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MAY PROGRAM

Danell Aukerman will present her program on care and preservation of documents and other archival artifacts and the proper use of archival supplies. Danell has presented this to other organizations and it was very well received.

EDITORS NOTE: Danell might add to what she says that it would be nice if all the magnetic photo albums be taken and dumped in the deepest trench in the Pacific Ocean. That might not be ecologically proper today so just don't use them.

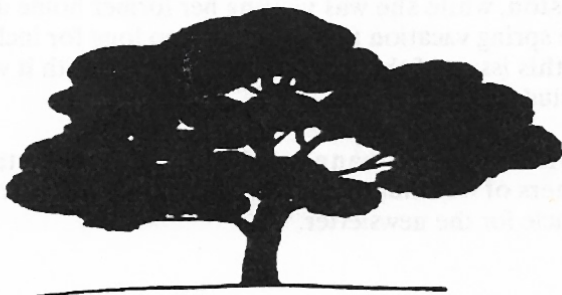
NEW MEMBER

Miriam Blair 10700 SE Singletary Ln, McMinnville OR 97128 Phone 503-472-9140 is our newest member. She is descended from Benton County Pioneers LIGGETT and KELSEY/KELSAY from the 1850 census.

Welcome to our society and hope you have good luck in your researching.

BESSIE MURPHY MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED

Long-time Benton County resident Bessie Murphy died in April at the age of 96. A memorial service for Bessie was held at the museum on April 11th and was attended by over 120 people. Family members and friends related many wonderful stories celebrating the life of Bessie Murphy. Forty-five people have contributed to the Bessie Murphy Memorial Fund of the Society. Memorial funds are used to support the work of the Society in the preservation of our history.



THANK YOU LDS

As the LDS Library is updating to the CD-ROM computer system for the information source in the Library, they have been disposing of their old micro-roll and micro-fiche equipment. We have been lucky enough to be the recipients of their generosity. We now have received two roll readers and two fiche readers. These will make it easy for us as they will be available in our library for use of our members.

We wish to thank them for their generosity and for remembering us when they have something of excess to dispose of. Thank you very much.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month Edith Hughes will be 80 years of age. When you reach the octogenarian age you should be recognized. So from the society to you Edith, we hope that you have a very happy day, year and many more years.

WASHINGTON STATE

During her portion of the April program, Connie Lentzen made mention that the Washington State Society is assisting the Genealogical Council of Oregon in putting on the National Genealogical Society meeting this month in Portland. It is felt that this assistance must be recognized. So a hearty thank you to the folks in our neighboring state for their help. It is greatly appreciated.

LIBRARY LIST

If you bought a library list from the Merchandising Chair in the last while, you might not have gotten all the sheets that should be included in the listing. If you think that you are in this category, please see Betty Swan and compare your listing with what it should be.

FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

Again this year our Governor has come through for us. In an official proclamation, from her office, Governor Roberts has declared the week of May 26 thru June 1 1991 to be FAMILY HISTORY WEEK in Oregon.

If you would like to see a copy of the proclamation, your editor has a copy of it in the newsletter information.

UNIFORM ADOPTION LAWS

The following is from the UGA 1st Qtr 1991 by way of Betty Wilson.

When you obtain a birth certificate for your ancestor, you may well not be receiving all of the facts. If a child was adopted, his birth certificate was amended to show his adoptive parents as his biological parents. There will be no indication on the amended certificate that anything other than a natural birth took place!

In the general procedures today, you may be turned down by a judge (even if you are the adoptee) if you attempt to learn your biological parentage. Although some progress has been made concerning the adoption secrecy laws, no attention seems to have been given to the dilemma these laws will create for all genealogical research in the near future.

The UGA Board has voted to support the recommendations presented to the NGS by the New England Historic Genealogical Society concerning a new uniform law which will enable adoptees and/or their descendants to have access to records that will reveal their biologically accurate parentage. Genealogical organizations that wish to take a position may forward their comments to Brice M. Clagett, NGS Newsletter Editor, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. Please send your comments on official letterhead, signed by an officer.

FAMILY BIBLE

One of our local families has a FAMILY BIBLE for the HERRICK family. The particulars are:

FAMILY BIBLE Published 1841.

W. A. HERRICK

C. F. HERRICK

From Canada and New York.

Names also included are TOWNSEND, RIVA, and WEBSTER.

Also included are Marriage and death certificates and photographs.

If you can prove that you should have this bible, all it will cost you is the postage. You can't beat that with a stick.

If you are the lucky person, contact:

Mary Sisson
Box 904
Philomath OR 97370
Phone (503) 929-3844

BENTON COUNTY PIONEERS - HINTON

Job **HINTON** served as a private in the American Revolutionary War from Georgia. He was born in North Carolina, married Mary **BURKE**. Job died in Franklin Co. Missouri in 1819.

