



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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COMING EVENTS

- March 18 - Clark Co Genealogy Society presents Angus Baxter. See Feb. News for info.
- March 21 - The Canadian Interest Group will meet at 1 pm at the Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Dr. S.E. Anyone interested in Canadian research is welcome.
- April 8 Next meeting of our Society. On that day we will have a short meeting, starting at 12:30. Following the meeting will be the program - a tour of OSU Library guided by Joan PERRY.
- April 14 & 15- Sweet Home Genealogical Society will have their annual workshop. Location is the Church of Christ, 18th & Long St. Scheduled classes will be: Computer Class; Using Federal land Records, a slide show on cemeteries; and a beginners class.
- April 15- The Genealogical Council of Oregon will meet at the Albany Library from 10 - 5. Dues are \$5. per year. This group serves as a coordinating group for all the Genealogy Societies in the area. Any genealogist is welcome to attend and become a
- April 29 Eugene hosts a conference - "Past & Present, Your Family on Film." Several classes will be offered - Some of these : History of Photography & Identification and dating of photos; Video Transfer ; Archival Materials and Preservation by our very own Danell KNIGHT, copying photos. Registration is \$12.50 by Apr 22, or \$15 at the door. Place is Wesley United Methodist Church, 1385 Oakway Rd. Eugene.
- Aug 16 - 19 "Celebration of the Century" a conference of The Federation of Genealogical Societies National meeting This will be held at Red Lion Inn, Sea-tac, Aug 16-19 . and celebrating 100 years of Washington Statehood. For additional info contact: SEattle Gen Soc. P.O.Box 549 Seattle WA 98111. Phone 206 682-1410

LIBRARY HOURS _ AN UPDATE - there have been some changes made..

Corvallis LDS Family History Center- Tue & Thur 9a.m to 4 p.m. and 7p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Wed 10 to 1:30; not open Saturdays.

Albany Public Library - open Mon. 12 to 6 p.m.; Tue to Fri- open 12 to 9 p.m.; Sat. open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Salem LDS Libraries - South, 4550 Lone Oak Rd, SE, 363-0374 open Tue & Thurs 9-5, 7 -9 & 2nd & 4th Sat 11-3. East, 862 45th NE, 371-0453- open Mon 9-4, Wed 9-5 & 7-9; Thu Sat. 1-4. Keizer- 1375 Lockhaven Dr. N.E. -390-2095, open Sun. 2:30 -6 pm; Tue 9:30 -12, Wed 6:30 - 8:45; Sat 12:30 to 5 p.m.

The Oregon state library, Salem, is open 8-5 Monday thru Friday, staying open until 9 pm on the first Wed evening of each month and opening from 10-4 on the 2nd Sat each month. It is important to register your attendance at the library, especially so during the extended hours to help document the use and need.

The Lane County Historical Museum announces the public sale of a limited edition of commemorative medalions designed for the 135th anniversary of the safe arrival of the "Lost Wagon Train of 1853". These medallions are of heavy antiqued pewter and sell for \$5.00. They are available at the Lane Co Hist. Museum and at the Information Desk at the Lane County Public Service Bldg, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. They can also be purchased by mail for \$6.00 which includes postage and handling. (from Lane Co. Historical Museum, 740 West 13th Ave, Eugene, OR 97402.

NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

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| 346 | IN SEARCH OF SCOTTISH ANCESTRY - G. Hamilton Edwards |
| 347 | IN SEARCH OF BRITISH & IRISH ROOTS - Angus Baxter |
| 348 | GERMAN IMMIGRANTS 1847 -1854 - Zimmerman /Wolfert |
| 349 | GERMAN IMMIGRANTS 1855 -1862 " " |
| 350 | GERMAN IMMIGRANTS 1863 -1867 " " |

Thanks to Damaris REYNOLDS for the donation of these books:

OLD KITTERY, Maine ,AND HER FAMILIES - Everett Stackpole

1989 Price List / Collections, Journals, Newspapers, Patents, and Reference books -- Research Publications

SPRING TERM CLASS TIME

LBCB catalogs are out- you'll want to check out the offerings. Top of the list should be the classes taught by our members:

MUSEUM TOURS by Jane DODGE

GENEALOGY by Elizabeth AIKEN

WRITE YOUR LIFE STORY taught by Edna WIESE

THIS AND THAT

---Can't find your Confederate soldier? Write to:
Confederate Descendants Society, P.O. Box 233, Athens, AL 35611
(info from Eugene Bulletin)

HERITAGE QUEST MAGAZINE -- in each issue has a rather extensive listing in the PERIODICAL DIRECTORY /REVIEW. It's worth a look for your family name or place.

