



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS:

- October 8 - The regular Society meeting. The program promises to be of interest to many. The DAR will present information and assistance on obtaining information and documentation of ancestry to Revolutionary heroes, this in particular but also helpful for obtaining any proofs. The speaker is Lee Robertson and her topic: "Daughters of the American Revolution in Action."
- October 15 - Oregon Genealogical Council meets at the Albany Public Library, Waverly Branch. The meeting will start at 9:30 am. After the business meeting will be allocated time for Library research with direction on the resources available. This is the group who normally meet at the Oregon State Library in Salem. All genealogists are invited to attend, and become members.
- October 29 - ARTHUR FISKE- research seminar presented by Eugene (Oregon Gena.Soc) See Sept. News for time and place. Need to register by Oct. 15 to get the discounted rate.
- November 12- Next meeting of our Society.
- Feb. 17 & 18- "Sleuthing the Burials III" at Eugene. More info later on this.

REMINDERS - as always.. don't forget to....

Save and bring FLAVOR PAC & SANTIAM labels- each one means money for the book fund.

Bring for or take to the THRIFT SHOP all your white elephants and discards. Our # is MID Valley Genealogical Society # 492. If you cannot get there, then Damaris Reynolds will kindly take things for you.

We need more books and publications for the book sale table. If you are weeding out, remember this helpful thing to do for the Library and friends.

1989 dues are payable any time now although not "past due" until the end of January.

Bring books to share with others - it's a generous and caring thing to do and everybody appreciates it.

The interest group for the November meeting will share information and resources on these states: CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND & DELAWARE. December will focus on New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and The District of Columbia. January will do Pennsylvania and Ohio, for February the interest will center on Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. March will be for Virginia+ West VA. April brings North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee; May will do Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin- and June, Indiana and Iowa

Buy your archival containers, covers, and wrappings from our Society supply. Danell Knight is willing and quite capable to provide any help or answers that you need. Your family heirlooms and mementos deserve the best of care.

Take advantage of the opportunity to order film from the National Archives through our representative, Mary Yoke. Ask to see the various catalogs and place your order. Mary sends in requests almost weekly, so generally the wait is quite short.

LOOK FORWARD TO

Our traditional December meeting and Christmas celebration combined into a cookie exchange & a big auction with all proceeds for the book fund. Members are asked to bring handmade crafts or food to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Start preparing now to make that irresistible something and also start saving your dollars so you too can be the highest bidder. And yes, it's perfectly acceptable to make more than one item or if you are definitely not crafty and don't want to learn- then you can bring one of your white elephants.

Annual election of officers will soon be here. This is no time to be shy so if you want to hold an office, be sure and let the nominating committee know so your hat can go in the ring. If you are asked to do a job, please give it due consideration and say yes to having your name on the slate. A group is strong and keeps growing only if its members are willing to take part in the action. New officers will be installed at the December meeting.

THIS AND THAT

At the Sept meeting it was voted to participate in the opportunity offered by Hunterdon House. The plan allows members as well as the society to order any book published by Hunterdon House, Genealogical Pub. Co. or Heritage Books at a 15% discount. The orders will need to be made through the Society in order to receive the discount. It's a great opportunity for savings so to get in on the deal- talk to the book committee- Charles Dodge, Chrm plus Danell Knight, Jean Grube, And Charlotte Marshall. Maybe there are others- if so, excuse the miss. The only requirement under the program is that the minimum order will be for 10 books.

Vol. I of HERITAGE QUEST includes a "miniature dictionary for genealogists" by Michael Cox. The list is interesting and has some answers for terms you might not have known or heard of. Did everyone but me know that a "curtesy" is the life estate to which a man is entitled, upon his wife's death, in the lands she owned in her own name provided they had children born alive. Or that "'estray books" is records of missing livestock, and sometimes slaves, recorded in the courthouse, e.e. stock that has strayed.

The Yamhill Genealogical Society has published a Historical Map of Yamhill County on which are marked all historical points of interest with a rather extensive legend giving facts and dates. It is attractive and impressive.

