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BEGINNING GENEALOGY WORKSHOP SET

The Mid-Valley Genealogical Society and the Historical Society are presenting a special workshop entitled, "Beginning Genealogy" on April 4, 1992, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Museum Annex. Participants will gain an understanding of how to start researching and documenting their family histories. They will also receive hand outs and the workbook, How You Can Trace Your Family Roots. Members of the Genealogical Society will cover such topics as "Getting Started", "Avenues to Pursue", and "Resources Available". A break for lunch is scheduled and you are urged to bring a lunch. There will be time at the end of the day for questions and answers. Advanced members will be available to discuss and answer your questions at both times.

The registration fee is \$5, and pre-registration is required. You can pre-register by sending a check for \$5 along with your name, address, and phone number to the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1511, Corvallis, OR 97339. You may bring your registration fee and information to the museum. There is a limit of 30 participants for this workshop. We currently have 20 people registered. Questions? Call the museum.

TODAYS PROGRAM

Frank Hall will speak at 2:00 pm on;
SEEKING THE LEGEND OF TCHA TEEMANWI.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sweet Home Genealogical Society Annual workshop will be at the Church of Christ, 18th & Long, Sweet Home, OR. on March 27 & 28.

On April 25th, the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will sponsor Dr. George K. Schweitzer of Knoxville Tn, who will speak on Tennessee Genealogy Research, the War of 1812, and Tracing Ancestors Across the Atlantic. This will be at Mill Creek Inn, 3095 Ryan Dr., SE, Salem (I-5 Mission St exit off Hawthorne). The cost is \$20.00 if pre-registered by April 11th plus \$5.00 if you desire lunch (must be prepaid with registration). It will be \$25.00 for late registration or at the door.

Send to
Registration, WVGS
P.O. Box 2083
Salem OR 97308

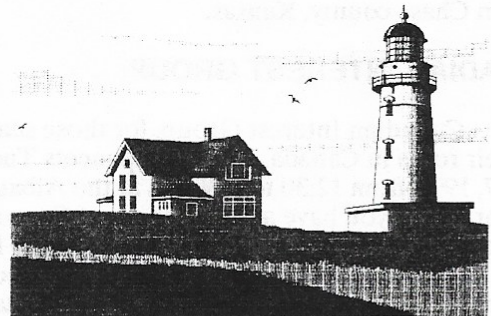
ODDS AND ENDS

The Library is open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 pm. Librarians are on hand to help you with your questions. You may return books on Tuesday, but no books may be checked out.

Remember our number at the OSU thriftshop is 492.

Don't forget to bring in your Flav-R-Pak and Santiam labels. There is a plastic box in the library to store them in.

If you don't already belong to the Benton County Historical Society, why not consider joining? Contact a board member to find out what it is about.



MONTHLY SHARING

Note changes to new listing. Each month we have a table to bring books or other artifacts to share with the other members, from the area we are specializing in. The items are used for that one day only, you take them home that night. Following is the listing for the ten months that we have meetings. If you have books or items to share, please bring them as shown below.

Jan	PA, OH
Feb	OR, WA, ID, MT
Mar	VA, WV
Apr	NC, KY, TN, and Germany
May	IL, MI, WI, Ireland and Scotland
Jun	IN, IA
Sep	NY, NJ, MD, DC
Oct	NH, VT, MA, ME
Nov	CT, RI, DE
Dec	Christmas Party

HELP OFFERED

From Damaris Reynolds.

Searching for WILSONS in New England? I stumbled on a great source: Ken Stevens, P.O. Box 118, Walpole, NH, 03608. He has published 3 books and several articles in the Register. I have a sheet giving more information, so contact me if you are interested. In the meantime he is asking for information on the descendants of Bushrod Wilson who died in Corvallis (buried in Crystal Lake) in 1900. So if you know anything, please let me know; he really helped me and I would like to reciprocate.

From Jim Russell.