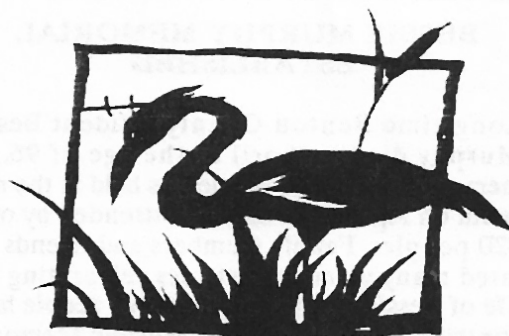
A son Clayton Burke **HINTON** was born in Withe Co. Georgia 6 June 1790. He married Sarah **RICHARDSON**, daughter of David and Nancy **RICHARDSON**. She was born in Halifax Co. Virginia 6 September 1793. Clayton and Sarah were married in Franklin Co. Missouri 22 March 1811. They immigrated to Oregon in 1852 with a wagon train led by their son Job **HINTON**. A daughter, Sophia who had married Joel **INMAN** came on this train also.

Clayton and Sarah took up a donation land claim north of Monroe in Benton County. Clayton died 15 August 1856 and was buried in the Richardson Cemetery on Richardson Butte. Sarah, who died 8 July 1882, is buried there also.

The oldest son of Clayton and Sarah was Rowland Burke **HINTON**. He came to Oregon in 1846 and also had a DLC just north of Monroe. Rowland donated the land for the Monroe Cemetery, where he and his wife Eunice **BRAMMELL**, are both buried. He was an Oregon Legislator for Benton County in 1855.

Contributed by Daniel Froehlich.

NOTE: See also the March 1991 newsletter for Wesley **HINTON** who was listed in Fagan's 1885.



HOW TO NEXT MONTH

Joanne Perry has given me an article on her trip to the various Archives and Libraries in the general area of Boston, while she was visiting her former home during the spring vacation this year. It is too long for inclusion in this issue of the newsletter, but next month it will be included in its entirety.

I wish to thank Joanne and extend the invitation to others of our members, that go somewhere, to write an article for the newsletter.

QUERIES

We have three queries this month. Please get your queries in to me so that we can keep this part of the newsletter going.

1 - Does anybody have a complete list of passengers who were in the **Dove** or the **Ark**? Sailed from England 1634, arrived in New World in Maryland in March 1634. Lord Baltimore's son Leonard **CALVERT** in charge.

from Betty **SWAN**

2 - Isaac **HENSLEY**, on 1853 Oregon territorial Census, married Keturah **BARTON** in Washington County Oregon. A child, Bird **HENSLEY**, born in Portland 21 Jan 1855.

Where did they go? Not on any other Oregon census, pioneer death records etc., nor in Washington census.

from Daniel **FROEHLICH**

3. - Need information of following family names:

CLAUBES (CLABES)
FETZNER
BABER
GRAVES
RUDDLE (RUDELL, RUDEL)
STEWART

The families were in Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri. I'm having trouble!

from Laura **CROSIER**

STATE ARCHIVES

Please don't go to the state archives yet to research the death certificates. Hold off for a couple of months. They are not ready for us to descend on them yet. As with most state agencies now they don't have enough people to get the sorting, storing etc done yet.

If you happen to have a few hours or more that you don't have anything to do with, they could probably use you as a volunteer.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK

Local organizations and agencies have joined forces to celebrate National Historic Preservation Week, May 12 through 18, 1991. This year's theme, "Celebrate Your Heritage", brings into focus the broad range of local projects that have been completed, are presently underway, or are in the planning stage. These projects as a whole have contributed to the preservation of historic sites and structures, and the written and oral records related to our heritage.

Within Benton County there are ten organizations or agencies that are working in a growing spirit of cooperation to protect and preserve our cultural heritage. These groups have scheduled four events intended to promote an understanding of local history and to allow the public to participate in National Historic Preservation Week. Open houses will be held at two historic structures, the Irish Bend Bridge will be rededicated in its present location, and an awards ceremony will be held for those who have made outstanding contributions toward preserving our local heritage.

WELCH ANCESTORS

If you have Welch ancestors there is a group called Y Drych, that has a publication for you. It is \$15.00 a year US funds. The address is:

Y Drych
Box 8089
St. Paul MN 55108

ARCHIVES OPEN FOR ALL TO USE

from the **Associated Press, Washington D.C.**

Many Americans think of the National Archives as a place filled with millions of dusty papers, a place where tourists can spend a few minutes to view the documents on which the nation is based.

Since the success of the television series "Roots," however, more and more people are discovering the facilities of the archives as they try to track down their own ancestors.

You don't have to live in Washington or travel here to take advantage of the archives. If the request isn't too complex -- if you want to know, for example, whether your great-grandfather fought in the Civil War -- you can write to the archives for information.

If you need more detail, there are 11 "mini-archives" around the country where you can study microfilm copies of census records and other information.

To ask for assistance or find out what information is available by mail write to the National Archives (NNCR), Washington, D.C., 20408.

The regional archives are located in Seattle; San Bruno, Calif.; Laguna Niguel, Calif.; Denver; Fort Worth; Kansas City; Chicago; Ease Point, Ga.; Philadelphia; Boston; and Bayonne, N.J.

