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## BLAZER TV

During Blazer TV Coverage this winter they will include one minute spots on the Oregon Trail.

## THANK YOU

To all of our members and those that you talked to, thank you for helping to pass the Historical Levy. It is a lot better to know where your base amount of money is coming from each year. Now we can go on with the work of the Museum.

## PAY YOUR DUES NOW

Your 1993 dues may be paid beginning in September. That means that your dues may be paid from now until the first of the year. The sooner you pay the dues the easier the Treasurer and Membership chair will be able to get their records up to date.

Remember that the dues are now \$6.00 for a single and \$9.00 for a family. This is the first cost increase in our 21 year history.

## 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.

In Roland Crosier's article in September the schedule for Brunk house in Polk county is changed. There is a note on the door that says that it is only open by appointment. You must call Norman Thompson at 623-2669.

Don't know if this is permanent of just for the winter. Maybe we can find out before the summer rolls around.

## DECEMBER MEETING

December 12th will be the Annual Holiday Auction and Tea. We are running our drawing again this year, see Jean. Tickets are \$1.00 and 6 for \$5.00.

This year we have an Afghan, an Embroidered Tablecloth from China, and a Christmas wall hanging. Be sure to bring items for the auction and your checkbook. Paperback books seem to sell well, so bring them if you have any. Don't forget to bring your goodies for the Tea.

## PAF USERS GROUP

The PAF Users Group has been meeting the last Friday evening, of each month. Those that have been attending have received a lot of good information.

If you are using PAF or are thinking of getting it, why not join us and learn with us, about how to use this program.

The next meetings are on the 20th of November and the 18th of December at 7:00 pm at the Family History Center of the LDS Church on Harrison Ave.

## 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	Auction and Christmas Tea

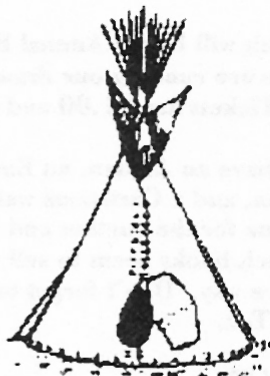


## NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

MO Missouri Miscellany Vol I.  
 MO Missouri Miscellany Vol IX.  
 VT Gazetteer of Vermont Heritage

## TODAYS PROGRAM

Alfred Lane will present a talk on the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, past and present.



## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Mary Yoke now has the volunteer listing for the library. If you haven't signed up yet, why don't you join us. If you can spare a Tuesday afternoon, see Mary and come on out.

## DAR

The DAR State Regent, Ellen Benedict, will be at the library on the 12th of January 1993.

They will be there from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. The library will be open during that time for normal working and for those wishing to start their DAR lineage workup. There is no cost for this help, and if you intend to be there the entire time, bring a brown bag.



## NICKNAMES

At least two listings of nicknames have come in the last month. They will be listed from time to time.

Kit	Christopher
Pip	Phillip
Cort/Curt	Conrad
Jack/Cob	Jacob or John
Cole/Claus	Nicholas
Rob/Bert/Rab	Robert
Tam/Massey	Thomas
Birdie	Bridget
Dee	Deborah
Dixie	Benedicta/Benedicta
Dolly	Dorothy
Greer	Gregoria
Gretchen/Tira/Megan	Margaret
Neysa	Agnes
Elsa	Alice
Amy	Amelia
Netta/Jeanie	Jane
Duggie	Douglas
Wat	Walter

## QUIZ

Nicknames	Name
1. Jenins	A. Margaret
2. Lola	B. Henry
3. Lon	C. Theresa
4. Meta	D. Millicent
5. Pat	E. Delores
6. Harry	F. John
7. Lissa	G. Martha
8. Nola	H. Sarah
9. Sally	I. Olive
10. Zita	J. Lawrence

## NEW DANIEL BOONE FILM AVAILABLE

Northeast Missouri State University proudly announces the production of a major television drama dealing with the life and times of Daniel Boone. This film deals with every major aspect of Boone's life; in fact, we believe it to be the only cassette available which presents the true saga of this greatest of American folk heroes. Additional information can be obtained by writing to: James Paulding; Fine Arts; NMSU; Kirksville, Missouri; 63501. The VHS cassette is being offered for sale to individuals for \$50. Those wishing to order the film outright should make their check payable to DANIEL BOONE FILMS and return it to Dr. Paulding at this same address.

