



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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WELCOME to new members: Shirley J HILL, Joy READ, and C. Ross HALL.

COMING EVENTS

November 13 - Meeting of Willamette Valley Genealogical Society- The regular meeting (2nd Sat) was changed to 3rd Sat. due to library being closed for Veterans Day. The meeting will be in the Oregon State Library- 10 am - 4 pm. At 1 pm the program- a video tape by Leland Meitzler on Cemeteries and Funeral Homes. The WVGS has cook books for sale @ \$5. By mail add \$1.25. Order from: WVGS Cookbook, P.O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308.

November 21- Canadian Interest Group will meet at 12:00 noon in the Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Dr. S.E. Anyone with an interest in Canadian research is welcome.

December 9 - our annual Christmas auction and dessert. Remember to bring cookies or other goodies for the holiday table and bring a handmade craft or white elephant for the auction. All proceeds go to the book fund- so bring money and your generous spirit. At this time there will also be the drawing to see who gets to take home the special prizes. See Daniel Froleich to make your donation of \$1 or more for tickets that will put your name in the drawing pool. Maybe this will be your lucky day !

THIS AND THAT

Anyone doing research or having information on Abner DRUMM, born 1808 and in Benton County in 1850 and 1860 census, or his wife, Lydia TRUMBULL, please let Maybell MARTSCHING know.

The Oregon Historic Families Act (House bill #3255) has passed and become law. The law directs the State Archivist to compile and make available information to encourage the genealogy studies of the historic families in Oregon who resided here prior to the census of 1910. Roy Turnbaugh, State Archivist has ordered a computer system to begin the initial work preparing a geographic information system to make genealogy info available around the state.

More than 35 people attended the Genealogy program given by Ron BREMER on Nov 3. The presentation was both informative and entertaining

For those who have ancestors who emigrated from England to USA via Canada, the Public Archives Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont. K1A0N3, Canada has records between mid-1800 and 1919. Records of Entry, Employment & Immigration Canada, Ottawa, Ont. K19 0J9, Canada has the records from 1919 on. There is a fee of \$18. (from Connecticut Soc. of Genealogists)

Today is Armistice Day, now known as Veterans Day- a day set aside to honor and remember all veterans who have served their country in all the wars. As we think about wars- here is a list of the not so modern ones (not including the various Indian Wars) :

1675 - 1676	King Phillip's War	
1690 - 1697	King William's War	
1702 - 1713	Queen Anne's War	
1744 - 1748	King George's War	
1754 - 1763	French & Indian War	
1775 - 1783	Revolutionary War	19 April 1775 to 11 April 1783
1798 - 1800	War with France	July 1798 to 30 Sept 1800
1812 - 1815	War with Great Britain	July 1812 to 17 Feb 1815
1846 - 1848	Mexican War	24 April 1846 to 30 May 1848
1861 - 1866	Civil War--	19 April 1861 to 20 Aug, 1866
1898 -	Spanish American War	19 April to 13 August, 1898
1917 - 1918	World War I	
1941 - 1946	World War II	

 Excerpted from an article in SECOND BOAT Nov, 1982 -".The truth is that the reason everybody's ancestors are equally important is that we basically, over the centuries, come from the same small genealogical pool.

If you take your family back 14 generations, which would be more than 300 years, you have in that period 16,384 ancestors from whom you equally descend. When you trace only half way back to Biblical times your ancestors number in the billions--more than the number of people then living on earth. This means, first, that we descend many times over from the same people and, second, that we are, of course, all related. The flip side of this numbers game is that any couple with children born in our century can, over the next two hundred years, expect to have over a million descendants. The odds ar that, among them, there will be leaders, discoverers, scientists, educators and other men and women of worldwide renown. Isn't genealogy fun?"

 YOU KNOW YOU'RE A GENEALOGIST'S SPOUSE WHEN:
 -You're the only person in the bridge club who knows what a Soundex is;
 -"It's only a few miles down the road" means 50, at least.
 -Some of your best friends live 200 miles away.
 -You have more pictures of tombstones than of the kids.
 -"I need a little help at the courthouse" means forget the cleaning, washing, dinner & chores- the day is shot.
 -The mailman can't believe that you get this much mail from someone you don't know.
 -You explain to mother why you can't go 25 miles for Sunday dinner, but can go 300 miles to check out another cemetery.
 -"As soon as I check out this census record, I'll fix the leaky faucet" means "call the plumber."
 -Your neighbor's think you're crazy, your friends wonder, and you know you are.
 -Despite it all, even you are a little anxious for the next family reunion. (Thanks to Damaris for these "truths" from Connecticut Nutmegger, Sept. 1989.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

CURRIER, Jacob M--the well known pioneer, the subject of this memoir, was born in Orleans county, Vermont, 12 February 1827, but at the age of 5 years was taken by his parents to Lowell, Massachusetts, whence in 1842, they moved to the State of New York, and in the fall of 1844 to Andrew county, Missouri, where during the following year he had the great misfortune to lose his father and mother. In May 1846, with his 2 sisters and a brother-in-law, Hon. A. L. HUMPHREY, Mr. CURRIER started with ox-teams to cross the plains to Oregon, there being also in the party the BAKER family and Joseph ALEXANDER. Arriving where now stands the city of Corvallis, 5 December 1846, after meeting with many casualties, they there remained a short time, when Mr. CURRIER proceeded to the present site of Dallas, Polk county, and there took up his abode until the fall of 1847. In November of that year he enlisted in Captain John OWEN's company and with it took part in the Indian war that raged at that time to the east of the Cascades. At the end of 6 months he returned to Corvallis, but in the fall of 1848 went to the gold mines of California, but came back to Oregon in the spring of 1849. In 1850 he took up his donation claim where he now resides, and to which he has since added until he now owns 1600 acres, located about 10 miles south of the county seat, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. At an early day Mr. CURRIER served as one of the County Commissioners of Benton, while it may be truly said of him that his enterprise and ability have done much good towards raising the section in which he resides to the proud position it holds. Is married and has 7 children viz: William A, Manly C, Laura (now Mrs. John BELKNAP), Elizabeth H, John B., Sarah and Eva.

 1990 membership dues are payable now and through January. We encourage everyone to pay early so you wont forget and become a "has been"
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ RENEWAL

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 NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____ REINSTATE _____
 membership year starts in January
 Enclosed is: \$ _____ for _____ individual membership(s) at \$4.00 each
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