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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.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Les and Betty Wilson for the new electronic micro film viewer. If you want to see it, look upstairs in the north-west room.

QUERIES

(1) My Great-great grandfather, William Stewart Hite, was buried in Elk City in 1874, he died on March 25.

Harriet Moore told me there were two cemeteries but a few years back when I asked local residents, they knew of only one. Most of it was overgrown with blackberries so I gave up the search. From Merthel McConnell.

Partial Answer. This is what makes me glad that this column is running and our members are using it. I looked in a book, given to us by Evelyn Perry of Lincoln County, called At Rest in Lincoln County. On page 20, at the end of the Elk City Cemetery entry, is this small entry.

"Earlier cemetery at Elk City was on hill above home of Bob Parks today. That area was surveyed into streets and above was ball grounds. From memory of older residents I give these few burials:" Here she lists five people.

This book was published in 1979, so all you need to do to start is check where Bob Parks lived in 1979. I think that I would start at the assessors office in Lincoln County.

To those new members that don't know, during our formative years, part of Lincoln county was Benton county.

(2) Does anyone know where Fruitvale or Fruitvale Cemetery is? In working with the GT Indexing, I ran across this name and can't find it. The time period was about 1890, and probably somewhere in Benton county. Ed Stratton.

PAF USERS GROUP

On Friday the 24th of April the formation meeting for the PAF Users group met at the LDS Family History Center on Harrison. There were 15 people there, with Jim Russell heading up the group. Abilities ranged from those of us that use computers daily to one lady that was given a computer by her children, that hadn't been plugged in yet. This is the perfect spread of members. The purpose of a users group is to allow the less proficient members to avoid the mistakes the more experienced users made on their way up.

We will be meeting on the last Friday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Family History Center, as long as this is possible and the group wants to keep coming and learning.

The May meeting will be on how to use MS-DOS. You need to be able to navigate around the basic DOS commands before you can successfully use any program.

MONTHLY SHARING

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Oregon Genealogical Council of Oregon (OGC) will present its 1992 Conference "Bridges", in Springfield, Oregon, August 14 thru 16. This will be at the Red Lion Inn, in Springfield.

Through July 15th the cost is \$90.00. This includes four general sessions, sixteen classes and five meals. After the 16th of July the cost is \$100.00.

For more information and registration form contact: Genealogical Council of Oregon, PL Box 15169, Portland, OR 97215.

The Scandinavian Genealogical Society of Oregon is for persons researching Scandinavian ancestry. They hope to help answer questions and perhaps find unknown family ties that will assist tracing activities.

If you have any Scandinavian ancestry, it might be of help to contact them. The Research Chairman is Mike Thompson, 4601 E. 18th St #150, Vancouver, WA 98661. The Treasurer is Mary Lou Danielson, 688 Danielson Lane, Stayton OR 97383. Their dues are \$10.00 per year.



BENTON COUNTY LIBRARY RESOURCES

This is the second part of the resources researched by Mabelle Martching. The first part was in the April newsletter.

Election Returns, 1851
Estate Indexes, 1874 - 1929; c 1896 - c 1923
Estate Record, 1864 - 1892, 1904 - 1930
Execution Docket: Circuit Court, 1852 - 1856, 1895 - 1933
Inheritance Tax Record, 1918 - 1959
Judgement Docket, 1852 - 1860
Justice Court Order Book, 1921 - 1927
Juvenile Court Journal, 1907 - 1960
Monthly Reports of Benton County Public Schools, 1902 - 1917
Naturalization: Certificates of Citizenship, 1903 - 1906
Naturalization: Declaration of Intention, 1889 - 1928
Naturalization: Petition & Record, 1908 - 1929
Probate: Bond Record, 1859 - 1967, 1972
Probate Court Case Files, 1852 - 1900
Probate: Fee Journal, 1852 - 1886
Probate Journals, 1850 - 1972
Probate: Letters of Administration, Guardians, Testimentary, 1859 - 1959
Probate: Record of Action, 1852 - 1857
Probate: Register, 1852 - 1901; 1896 - 1921
Record of Bonds, 1900 - 1932
Record of District Clerks Annual Reports, 1909 - 1915
Register of Teachers Examined, 1908 - 1936
Tax Collection Roll, 1850 - 1857
Treasurer Accounts Payable Ledger, 1906 - 1915
Will Books, 1881 - 1975

