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COMING EVENTS-

Oct. 21, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.- Bill Lewis, Director of Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main St., Philomath, will speak on "Preservation of Materials- an Overview." This will be the first of the programs planned by the Steering committee of the Historic Interest Group. All interested persons are welcome to attend this meeting at the Museum.

Oct. 22, Monday 1:00 p.m.- Damaris Reynolds, Jean Grube, and Rebecca Kiger will do an introduction to Genealogy as a part of the annual Home Arts Festival sponsored by the Benton County Extension Service. The session is titled "Ancestor Hunting".

Oct. 20, Saturday-10 a.m. The fall meeting of The Genealogical Council of Oregon. This meeting, hosted by the Genealogical Forum, will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1200 S.W Alder, Portland. At 1 p.m. a program follows the morning business meeting and lunch. The speaker will be Roy Turnbaugh, Oregon State Archivist.

Nov 6- The opportunity to vote on some important issues. Among these is the vote to increase the Historical Tax Levy by a very small amount that will make a large difference in funding the efforts to collect and preserve the history of our Benton County and of us, the people. Vote YES.

Nov. 10- Next meeting of our Genealogy Society.

THIS AND THAT

The current phone number for the Corvallis Family History Center is- 758-1156. Thanks to Betty Wilson for this information.

The GARAGE SALE held at Damaris REYNOLDS' was a success and netted \$134.72 .. all to go to the Book Fund. Thanks to the following for their contributions and their help: Charles and Jane DODGE, Joanne PERRY, Maybelle MARTSCHING, Rebecca KIGER, Zira KAHL, Joy READ, Jean GRUBE, Daniel FROELICH, and especially Damaris REYNOLDS

It's not too early to start thinking about our traditional Christmas Auction. All members are asked to participate by making one or more items to be auctioned off or by bringing a white elephant to sell- all proceeds go to the book fund. This is usually our biggest income producer- and everybody participates and joins the fun.

Due to lack of space in our Library, older issues of some of the periodicals have been stored other places. If you wish to see any of these, make your request to the Librarian

BOOKS TO SHARE- At the next Meeting (Nov. 10) bring books or other resources on these states: Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Delaware.

LIBRARY NEWS- from Betty SWAN, Librarian. New Additions are these donated books:

Donated by Mary and Charles BOWEN:

#436 TWENTYFOUR HUNDRED TENNESSE PENSIONERS
Revolutionary War--War of 1812
By Zella Armstrong

#437 EARLY QUAKER RECORDS IN VIRGINIA
Compiled by Miles White, Jr.

#438 VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS VOL.34
Washington County Register 1782-1820
Abstracted by Beverly Fleet

Donated by Damaris REYNOLDS and Lee RUDISILL:

#439 THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL REGISTER
INDEX OF PLACES Vol. 1--50

Donated by La Rea and Ted GUMP:

#440 INDIANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY
Editor James H. Madison

Donated by Pat COOLICAN

#441 1972 GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN PENN.
by Floyd G. Hoenstine

#-- GAELIC GLEANINGS 12 vol

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QUOTE FOR THE DAY- "We live in the past by a knowledge of it's history, and in the future by hope and anticipation. By ascending to an association with our ancestors; by contemplating their example and studying their character; by partaking their sentiments and imbibing their spirit; by accompanying them in their toils; by sympathizing in their sufferings and rejoicing in their successes and triumphs, we mingle our existence and theirs and seem to belong to their age."...Daniel Webster

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

GOODMAN, John B.--a well-to-do resident of the Belknap Settlement is a native of Cooper county, Missouri, born 15 March 1834, and resided in his native county until spring of 1852, when he, with his brother J. H. joined a train and came across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Salem, 15 September of that year. Two years later our subject came to Benton county and took up a donation claim, now owned by Mr. NICHOLS. In 1881 Mr. GOODMAN purchased his present valuable farm of 238 acres, located 4 miles west of Monroe, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

HAMMER, Jacob--this worthy pioneer was born in Highland county, Ohio, 6 March 1816. In 1825 he was taken by his parents to East Tennessee; but in 1832 he accompanied them to Madison county, Indiana, and subsequently, in the winter of 1836, to Hamilton county, in the same state. Here our subject married Miss Hannah COX, and resided until the spring of 1842, when, with his wife, he removed to Missouri. After maintaining a residence there for 2 years, until 1844, at that time Mr. HAMMER fitted out an ox-team and with his help-mate and three children started to cross the plains to Oregon. After a pleasant trip of 6 months duration, the Tualatin Plains were reached, and here our subject remained until November 1847, when he removed to what is now Benton county, located on the claim in Belknap Settlement, on which he still resides, and passed the first year in a log cabin with Jesse H CATON, afterwards moving on to his present place, on which he constructed a "rail pen," and in it dwelt for several months. Mr. HAMMER has held the office of Justice of the Peace for 2 terms, the duties of which he preformed with much judgment. In religion he was reared as one of the Society of Friends, but is now a communicant of the sect known as the United Brethren. To his wife and himself have been born 14 children, nine of whom survive, viz: Ai, Millisia (now Mrs. William MITCHELL), Goldsmith, Josephine, Amos, Lorenzo, Noah, Jeremiah, and Ellis.

HAMMOND, William--was born in New York, 9 September 1826, and there resided until the spring of 1852, when he took passage on board the steamer Ohio bound for San Francisco, California, arriving in the latter place in March of the above year, and engaged in mining, which he followed until 1861, when he enlisted in Co. D. 4th Reg. California Volunteers, and came with that regiment to Oregon. Serving for 3 years he was discharged at Vancouver, Washington Territory 15 October 1864. He then came to Yaquina Bay, where he has since resided and been engaged in hotel and store-keeping most of the time. Mr. HAMMOND owns considerable property in Benton county, and is a member of the city council of Newport, his present home.