Jim Russell is offering to share information on the CD-ROM's he recently purchased from Automated Archives. He now has two disks:

Marriages from Illinois (20 counties), Indiana (51 counties), Kentucky (68 counties), Ohio (39 counties) and Tennessee (46 counties).

Everton Publishers' Family File 1, Family File 2, and Roots Cellar Vol. 1.

From Ken Bielman

I have a full set of the BULLETIN, (Vols 1-4), the publication of the German Genealogical Society of America, and all issues of THE GERMAN CONNECTION, from 1983 to date (Vols 7-15), published by the German Research Assoc. I'll make these available to Mid-Valley G.S. members who are pursuing family history research in Germany. Also have a lot of information on Chase county, Kansas.

CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP

Canadian Interest Group, for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets Tuesday, Mar 17, 1992, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available for Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and some Quebec, plus Canada in general. Car pooling can be arranged. Call Pat Rawlinson, 752-2243.

NEW BOOK

Mitch BEARD's cousin Frances (BEARD) BURROWS has completed her book STORY OF THE BEARDS AND BARTHS. This starts in South Carolina in 1759 and extends to today on the West Coast. The book is over 500 pages and has over 200 pictures. The price is \$27.50 or \$32.50 hardcover. Pre-publication price is good until the 15th of May. If you are interested, see your book committee for particulars.

QUERIES

We received a query from Mrs. Irene Taylor MARTIN for information on James Ira Taylor. He arrived here in 1874 from Virginia, and died in Corvallis in 1911. She gives a lot of other background information. Mabelle is working on the query and has found a lot of information. If you can help her from your files please do so.

PROGRAM REVIEW

Family Ties, by Individual Software, Inc is a new program that will print your family tree for you. The program asks for the name, birth date and location, marriage date and location, death date and location, for an individual and the same data for children, spouse and parents. Family Ties then organizes the information into your choice of ancestor or descendant family tree (Ancestor trees show family roots for any selected individual; descendant trees show where each member of the family fits). The program places each name in a box then draws lines between boxes to show relationships. You select box style and border style.

I recently tried this program and although it has some shortcomings, its worth the \$29.95 purchase price if you're into family trees.

Criticisms are:

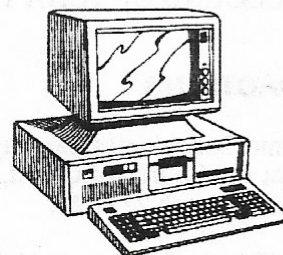
The height of the printed page is the width of a single sheet of paper, i.e. 8 1/2 inches. The length of the printout is the variable. If more than 3 generations of a large family are printed, the length of the printout becomes unmanageable, with long leader lines between boxes. I got around this by printing fewer generations per tree, and printing more trees.

The program automatically prints the number of children that was entered into the data base for a given family. In the event that there was a child which for whatever reason was not entered into the program the printout showing the number of children will be wrong.

The hardware requirements for this program are:

- IBM or Compatible PC.
- Dos 2.0 or higher.
- 512K of Memory or more.
- Hard disk drive or two diskette drives.

The program is available from Power Up Software, Inc. phone 1-800-851-2917.



PAF USERS GROUP

Jerry Pygott is going to start a PAF Users Group for those that use this program on their computer, for their genealogical storage of data. His number is 754-3243.

A users group is handy for those people that use a certain item. There will always be beginners and very advanced users and all shades in between. There is no reason for you to repeat an error that someone else has already found the answer for. If you use PAF, this could be a good idea.

A visit was held with Edna Wiese one afternoon in her comfortable living room.

I became acquainted with Edna when I enrolled in her Write Your Life Story Class, which she taught for ten years.

She became interested in Genealogy in 1940 while listening to her mother and other relatives reminisce and through letters which her mother and cousins wrote. She then began asking questions and taking notes. Edna says she was most interested in the personalities.

She has proof of ancestry from 1786 and has traced their migration from North Carolina to Oregon and California. County history books were studies of the various areas with questions in mind as to what was the county like when the ancestors lived there including maps of that time period, what were the living conditions, what were the people like, and what mark did they leave in the area? She found most all were farmers, yet they were civic minded, law abiding, and God fearing people. All of this helps to give a picture of what the ancestors were like instead of just statistics of names and dates.