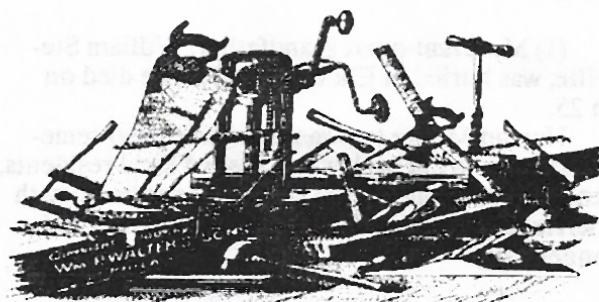
LIBRARY

We have a couple of announcements from our Librarian this month.

All members must return all checked out books on or before our last meeting before summer break, which is Saturday June 13th. This is required so that we can do our inventory and library reorganization / renumbering, which will start on Tuesday June 2nd. You are invited to join in on the work. If you would like to spend some time volunteering this summer call Wendy James, Librarian, at 753-6116, or see her at the meeting.

A special note to all of our new members. The lifeblood of any organization is the work of the volunteers. If our Society is to prosper, we need you to help. Just because you are not one of the "old guard" doesn't mean that we wouldn't welcome your participation. Please come out and add your talent to the pot.

The second item is that we will be open on Tuesday afternoons, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm, during July and August. After the reorganization / renumbering project is completed, about the first of July, we are going to try checking books out to members, in good standing according to the by-laws, at the Tuesday Library time. During this trial period, books will be available for a two week checkout for the period from July 7th through September 1st. All summer checkout books must be returned by Tuesday September 1st 1992, so they will all be available for the September meeting.



FORUM OPEN HOUSE

There will be a carpool available to those wishing to go to "The Genealogical Forum of Oregon's" Family History Fair and Library Open House from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, May 16th, in the Neighbors of Woodcraft Building in Portland.

We will leave Corvallis at 7:00 am and return about 6:00 pm.

This is offered by Wendy James, our Librarian. Call her at 753-6116. There is presently 4 spots available, but if more need a ride, we will see what can be worked out.

This is the current article on charter members
by Lee Rudisill.

CLARA JANS

Mrs. Jans greeted Edna Wiese and I with a bright smile and a cherry "Hello". She was dressed in a beautiful red blouse with tiny ruffles down the front and around the neck complemented by a warm plaid skirt.

She is one of our charter members and has researched her family of **TROUSDALE** back for six generations. They came from Ireland in the 1700's as indentured servants and landed in Maryland, later settling in Ohio, Wisconsin, and Colorado.

Mrs. Jans was born July 25, 1897. Her husband Fred worked for the Department of Agriculture as special extension agent for the western states. They lived in Silver Springs, Maryland where their two sons and two daughters were born. He retired after thirty-five years and they moved to Oregon in 1958.

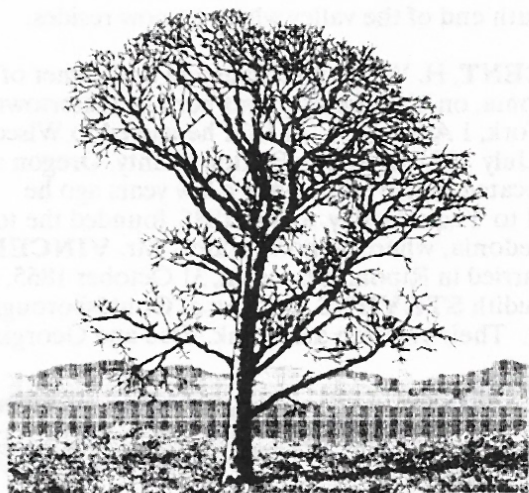
At their last family reunion in 1991, held at Silver Creek Falls, Oregon, there were ninety-seven present including nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, coming from as far away as Los Angeles, Seattle, Massachusetts, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Alaska. Their next reunion will be held in 1993 in Little Rock, Arkansas which she hopes to attend.