--Some of the Virginia books that are in the Albany Library:

VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS- Beverly Fleet Vol I, II, & III

HISTORICAL REGISTER OF VIRGINIANS IN REVOLUTION - Gwathmey

GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES 8 volumes

OLD CHURCHES, MINISTERS, & FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA- Meade Vol I, II

NORTHERN NECK LAND GRANTS - Gray

LANCASTER COUNTY VIRGINIA WILLS 1653 - 1800 -Ida Lee

WILLS OF WESTMORELAND CO. VIRGINIA 1654 -1800 - A. Fothergill

CULPEPPER COUNTY , VIRGINIA - Green

VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND - Withington

ENGLISH DUPLICATES OF LOST VIRGINIA RECORDS -Louis des Cognets, Jr.

VIRGINIA ANCESTORS & ADVENTURERS - Hamlin

VIRGINIA GENEALOGIES - Hayden

BURNETT, John, Hon.—was born in Louisiana, Pike county, Missouri, on the 4th of July, 1831. His father died when the subject of our sketch was 15 years old, leaving a widow and 5 children with but little of this world's goods. Young BURNETT set about helping his mother (for whom he had a strong affection) support and raise the family. He first engaged with E. Draper & Brothers, merchants in Louisiana, to tend in their store. After remaining with them about a year he became tired of the confinement in the store and hired out to work on a flat boat on the Mississippi river, boating wood to St. Louis and giving his earnings to his mother. In the spring of 1849 he was offered an outfit to California by a relative, and though he was less the 18 years of age, he gladly accepted the offer and started across the plains to seek his fortune in the gold mines. He engaged in mining and soon earned enough to pay for his outfit, which he sent back to his friend the first opportunity. He followed mining for about 2 years with fair success for a boy, when he returned to his native state, and in the spring of 1853 again crossed the plains with a band of cattle. After selling his cattle he engaged a second time in mining in Nevada county, California, where he worked for about 2 years, when his health became very much impaired and he gave up mining. In the spring of 1858 he came to Oregon and settled in Benton county, where he has resided ever since. The next year after reaching Oregon he was married to Miss Martha HINTON, and about that time he commenced reading law with Colonel KELSAY of Corvallis. By hard study and close application he was enabled a year afterwards to pass an examination of a committee composed of Col KELSAY, Hon. J.C. POWELL and Hon. Richard WILLIAMS, and was admitted to practice law in the Second Judicial District by Hon. R.E. STRATTON, Judge of said district. He soon afterwards opened an office in Corvallis and engaged in practicing law, where he has enjoyed a lucrative practice for years. He is a democrat in politics, of the Jackson Benton school, has always opposed the Calhoun Doctrine, and has always been ready to give a "reason for the faith that is in him", however unpopular it might be. In 1868 he was elected a democratic Elector for SEYMOUR and BLAIR upon the same ticket with Hon. James H. SLATER and Hon S. F. CHADWICK. In 1870 he was elected County Judge of Benton county. In 1872 he ran for Congress but was defeated by Hon. Joseph WILSON by a small majority. In 1874 he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of the state and ex-officio Judge of the Second Judicial District as an independent contesting candidate, with his former tutor, Hon. John KELSAY and also Hon. L. F. MOSHER. In 1878 he was elected State Senator from Benton county for 4 years and was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, which he resigned in 1880 to accept the democratic nomination to the Supreme Bench. In 1882 he was appointed by Governor THAYER Judge of the Second Judicial District, to fill out part of an unexpired term of Hon. J. F. WATSON. Since the expiration of his appointment he has been engaged in practicing his profession. Judge BURNETT's services on the Bench and in the Legislature, and his efforts at the bar and on the hustings (sic) have made his name familiar throughout the state. He has been engaged in a great number of murder trials for the defense, and his success as a criminal lawyer has been equal, perhaps to any in the state. It is claimed by his friends that his efforts in behalf of L. D. MILLER, James McCABE, Charles WILLIAMS, Frank REID, Wm SKELTON, --- WHEELER, Wm ABRAMS, and Asa BURBANK in their several trials for murder, as well as other notable murder cases, place him in the front rank of advocates.