The **CYRUS** great grandfather and grandfather came to the Oregon country in 1847 and settled in Linn County. The **SÜTHERLIN** great grandparents and great grandparents settled in Douglas County, Oregon in 1850. It shocked the neighbors when this educated great grandfather named his livestock Latin names.

Edna has finished the two volume book on her **WIESE** family and is hoping to finish the **CYRUS** and **SÜTHERLIN** volumes in a few months.

Here is some advise she should like to pass on about doing your genealogical research.

1. Do not send off your only copy of anything.
2. Develop a good filing system.
3. Date everything. Letters, replies, pictures, etc.
4. Get all the information possible from relatives.
5. Label all pictures - names and dates.
6. Deacidify important newspaper clippings.
7. Do not put anything in the albums with magnetic pages or sticky backing.
8. Don't depend on computers and family histories to give you answers.

WRITE LETTERS to every possible source. This may mean hundreds of letters. Use the book like Halbert's to get names and addresses of others with the same surname. Pick the same given names and locality that you are interested in.

9. Run ads in the Genealogical Helper. Look through all the old issues for someone else who might be working on your line.
10. It takes perseverance and work.
11. WORK

Edna is looking forward to finishing her books and then enjoying her hobbies such as needle point, finishing a partial miniature of her great grandfather's house in Linn County of the 1860's and other crafts.



CALIFORNIA RESEARCH

The following is from the Oregonian, 16 December 1991.

ADDRESS AND COST: For those who read the Dec. 4 "Action" column and asked for more information, here is how to request vital statistic searches from California.

Searches for birth certificates and marriage certificates cost \$12.00 and cover a 10 year period. Death certificate searches cost \$8.00, also for a 10 year period.

It's important to include with payment as much information as possible that's pertinent to a request. Examples would be father's name or mother's maiden name, country of death, birth or marriage. Even a social security number -- if known -- can help.

All requests to to: State Registrar, 304 S. St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Make checks out to Vital Records.

GREAT LAKES AREA

The following tip was sent to us by Fern Shaffer.

You can place a query about your southern Michigan or northern Indiana ancestor in the "Family Heirloom" newspaper column in The Tri-City Record. Send your query to Carole Kiernan, P.O. Box 81, Watervliet, MI 49098.

KANSAS

We received information from the Topeka Genealogical Society about their 20th Annual Genealogy Conference. It will be the 24 and 25 of April in the Kansas Expo-centre at 17th and Western in Topeka Kansas. If you are interested, the folder will be available in the library.

FAGAN: HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY, OREGON BIOGRAPHIES 1885

SCRAFFORD, John J. -- the subject of this sketch was born in Albany county, New York, 3 August 1817. When 25 years of age he, with his wife and 2 children, emigrated west to Delevan county, Wisconsin, and engaged in farming until 1861, when he moved to Cedar county, Iowa. April 23, 1866, he, with his family, started across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Benton county in the fall of that year, and purchased his present farm consisting of 180 acres, two and one half miles southwest of Wells Station, where he is engaged in general farming. Mr. **SCRAFFORD** was married in Albany county, New York, to Miss Martha **RICHARDSON**, who died at her home in Benton county, 10 January 1879, leaving a family of 4 sons and 2 daughters.

