



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 1987

WELCOME to new members: Rae Nora LISEBY, Corvallis;
Clovis and Peggy DAVIS, Philomath. We are glad you are
with us.

THANKS to those who have brought refreshments at our monthly
meetings. We need additional "sign ups" - look for the
sheet Damaris will be circulating.

Thanks to those who have worked hard and faithfully on the
task of cemetery enumeration. The group will continue to
go out as long as the sun shines. There will be some checking
and "inside" work to do in the winter. If anyone wants to
be a part of that, let it be known.

COMING UP - The Nominating Committee will be seeking nominees
for the upcoming slate of officers. Please give them all
the assistance you can by suggesting persons who you think
would be interested and qualified (this could include your-
self). You can also help by saying "yes" if you are asked
to do a job and then giving it your best. It takes all of
us to keep the ball rolling.

Traditionally at the December meeting we hold a craft-food-
white elephant auction sale. A good time to start working
on your projects is now. Big participation by all means big
bucks for the book fund. As long as new books keep coming
in, each of us will benefit from the additional opportunity
for successful research.

Dues for 1988 are payable now. Individual dues are still
\$4 per year. What a bargain. That's only 40 cents per
fun packed meeting (10 meetings a year)

Next meeting will be November 14.

REMINDERS- continue to collect and bring in all Flavor Pac
and Santiam labels. Each one means extra money in our
piggy bank.

The THRIFT SHOP is back to normal winter hours. Please
take for resale any good used item, including clothing.
As a service to the society, list your items in the name
of "Mid Valley Genealogical Society and use our special
number 492. Damaris Reynolds, our chair person will
do the rest. In November, the Thrift Shop will accept
items that are strictly "Christmas"- ie decorations,
tree ornaments, or santa claus suits.

TOMBSTONE REGISTER

The Found Tombstone Register has attracted some interest. The Oregon State Mortuary and Cemetery Board ran a story in their August 1987 Newsletter about the Genealogical Council of Oregon's offer to try to return wandering gravestones to the original sites where they belong. Judy Goldman is custodian (hopefully temporarily) of a stone found in a park by the City of Beaverton. It is broken, and is inscribed "Rosa / wife of G.W. Smith/ July 9, 1865 / Feb 24/" Preliminary checking of Washington County Records has not turned up the rightful gravesite. The sheriff's Dept, Jackson County has asked for a form, saying they have a stone that has been lying around for about 20 years. A third, very small child's stone was turned over to the Portland Forum. It says only "Eugene R / born Jan 2, 1879, died 1879.

The above was submitted by Judy Goldman, Hillsboro, who asks that anyone with any information or clues about these stones- please give the info to your society president to forward to her.

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UNION COUNTY, IOWA- Irma M Miller, 1002 N Vine, Creston IA 50801 has several hundred pages of obits and weddings from various places in Union Co, IA. The earliest entry is 1892. For .15 and a SASE she will search and make a copy if she has what you request. All letters will be answered, but your .15 will not be returned. (also from Iowa Gen Soc. News)

FALL SEMINAR - The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is sponsoring an all day Seminar on November 7, 1987 from 8 am to 5 pm at the Westin Benson Hotel, SW Broadway, Portland. A cadastral surveyor from the Bureau of Land Management will be the speaker. He will be very informative on land records and their usefulness to the family and local history researcher. Contact the Forum for a brochure- 1410 S.W. Morrison ST, Suite 812, Portland, OR 97205.

Charlotte Marshall submitted this Chinese Proverb -
I'm sure we all agree and it's said so nicely. Thanks,
Charlotte

**To forget ones ancestors is to be a brook without a source,
a tree without roots.**