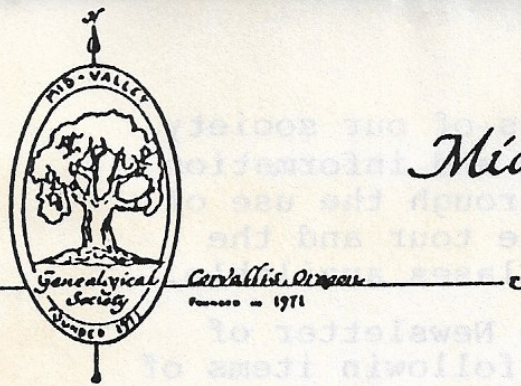


Mid-Valley Genealogical Society



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WELCOME to these new members:

Tom McCLANAHAN and wife Mona and daughter Michelle who live in Corvallis. Tom is researching in the states of NE, IA, KS and PA. Mona is doing research in OH, MD and ND.

Also welcome to Jessie HUNNICUTT from Corvallis and does research in TN, NC, CT and IN.

Another welcome to Mary TORGESON who lives in Philomath and her research states are not known yet (by me, that is).

LOOKING AHEAD

Next meeting- June 10 will be the final one before summer vacation. To celebrate, we will have our traditional potluck. (Does 3 years in a row make it a tradition?) Damaris REYNOLDS our 3rd vice pres, hostess, and head honcho for such things says- all come, bring a food dish, either main dish, salad, or dessert, and the law of averages will make this our usual well balanced feast. Paper plates & picnic forks will be provided. Anyone who objects to not having china & silver can bring their own and be happy. A donation will be requested- all going to the BOOK FUND.

States to research and to bring books to share are Indiana and Iowa, for the June meeting.

The Thrift Shop project proceeds successfully, however it could be even better. If each member will donate at least one item and bring it to the June meeting, Damaris will see that it gets to the Thrift Shop during the summer and the book fund will continue to grow while we are on vacation. Please put this on your list of "important things to do".

THINGS OF INTEREST

Our librarian, Betty SWAN, has compiled the promised notebook called "General Resources and Information" which contains news, forms, etc filed by states. The notebook will be available at meetings and at the librarians desk. Her request- if you should take out a form or anything to copy --- please return it to the notebook.

Anyone interested in New England and/or particularly in the WEATHERBEE family will be interested in watching the TV show "This Old House", chan. 7- 6:30 Sundays, rerun Saturday, 5 p.m.

Thanks to Edna WIESE for her donation of a lot of paper plates, napkins, cups and such. It is much appreciated, Edna.

August 16 - 19 "Celebration of the Century"-- Federation of Genealogical Societies national meeting will be in Seattle at the SEA-TAC Red Lion Inn. Local host: Seattle Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 549, Seattle, WA 98111, Ph 206-682-1410.

At the April meeting more than 30 members of our society enjoyed the tour of the OSU Library map room and information received on sources and aids for research through the use of maps. Thanks to Joan PERRY for arranging the tour and the listing & description of so many maps and atlases available.

Thanks to Jean GRUBE and her copy of the Newsletter of Connecticut Society of Genealogists for the following items of interest.

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 7th Ave, Nashville, TN 37219 will make a free search of microfilmed county records but you must send for the form first.

The New York State Archives has land records on microfilm available through inter-library loan. Your librarian must write: New York State Archives, Empire State Plaza, Albany NY 12230, Inter-library loan.

"Family Research of Americans of Swiss Descent" is a two-page handout from the Swiss National Tourist Office, 608 5th Ave. , New York, NY 10020

The Ohio State Department of Vital Statistics has reduced the cost of an uncertified birth or death record to \$1.10. (info from Spokane column on Genealogy by Donna Phillips)

Also taken from the Spokane paper & Donna Phillips is this fun thing:

"Anatomically, the "Perfect Genealogist" is a very unusual character. The body of a genealogist has evolved with his habit and conforms to his hobby. You can spot the Perfect Genealogist anywhere because he has:

- A steam gauge and pressure valve in his head so he can vent his frustration with mixed-up dates & data.
- Self adjusting ear plugs, handy for increased concentration in noisy places.
- Broad shoulder for big burdens like dealing with a dead-end ancestor.
- A big heart for helping other genealogists.
- A pillow-like seat adaptable for hours of sitting.
- a left arm ending in a satchel to make carrying papers easier.
- An extra-long right arm for taking books from high shelves or from low shelves with a minimum of bending.
- Padded elbows to prevent callouses caused by leaning on reading tables.
- A collapsible stomach (built like an accordion) which can close tight and keep the genealogist from getting hungry and wasting valuable research time by eating.
- A permanent filter mask over the nose for musty, dusty documents and books, handy for courthouses and libraries.
- Telescopic eyes that can adjust from small print to bad handwriting to microfilm reading.

If you are of Scottish ancestry, you might be interested in a subscription to THE HIGHLANDER, a magazine of Scottish heritage. Published for 26 years, each issue of this unusual magazine has interesting articles & stories. The cost for one year- \$11.50 Write to The Highlander, P.O. Box P440444, Chicago, IL 60644-9990.