



# Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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**NEWSLETTER**  
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## **WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS:**

Carolyn SISSON (Mrs. James) - 1475 NW Forest Green, Corvallis  
Shelia MADDEN - P.O. Box 1295- Philomath  
Francis L. REXFORD - c/o TOMA, P.O. Box 2010, Sparks, NV

## **COMING EVENTS**

**November 4** - Ronald BREMER genealogist and author of such works as "The Compendium of Historical Sources" and "The World's Funniest Epitaphs" will give a free 2 hour genealogical seminar. His topic will be "The World of Genealogy" which will contain information for both the beginner and the more advanced. The time 1 to 3 p.m. - the place: Corvallis Senior Center, 2601 NW Tyler. Don't miss this opportunity.

**October 21** - **Genealogical Council of OR** - meets 10 am - 3pm at Clackamas Co Family History Society, 14340 S Donovan Ln, Oregon City. Topic of Guest Speaker Bill Kennemer- OREGON VITAL RECORDS.

## **A LOOK AHEAD**

**November 11** - our next regular meeting. Valerie NICHOLS will be the speaker. Her presentation is titled: The Pilgrim Story - from England to New England. The business meeting will include the annual election of officers. The Nominating Committee is working hard to come up with another outstanding slate. If you are asked to fill a position, please say yes. And also, feel free to volunteer your help in any area, more workers are always needed.

**December 9** - regular meeting and annual **December** auction and Christmas refreshments. Each member is asked to bring at least one hand made craft or "white elephant" to be auctioned off. Proceeds go to the book fund so it's a time to be generous. Members are also asked to bring special cookies or other goodies to add to the bountiful table and celebration. Punch & drink will be provide

**January 13** - begin a new year of meetings. Program will be a presentation by Tom TEKULVE, librarian at the LDS Family History Center, Corvallis. He will review the holdings of Salt Lake Library and the Branch libraries. He will discuss, in particular, the IGI (International Genealogical Index) file and discuss the future "computer lazer disk" searching of these files.

**FLASH! FLASH!** Santas elves have been busy having sewing bees and making stuff for the December auction. The big news is that some of the items are being offered on a raffle. Tickets are available for a donation of \$1 each or a bargain 6 for \$5. Items for raffle include a beautiful hand woven afgan, a wonderful Super Santa complete with his bag of toys, and a jolly Santa wall hanging or door ornament. All materials and labor for these have been donated. Any monies recieved will be added to the Book Fund. We hope every one of you will contribute by buying tickets and selling to friends and neighbors. Drawing will be in Dec. - You don't have to be present to win. The drawing will be for first, second and third prizes.



## NEW BOOKS ON THE BOOKSHELF

- #370 SCOTS COLONISTS OR EARLY AMERICA 1612 - 1783 by David Dobson
- #371 THE BRITISH INVASION OF MARYLAND 1812 - 1815 William M Marine
- #372 THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS IN MARYLAND
- #373 THE FLOWERING OF THE MARYLAND PALATINATE Harry Wright Newman
- #374 THE NORMAN PEOPLE Genealogical PublishingCo.
- #375 AMERICAN WILLS & ADMINSTRATIONS IN THE PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY  
1610 -1857. Compiled by Peter Wilson Coldham
- #376 SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS 1670 - 1805 Leah Townsend,Phd
- #377 IN SEARCH OF YOUR CANADIAN ROOTS Angus Baxter
- #378 FAMILY DISEASES, ARE YOU AT RISK Myra Vanderpool Gormley
- #379 THE ROSTER OF SO. CAROLINA PATRIOTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Bobby Gilmore Moss

## THANKS

McHenry Funeral Home has given us a copy of the 1989 NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF MORTICIANS. In addition to listing all Funeral Homes by state and town, it includes a listing of National cemeteries, daily newspapers, where to obtain death certificates, Vet Adm. burial benefits, VA hospitals and regional offices. A great deal of info and possible help are in this book. Thank you, Jay McHenry.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gretchen MORRIS, daughter of Damaris REYNOLDS, who has received the city's first Athena Award for outstanding contributions to the community by a local business or professional woman. We share in Damaris' pride in her daughter, and agree that Gretchen is a real winner.

Congratulations to Richard NICHOLS, husband of Valerie. They have just returned from a conference in San Diego at which Richard received an award (and check!) for "Outstanding service to his Profession". Congratulations ,Dick!.

Congratulations to Dick Milligan who has recently been elected President of the PARKE Family National Association.

Congratulations to Virginia KOOS who will be writing a column for THE HERITAGE newsletter. Virginia's column will cover news events , queries and other items of interest from the Linn Co Genealogical Society.

## THIS AND THAT

If you seek information from or about Arlington National Cemetery- mail inquires are accepted at the cemetery. Send name, Branch of Service and approximate death date to: Interment Services  
Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA 22211

Books and other resources for sharing at next meeting will be Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware.

**BEST WISHES and GET WELL PRAYERS** to Ed EBERHARDT who had a stroke in August and has been in treatment and rehabilitation both here and Sacred Heart, Eugene. He has returned home just this week and would be happy to have friends drop in - call first if possible. His phone- 752-5945.



D. FAGAN: HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY, OREGON, BIOGRAPHIES (Cont'd)

COOPER, James--was born in Franklin county, Virginia, 2 July 1824. When he was 3 years of age his parents moved to Hendricks county, Indiana, where they remained until 1841, when they took up their residence in Platt county, Missouri, where our subject was married to Miss Scena A. EVANS and resided until spring of 1852. He then with his wife and one child, started to cross the plains to Oregon. After a trip of six months they arrived in Clackamus county, where they sojourned for one season. He then moved to the Waldo hills, Marion county. In the summer of 1854 he came to Benton county, locating a claim in King's Valley, on which he lived for 4 years. His next move was to the vicinity of Philomath. In 1866 Mr. COOPER purchased the farm on which he now resides which certainly is one of the most beautiful farms to be found in Benton county, consisting of 320 acres, two and one half miles west of Corvallis, on which he has erected a nice farm residence, a view of which appears in this book. Mr. COOPER has a family of 5 children: Thomas H, Francis M. George W, Robert E. and Mary F.

CRAWFORD, William C--a leading jeweler of Corvallis, was born in Washington county, Arkansas, 13 May 1850, and there resided until 1870, when he came to Oregon and, in 1872, came to Benton county, and entered the State Agricultural College, from which he graduated in 1874. In 1875 he opened his present business of watchmaker and jeweler. Mr. CRAWFORD owns some valuable real estate in Corvallis.

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