(Answers 1-F,2-E,3-J,4-A,5-G,6-B,7-D,8-I,9-H,10-C.)



## NEW FHC RESOURCES

The Family History Center have received 7 new cd's on the Ancestral file for 1992. Also a new card catalog and new IGI on fiche for the US, Canada and Great Britain.

## RESEARCH REQUEST

We have some forms to request information on something or someone pertaining to the Oregon Trail. If you have any interest in this, see Wendy in the Library as she will have the forms that were developed and are being processed by the Linn County Genealogical Society. Information is on the form as to what and how.

## CONFUSED

So you get confused with your ancestry!

From volume VII Essex Collections, 1865:

Reverend John HALE, minister of Beverly from 16-- to 17--, married as his third wife Elizabeth CLARKE, widow of Nathaniel CLARKE and daughter of Henry SOMERBY of Newbury. Her only sister Sarah married another John HALE. Dr Robert HALE, son of Reverend John HALE, also married an Elizabeth CLARKE, daughter of his stepmother. His son, Colonel Robert HALE, married as his second wife, another Elizabeth CLARKE, of Boston.

The first wife of Colonel HALE was Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel John GILMAN who had married the mother of Colonel HALE, after Dr. HALE'S death. Thus we find two sisters each married a John HALE; a father, son and grandson each married an Elizabeth CLARKE, and a father and son each married the daughter of his step-parent!



## CHARTER MEMBERS

by Lee Rudisill

These articles are the continuation of those started in the September issue. They will be in the newsletter as they are available

## MILDRED HAWKINS

### Charter Member

They say if you want something done ask a busy person to do it. Mildred Hawkins has been and is a very busy person and the many note books and pictures of her extensive research proves this.

We sat in her comfortable living room while she told me about the trips she has made to Canada starting with the one she encouraged her father to take with her.

The relatives they visited were still living in the stone houses that their ancestors had built when they came from Scotland to find free land to make their homes.

Mildred has made several trips to Canada, Scotland, and Norway searching for family. When in Norway the family there was so hungry to be in touch with their American relatives, some traveled many miles to see her even though they had to visit through an interpreter. They were all interested in building bridges of relationships.

While visiting she asked who was writing the many stories to be preserved. This became her task. Since writing, history, and love of story is of special interest to her, she began the writing and has finished two family books which are in our own library and in many libraries across the country.

Mildred went to school in Washington and taught music in the schools there several years. After she married, she and her husband eventually moved to Albany where she continued teaching and giving piano and voice lessons, and is now teaching writing.

In 1971 when the Mid Valley Genealogy Society was organized, she joined the society and was president for two terms and taught classes in Family History and book binding.

Mildred tells the beginners to start by using the family group sheet forms and then accumulating all the information you can and organize the material. Write down all the family legends and myths as they usually stem from some truth.

She says to reach out and build bridges of relationships and be sure to read her column in The Heritage (in our library) entitled BRIDGES.



D. FAGAN: HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY,  
OREGON, BIOGRAPHIES

FAGAN'S HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY

The items that will run in the Newsletter from David D. Fagan's History of Benton County, Oregon, Biographies have been copied as they appear in the original document, to the best of my abilities. I have kept the spelling, except for a few words that could easily be seen as wrong, and punctuation, as they originally were. Since this was completed in 1885 in Portland, there were a lot of places for the errors to creep in between the writing and the printing. They didn't have word processors with spell checkers as we do. I wish to thank Danell for her original work in acquiring the material and Becky for the work done to date.

