linn County near Scio. (Bilieu/ Belyieu)

* Direct any answers or info to these queries to Mabelle Martsching
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COMING EVENTS - if you're interested, ask for more information on these.

PORTLAND Genealogical Forum will have their annual open house on Saturday, May 17 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info on program will be forthcoming.

SEATTLE Genealogical Society is hosting Dr. George Schweitzer and his lecture series. Saturday, July 26 and July 27. Cost-\$25 for 1 day, \$40 for both.

SWEET HOME Genealogical will hold its annual 2 day workshop at Church of Christ annex, 18th & Long Sts. Conference starts Friday, March 14 - 9 a.m. -7 p.m. and continues Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per day or \$6 for both days. There will be mini classes, books & film to research, a photographer to copy pictures, and books & genealogy supplies for sale.

LOOK FORWARD to the next Society meeting , on April 12th. Our speaker will be Kay Sweetland Bower, Producer/Historian. Her program will include a slide show about early pioneer women's lives in Oregon as seen through the eyes of one of the most prominent of those women, Abigail Scott Duniway. Sounds like a treat is in store, and one you won't want to miss.