Mrs. Jans told a story about "Old Snyder", a horse they owned, that was pigeon toes. He fell down in the mud one time all spradled legged and had to be helped up.

Mrs. Jans has always been interested in genealogy and in 1977, was First Vice President of the Mid-Valley Genealogy Society. In addition she enjoys cooking and sewing, collecting buttons, plates and cups. She joined the DAR after coming to Corvallis.

When doing family research she said not to forget that where ever a person votes that person's mother and father is also listed on the registration.

I hope she enjoyed our visit as much as we enjoyed visiting with her.



SCHWEITZER SEMINAR

by Charlene Talbot

I was among the 120 people gathered at the Mill Creek Inn in Salem on Saturday, April 25, for a day-long seminar with Dr. George K. Schweitzer. By the end of the afternoon I felt my \$25 registration fee was a great bargain for the privilege of spending a delightful day being entertained and informed by Dr. Schweitzer plus a very edible box lunch.

His three lecture subjects were The War of 1812 Genealogy, Tracing Your Ancestors Back Across the Atlantic, and Tennessee Genealogical Research. Unhappily the costumes that he planned to wear to illustrate his talks -- War of 1812 uniform, Bavarian lederhosen, and backwoodsman's hunting shirt and coonskin cap -- did not get transferred when he was forced to change planes. "The got left on the United wagon train," he said. Nevertheless, he made history come alive. I understand something of what the War of 1812 accomplished, and I have a better idea of the reason for certain immigration routes.

We sat at tables comfortable for taking notes, and were given excellent legal-length, single-spaced outlines of each talk. Dr. Schweitzer whisked up and down the aisles, keeping us in a ripple of laughter.

One piece of general advice was: "Don't make up reasons not to look at records."

By the end of lunch period all his books had been sold out.

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society deserves thanks for arranging this treat and its smooth functioning.



HARRIET MOORE

On Friday morning at 10:00 am, Harriet Moore's ashes were spread on the grounds of the Museum as she requested.

If anyone wants to read the letter from her son, your editor has a copy of it.

FAGAN: HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY, OREGON BIOGRAPHIES 1885

STEWART, James H. -- was born in Fountain county, Indiana, 19 June 1823, and there resided until 19 years of age. His parents then moved to Polk county, Missouri, where he followed farming until 1851, when he, with his mother, wife and 2 children, came across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Corvallis 28 September of that year. A few months later he took up as a donation claim the farm where he now resides, 2 miles north of Corvallis.

STEWART, John -- (deceased) -- the well-known and highly respected citizen of 40 years residence in Benton county, was born in Knox county, Virginia, on 12 February 1799 and died at his home near Corvallis in February 1885. When he was quite young his parents moved to Indiana and, in 1842, to Missouri. In 1845 our subject joined a train, of which he was elected captain, and came across the plains to Oregon. In this train were many of the prominent citizens of Benton county. Mr. **STEWART** on his arrival in Benton county in the spring of 1846 located on the place where he died, consisting of 640 acres.

STEVENS, William -- a resident of Caledonia, Benton county, Oregon, was born in Stuben, Maine, 8 April 1810, and came west to Wisconsin in 1847, and arrived in Benton county, Oregon 16 December 1873, and has since followed farming. Mr. **STEVENS** was married to Miss Anna **LEIGHTON** in Stuben, Maine, 20 March 1834. They have 5 children: Judith (now Mrs. H. W. **VINCENT**), Lucy, George, Mary A., and Mary L.