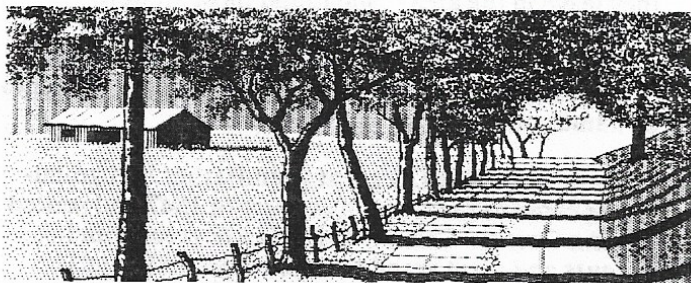
SHANNON, Milton -- was born in Henry county, Indiana, 27 April 1823, and there resided until the year of 1836 when he accompanied his parents to Knox county, Illinois, where he engaged in agriculture until 1851. In the spring of that year he sailed for Oregon via the Isthmus of Panama, and in April settled in Salem, there residing until the spring of 1867, and being elected the first County Judge of Marion county after the admission of the state into the Union. Mr. **SHANNON** also served as Sheriff of the county during the regime of the Territorial Government. In 1867 he came to Benton county, and until the spring of 1877 was engaged at Monroe in mercantile pursuits, since when he has retired from the active affairs of life. He has also held the office of Justice of the Peace for Monroe precinct for 2 terms.

SHAW, Charles L. -- the subject of this sketch is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, born 24 April 1853. When but an infant his parents moved west to Illinois, where he was raised and received his education until 1876, when he came to Oregon, locating in Albany, Linn county. In 1881 he moved to Yaquina Bay, and in 1883 opened up his present hardware store in Newport, where he now resided. Is married and has one son -- Gladys.

SIMPSON, Marshall W. -- this early pioneer of Oregon and well-known resident of Benton county was born in Lawrence county Kentucky, 13 July 1838. Early in the spring of 1844 his parents moved to Jackson county, Missouri, and one year later, the spring of 1845, with his father and mother, one brother and one sister, and ox-teams he joined a small train and started to cross the dreary and almost unknown plains from their home to the Pacific Ocean. After many severe trials they were finally guided safely into The Dalles by that famous guide Steve **MEEKS**. They came on direct to what is now Polk county, and there began farming. Our subject resided with his parents until 1859, when he was united in marriage, in Polk county, to Miss Joice A. **BEVENS**. He then engaged in farming for himself until 1866, when he came to Benton county, and located the land on which is the present town of Elk City, where he has since lived, and at the present time owns a large estate and is now the proprietor of the Simpson House, post-master and store keeper of Elk City. He has a family of 2 sons, and 2 daughters, viz: Hattie, Owen C., Olive M., and William E.

SMITH, Charles -- was born in Seidelinghausen, Westphalia, Prussia, in 1843, and when a young man followed the trials and tribulations of a commercial traveler, which he followed until 1867, when he concluded to emigrate to America, spending this first year in Galena, Illinois, and then moved to Sioux City, Iowa, from whence, in 1872, he moved to San Francisco, and while in that city was well and favorably known as the proprietor of that popular resort, St. Ann's Rest, located on Eddy street. In 1880 he sold out and came to Oregon, and after a short time spent in Portland he came to Yaquina Bay, locating at Oneatta, where he opened up his present business together with speculation in the valuable real estate bordering the beautiful Yaquina Bay.

Due to the length of Green Berry **SMITH's** article it will be in the next issue.



SMITH, Tyra W. B. -- was born in St. Joseph county, Indiana, 23 January 1840. In October 1852, he, with his father, come via New York and Panama to Oregon, and direct of Benton county, his father taking up a donation claim on Soap creek, where they resided until 1857, then moving to Lane county, and 2 years later to Douglas county. In 1865 our subject returned to Benton county and purchased his present large estate of 700 acres, 8 miles south of Corvallis, where he is engaged in farming and stock-raising, and is recognized as one of Benton county's most prosperous farmers. In 1870 Mr. **SMITH** was elected to County Assessor, an office he filled for 1 term.

SPENCER, Francis -- was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, 9 August 1811. In 1832 he moved to Indiana, and 1838 to Putnam county, Missouri, where he followed farming and resided until 1864, when he crossed the plains with his family and spent the first winter in Walla Walla. In the summer of 1865 came to Benton county and purchased his present homestead of 80 acres, 7 miles west of Philomath on the Alsea road. Mr. **SPENCER** is married and has a family of 7 children, viz: James, Harriett, Jesse, William, Sarah, Francis M., and Eli.