Editors Note: If any of our members want any of this information all they have to do is contact Mary Yoke. As the older members know, Mary has the order forms for the information we want from the National Archives.

**From: D. Fagan History of Benton County,
Oregon Biographies 1885**

IRWIN, Richard -- was born in County Cavan, on the Isle that gave birth and fame to a **BURKE**, a **CUR-RAN** and **O'CONNELL**, 11 June 1813, and there resided until the age of 19 years. He then, with his mother, (his father being dead), one brother and 2 sisters, emigrated to America. Our subject first found employment in a mercantile store in Lockport, New York; four years later he was sent by his employers to Ohio to take charge of a branch store. Mr. **IRWIN** then followed merchandising in Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, until 1850. In the spring of that year he started from Fairfield, Iowa, with his bride of one day and an outfit costing \$5000, and an abundant supply of provisions, but being of a generous disposition, qualities which he still retains, he was too free to give to the needy whom he met on the plains, and consequently before arriving at The Dalles, our little party found their supply of provisions exhausted, and then began sufferings and privations which only those who have been placed in like situation can understand. He then came to Portland and engaged in business until 1851, when he came to Corvallis and opened a store. In September of the above year he located 640 acres as a donation claim, where he now resides, to which he has since added until he now has 922 acres of Benton county's most fertile real estate. It is indeed a fortunate locality that reckons among its citizens such men as the subject of this sketch, **MCCAULY**, **PORTER**, the **McBEES**. **John HARRIS**, **John FOSTER**. Maj. **BRUCE**. **John RICKARD**, and many others of equal high standing, for the country where they live can never stagnate. Mr. **IRWIN** was united in marriage in St. Louis, Missouri, to Miss Louisa **KOMPP**, a native of Germany. By this union they have, Frances J., now Mrs. Joseph **McBEE**, James C., and Richard S.

JOHNSON, Joseph D. -- was born in Jackson county, Missouri, 9 August 1843. In 1850 he came with his parents across the plains to Oregon. At Ash Hollow, on the North Platt, his mother died, and 2 days later one of his sisters passed away. On 26 October 1850, his father took as a donation claim the farm where our subject now resides. Married Miss Mary **GRAHAM**, daughter of Dr. **Graham** of Corvallis. They have 3 sons.

KEADY, Hon William P. -- was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, 1 April 1850. When but an infant his parents moved to Iroquois county, Illinois, when his father started the "Iroquois Times", and when quite young our subject entered his father's printing office, where he received the major portion of his early education. In June 1866, being then but 16, he enlisted in the army and served until April 1867, when he was discharged at Atlanta. He then returned to his home and followed his trade of printing, until the connection of the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific, when he

crossed the plains on the first through train to California. In May 1872, he came to Oregon and accepted a position in the State Printing office at Salem, afterwards becoming the business manager and city editor of the Salem "Statesman". In 1879 Mr. **KEADY** came to Corvallis and in partnership with W. B. **CARTER** published the Corvallis "Gazette". Mr. **CARTER** at the time being State Printer, which office he filled until his death, which occurred in the spring of 1880, when Mr. **KEADY** was appointed State Printer, serving until the following fall. He then engaged in real estate and collection business in Corvallis. In June 1882, Mr. **KEADY** was elected to represent Benton county in the State Legislature, and again in 1884, was re-elected to the same office, and at the last session held the honorable position of Speaker of the House. Mr. **KEADY** was married in Salem, June 4, 1874, to Mrs. Julia G **CRUMP**; by this union they have 3 children, viz; William F., Fannie G., and Lynn Y.

KEESEEE, John -- deceased -- was born in White county, Tennessee, 17 April 1828. When young his parents emigrated to Indiana, thence to Illinois, and later moved to Missouri, where he resided until 1852. In the spring of that year, he started across the plains to Oregon, locating in Polk county that fall. In 1864 he came to Benton county, and purchased a farm of 160 acres, 4 miles from Corvallis, where he lived and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the whole county until his death, which occurred 9 March 1883, leaving a family of wife, one daughter and one son, Andrew T. **KEADY**, now an enterprising young business man of Corvallis. Mr. **KEESEEE**, at the time of his death, was Master Mason of Corvallis lodge of A.F. and A.M.

KELLY, Hon. William J. -- was born in Monroe county, Indiana, 4 September 1818, and there resided until the spring of 1840, when his family moved to Missouri and lived in that state until the spring of 1853. He then, with his sister Eliza, joined a train bound for Oregon, arriving at **Foster's Ranch**, 25 September 1853. A few months later they came to Benton county, and took up their residence in Monroe, where he has since resided, in the full enjoyment of the confidence and esteem of the whole community in which he lives. Mr. **KELLY** twice represented Benton county in the State Legislature, first in 1870 and again in 1874, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace for Monroe for 3 terms. He is now, with his sister, engaged in the hotel business in Monroe, where he owns considerable real estate.