STOUT, W. B. -- is Justice of the Peace and Notary Public of the city of Newport, Yaquina Bay, and is a gentleman of high standing in the community where he resides. Mr. **STOUT** was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, 29 March 1853, and arrived in Oregon 9 September 1861 and came to Benton county in October 1876, at that time taking up his residence in Newport, where he now lives. Mr. **STOUT** was united in marriage in Linn county, Oregon 8 November 1868, to Miss Mary J. **McFADDEN**, a native of Linn county. By this union they have a family of 5 children, viz: Anna M., Hannah E., Laura W., Etta M., and Claude M.

THOMPSON, Joseph -- the subject of this sketch was born in Huntington county, (now Blair county) Pennsylvania, in 1832, and there resided until 1852, in the mean time learning the printer's trade. In the spring of the above year he joined what was known as Morrison's Train, at Dubuque, Iowa, to cross the plains to Oregon, coming all right until they reached Tule Lake, there they were surprised by a band of 150 Modoc Indians, and when after a desperate fight, with the loss of 2 guides and one packer killed, and our subject wounded, they were finally rescued by a party from Yreka. Mr. **THOMPSON** on his arrival at Yreka began mining for a short time and then went to Sacramento and San Francisco, where he worked at this trade, and at one time published a paper at Nevada City. In 1869, he came to Oregon, and direct to Yaquina Bay, and located on his present farm of 160 acres adjoining the new town of Caledonia, and one mile from Toledo, where he has

since made his home, but spent most of the time working at his trade on the daily papers of Portland. Mr. **THOMPSON** was married in Nevada City, California, to Miss M. V. **HERBERT** -- they have 5 children, viz: Morris, Daisy, Joseph, Lillie, and Harriet.

VAN CLEVE, Collins -- was born in Morgan county, Illinois, 26 August 1833. His father Dr. John **VAN CLEVE**, was an eminent minister of the Methodist denomination, consequently, owing to the many changes the ministers of that faith are subject to, Coll. lived in several different places until he was 9 years of age, when he quit the parental roof, since which time he has done for himself. At the age of 14 he started to learn the printer's trade, which he followed until the breaking out of the war. On the first call being made in 1860, our subject was then running a newspaper in Bellville, Illinois. He immediately began the organization of a company, with which he served until 1862, when he was discharged on account of sickness. He then, on regaining his health, started west to Fort Benton; thence to Lewiston, Idaho, where he published a paper for a time, and finally came to Portland where he worked on the "Oregonian" and the "Portland Times". In 1868 Mr. **VAN CLEVE** came to Albany, Linn county, where he founded the "Albany Register", which he continued to edit until 1882, when he was appointed Custom's Collector for the Yaquina District with his office at Yaquina City, where he also in the latter year started his paper the "Yaquina Post." Mr. **VAN CLEVE** was at one time Mayor of Albany. He is married, and has 6 children.

VAN BEBER, Lazarus -- among the many pioneers of Benton county, there are none more highly respected than this early argonaut of King's Valley, having arrived in that beautiful place where the whole valley lay in its virginity and the feet of white man had hardly tread upon it -- his was among the first to press it. Mr. **VAN BEBER** was born in Clayborn county, Tennessee, 27 February 1807. At the age of 21 years he emigrated to Illinois, where he followed farming until the spring of 1846, when, with his family and mule teams, he crossed the plains to Oregon, and to Benton county, taking up his donation claim in King's Valley, where Morris **ALLEN** now lives. He now owns a farm of 350 acres in the south end of the valley where he now resides.

VINCENT, H. W. -- a merchant and mill owner of Caledonia, on Yaquina Bay, was born in Watertown, New York, 1 April 1832. In 1851 he moved to Wisconsin and, 3 July 1874 arrived in Benton county, Oregon and first located in Corvallis, when a few years ago he moved to Yaquina Bay, and in 1885, founded the town of Caledonia, where he now resides. Mr. **VINCENT** was married in Ripon, Wisconsin, 31 October 1865, to Miss Judith **STEVENS**, a native of Gouldsborough, Maine. Their children are Frank, Fred and Georgia.

