



# Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Janice BARCLAY from Monroe, OR, and Mary Ann BIGELOW from Crocker, MD.

OUR SYMPATHY to Gladys Parker whose husband, William Woodrow PARKER, died suddenly last month. William was a descendant of Moses PARKER, early pioneer who came to Oregon in 1850.

## COMING EVENTS

May 19- Open House and Family History Fair-Genealogical Forum of Portland -1410 SW Morrison, 2nd floor, Neighbors of Woodcraft Bldg. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everybody invited. Admission free.

June 9- Next meeting of our Society. As is the custom, this will be the last meeting until September. We will celebrate the coming summer vacation with a pot luck. Bring either a maindish, salad, or dessert. Beverage will be provided. Also customary- a lunch-money donation for the book fund. We will honor the Charter members at this special meeting.

GOOD NEWS- the long awaited, long talked about, long worked on first two Cemetery Books are now in PRINT!!! The price will be around \$20 each, plus postage. The Committee is very proud and deserve all the praise they will get. They still have 3 more books to go and need encouragement for that too.

MORE GOOD NEWS our book inventory has been completed and everything is pretty much "all well". Very few books turned up missing. Here is the list- read it then check your home files to see if you have accidently failed to return any of these missing books: (bring them in and no questions asked)

#150 - CORVALLIS GAZETTE SURNAME INDEX -1902

#197 SAINTS AND STRANGERS

#254 - YESTERYEARS TRAINS, Ohio Genealogy Society

#327 - GENEALOGISTS DICTIONARY by F.D. Larsen

The members who helped with the inventory are: Esther FORSYTH, Jean GRUBE, Joy READ, Mabelle MARTSCHING, Mary YOKE, Rebecca KIGER, and of course Betty SWAN, the librarian who says a big "Thanks" to all of these helpers.

OUR LIBRARY contains many books, pamphlets and stuff that tend to hide out in the back of the shelves. There are 5 big green notebooks on the CAROLINA'S. The series is no longer being published but a lot of good information remains in these early volumes. Also on the shelf are several volumes (soft bound) of THE RIDGE RUNNERS "a Magazine of Migration" that was published in the 1970's. The coverage is genealogy from the Southern states, with lots of queries that may contain clues. You may want to do a little more snooping through the books and find some gems.

## REMINDERS

As you do spring cleaning- remember our Thrift Shop Fund and bring saleable items to the June meeting or take to the Thrift shop yourself. Our #- 492.

If you are sorting out books and other genealogical material- remember our book sale table.

Keep saving Flavor Pac and Santiam Labels, we get a refund for each one-such a painless way to help the book fund.

Help our librarian by sticking to the rules- return your "checked out" books as near 10 o'clock as possible on the meeting after they were borrowed, do not check out books before 11.:30 or after 12:30.

It helps if you sign in on the roster and if you wear your name tag. If there isn't a tag there with your name on it then holler about it.

Bring books, maps, etc. for research sharing in Indiana and Iowa for June meeting.

Take advantage of the opportunity to order film from the National Archives through our representative, Mary YOKE. Ask her to show you the catalogs and help in placing your order @ \$3 per film. She sends in orders almost weekly.

## GET WELL WISHES

to Roland CROSIAR who had knee replacement surgery in Salem on April 23rd, then developed other complications and was in intensive care until the first of May. Laura writes that she hopes he could come home by May 5th but he will need home care and time to recuperate. Notes and prayers from us might help--- Roland Crosair, 11665 Airlie Rd., Monmouth OR 97361.

## YOU THINK YOU HAVE IT TOUGH?

Here is a partial list of "Cause of Death" that we encountered while searching cemetery records. We include them here -not because they are "funny" but because it so clearly says how different life was in the old days.

### Cause of Death

--Putrid Sore Throat

--Lung Fever

--Inflammation of the Brain

--Inflammation of the Kidneys

--Spinal irritation

--Hip disease

--Old age

--Hooping cough

--Heart

--Killed by horse

--Whiskey heart

--Purple fever

--Bowell complaint

--Pnewmonia

--Rupture of Womb