The special committee has completed the inventory of the library books. Those doing this important job were: Charlotte Marshall, librarian, Jean Grube, Lee Rudisill, Damaris Reynolds and Betty Swan. Our thanks to these hard workers.

If it wasn't for the optimist, the pessimist would never know how happy he wasn't.

A laugh is worth one hundred groans in any market.

Charles Lamb

BARCLAY, James E.--was born in Boon county, Missouri, 4 August 1827 where he was brought up on a farm. May 1847 he enlisted in the 3rd regiment of Missouri Volunteers, and served for 18 months in the Mexican War, when he returned to his home and took up his former occupation until the spring of 1850. He then crossed the plains to Oregon, spending the first winter in Polk county. In the spring of 1851 he came to Benton county and located on a donation claim of 320 acres on which he now lives. In October 1855 our subject enlisted in MUNSON's company and took part in the Indian war at Walla Walla, returning to his home in 1856.

BARCLAY, William--This venerable gentleman and pioneer to Oregon of 1850 was born in St. Louis county, Missouri, 19 September 1805 and with the exception of 2 years lived in his native state until the spring of 1850, when he, with his wife and 7 children, started to cross the plains. On arriving at the Platt river he suffered the loss of his wife, when he was left in charge of their 7 children, the eldest of whom was 13 years and the youngest three months old. After a long and weary journey they arrived in Yamhill county, where Mr Barclay passed the first winter. In the spring of 1851 he came to Benton county and located his donation claim where he now lives and has spent the past 35 years.

BAYLEY, James R., M.D.--The subject of this sketch has been a resident of Oregon for over 32 years, during which time he has been closely identified with its progress, and today is a man who commands the esteem and respect of all who know him, and one who stands high in his profession. The Dr. was born in Clark county, Ohio in 1819. Receiving an academic education at Springfield, his younger days being divided between town and county life. He began the study of medicine in 1841, and was admitted to practice three years later. Graduating from the Ohio Medical College he at once began the practice of his profession at his old home at Springfield, where he resided for the next 4 years. He then located in Cincinnati, where he enjoyed a successful practice for 7 years. In 1852 he was married to Miss Elizabeth HARPOLE, of Green county, Ohio and came to Oregon in 1855, first locating in Polk county. Two years later he came to Corvallis, Benton county, where he opened an office in connection with which he carried on the drug business. He was a member of the Territorial Council in 1856 and 1857, and has twice been elected Judge of Benton county. He was State Senator from Benton county in 1866 and 1868, and was appointed Supervisor of Internal Revenue in 1869, serving until 1873. Since that time he has devoted himself to the practice of his profession in Corvallis, Newport, and Yaquina Bay, where he now spends his summers and owns valuable property. He also has a beautiful home in Corvallis. Dr. Bayley is a 32 degree Mason and Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master of the Masonic jurisdiction of Oregon and has been a prominent Odd Fellow.

BELKNAP, Ransom A.--The subject of this sketch, one of the pioneers of Benton county, was born in Hart county Kentucky, 16 December 1820, but when 7 years of age he was taken by his parents to Licking county, Ohio where they remained 8 years. His father now moving to Van Buren county, Iowa, they there resided for a like period, and on 17 April 1847, our subject, with his wife and 2 children, also the families of Samuel STARR and L.D. GILBERT, started to cross the plains with ox teams to Oregon, where they arrived without any especial adventure in November of the same year. After passing some time in Marysville (now Corvallis) Mr. BELKNAP took up his claim on the place which now bears his name, about 2 miles and a half west of Monroe, and where he has since resided. His original property of 640 acres he has increased to 750, which he has under general farming. In Mr. Belknap we have a man of sterling worth whose word is his bond, while in his dealings with men he is a pattern of rectitude and uprightness. He married in Van Buren county, Iowa, 29 September 1842, Mahala, daughter of Jeremiah STARR, and a native of Highland county, Ohio by which union there have been 9 children, viz: Lucinda J(deceased), Sarah M. (deceased), Keziah B, Webster C. Lewis Franklin (now of Salem), Adeline and Angelina(twins), Samuel G(deceased), Edward H. (a graduate of the Willamette University). An excellent view of Mr. Belknap's residence will be found in this work.