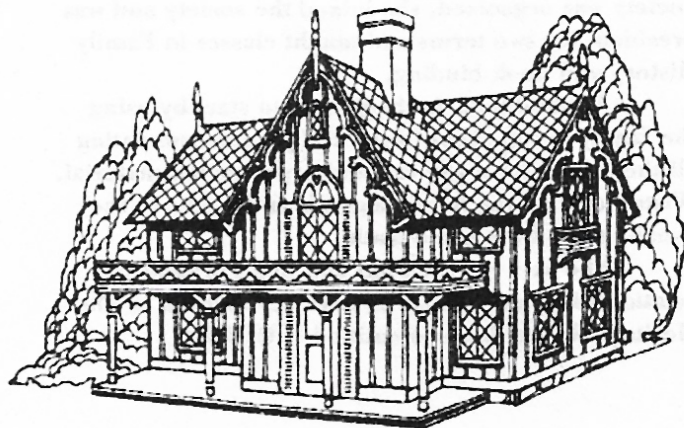
I first ran the above paragraph in February 1991. Becky Kiger began running the Fagan Biographies in the May 1988 issue and I continued them starting in February 1991.

This is the last of the Biographies. It seems to be a logical way to end the series, as it was started. All of the Bio's from HAWLEY onward are in my computer, if you need to see one that you can't find in the newsletters.

Starting next month I will start a series on the first homicides in Benton County. These will be based on the sequences listed in the same Fagan book.

The first article will be on Nimrod O'Kelley, who committed the first homicide, according to Fagan. Janice Barclay has done quite a lot of research on this and the article will be from her files.

Your Editor.



WYATT, William--the subject of this sketch, one of the early pioneers of Benton county, as well as among his most prominent citizens, was born in Buckinghamshire, England, 24 October 1816, and there resided on a farm until he accompanied his parents to the United States of America in 1836. He first settled in Orange county, New York, but 2 years afterwards moved to Adams county, in the same state.

In a short time, however, his residence was transferred to Henderson county, Illinois, where he was permanently located until 25 April 1847. At this time, accompanied by his wife and 3 children, Mr. WYATT started to cross the plains to Oregon with ox teams, joining a train then on its way, at Burlington, Iowa, and in which were Mr. and Mrs. GRIMSLEY, now of Benton county. Entering the territory by the Applegate route, Mr. WYATT arrived in what is now Benton, 1 November 1847, and passed the first winter on the farm of the late Hon. Wayman ST. CLAIR, on which since has arisen the neat little town of Philomath. Until the month of November, 1850, our subject was a simple lessor of land, but at that time he took up the donation claim on which he still resides, situated one mile to the north of the town just named, to which he has added from time to time until his landed possessions now aggregate 3700 acres, and placed him second on the list of tax-payers in Benton county. To Mr. WYATT is due much of the credit that the county has in Philomath College. Not only has he himself aided handsomely towards its erection but his wife, from her own purse has given a donation of 500 dollars, while, his eldest son, is the present general agent of the institution and has been actively solicitous for its advancement from its start. In the first instance Mr. WYATT donated to the College the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars; at another time he contributed three hundred dollars to its building fund, while he has personally given at least three hundred dollars worth of actual labor in connection therewith. He married, in Orange county, New York, 19 April 1838, Miss Mary T. END, a native of England, by which union there have been 7 children, viz: Eliza A. (now Mrs. A. J. WILLIAMS), Ezra C., Martha E. (deceased), John E., Cynthia A. (now Mrs. Jonathan G. SPRINGER), M. Eva, Samuel T., and Franklin. Before closing this sketch it is but just to state that, although possessing a considerable share of this world's goods, Mr. WYATT feels that such is but a means towards doing good. Still active he still continues that alertness in mind and body that has stood him in such good stead, while his well known generosity to the deserving and honesty to all make his old age honorable and happy. A view of Mr. WYATT's home will be found in this work.