



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER

MAY, 1987

WELCOME to new members: Zira KAHL, Corvallis; Gertrude KELSEY New London, CT; and Lois M McCARTHY, Portland.

COMING EVENTS

May 16 - Open House at Portland Genealogical Forum. Hours: 9 am to 3 pm. Admission free. Program: Library tours, classes, computer demos. Address: 1410 SW Morrison, #812, Portland. We will have a table to sell archival supplies. Danelle can use some volunteer helpers.

June 3 - The first of several (we hope) field trips to enumerate and bring the cemetery index books up to date. Arrangements have not been finalized as to the specific cemetery, plans are to start with one within the city. Please indicate your interest in going and in helping- so you can expect to receive the information. In any event, we will meet at the church at 10 am, bring a sack lunch.

June 13 - Our regular meeting - Remember to bring a salad or a main dish for the pot luck we are having to celebrate the coming of summer. On that day at 10:30 am. a workshop by Ted Gump . Topic: Ideas on how to prepare for and carry out a successful research trip or project.

Sept 12 - Eugene Society is sponsoring a Computer Seminar. 8:30 - 4:30. \$10 pre registration, includes lunch. Late registration- \$12 and no lunch included. Location : Church of Crist- Hopefully more info (registration forms) later.

TOMBSTONE REGISTER

Have you noticed a gravestone in some public office or storeroom behind the door, looking lost and out of context? Many grave markers have been hauled from their settings by vandals and abandoned. Rescued by law enforcement officials or county road crews, the stones seldom find their way back to their original cemetery. The Genealogical Council of Oregon has started a project of attempting to identify the names on these wanderers and matching up with the growing collection of cemetery records and getting the mobile marker back to it's right place. If you know of such a stone, you are urged to fill out a form (available from your Society president) and return to address indicated. This is a state wide project and all help will be appreciated.-

Judy Goldman- Chairman
Tombstone Register

BUYERS....BEWARE

Beware of unusual offers. For a long time, it was only Beatrice Bailey but there are many 'special deals' being offered these days. Practically every genealogist receives one at some time. Ask someone about the validity of the advertised offer. Ask about a William The Conqueror Society. Genealogists in CT. have had difficulty with this one. And we are told that American Genealogical Inst in Wash. DC do not have actual supplies. they have mugs, glassed, Coat of Arms, etc. A Reprint Publishing Co in Spartanburg SC is not filling book orders properly. Elizabeth Ross is sending a request order card to various ones using your surname as her maiden name. The Calif. Alliance is gathering these for possible complaint to authouities. (abstracted from the Newsletter of Genealogical Council of Oregon)...To be forewarned is to be armed.. or is it look before you leap.

MISCELLANEOUS _ BITS & PIECES

The Public Archives of Canada have ship manifests of the two main eastern ports of entry on microfilm as follows: Quebec City, 1865 - 1908, and Halifax 1881 - 1908. These microfilms may be borrowed via inter-library loan from your local library. For further information, write to Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St. , Ottawa, KLA ON3, Canada (extracted from San mateo Co, Gen. Soc, Ca (Feb 1987)

LOST TOWNS - if you are unable to locate a town which no longer exists, or has had its name changed, write for information to U.S. Board of Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092.

1860 MISSOURI CENSUS - The Genealogical Council of Oregon is attempting to acquire the 1860 Missouri census (complete) and to place it in the Oregon State Library. Some rolls have already been purchased. The total cost of the project is \$270. \$110. has been collected. If you would like to donate to this purchase- send your dollars to: Erma Lee Brown, 145 24th St S.E. Salem, OR 97301.

POLISH HERITAGE - the Polish Genealogical Society, 984 North Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, ILL, 60622 may be the help that you need. They have card files of names, plus many publications. With a SASE enclosed, write for a listing of their publications and their specific card files.

WAS YOUR ANCESTOR A DOCTOR? For information, try Division of Library and Archival Services, American Medical Assoc., 535 North Dearborn St., Chicago, ILL 60610. (extracted from Roots-Key, Jewish Gen. Soc. L.A. Winter 1986)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP - are you interested? A group will be organizing - John Matasak as group leader/chairman. Join in for fun and for support and for learning. The computer age is here and no matter how much you may want to avoid it, you can't so you might as well join 'em.