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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 check out and return books on Tuesday.

Remember our number at the OSU thriftshop is 492.

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.



LABELS

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.

NOTE: All you need to bring in is the UPC Symbol. Be careful to cut a little extra package around the Symbol so that all of it is there. If you bring just the UPC Symbol, it will take less room in the library.

CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP

Canadian Interest Group, is for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available for Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and some Quebec, plus Canada in general. Car pooling can be arranged. Call Pat Rawlinson, 752-2243.

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.

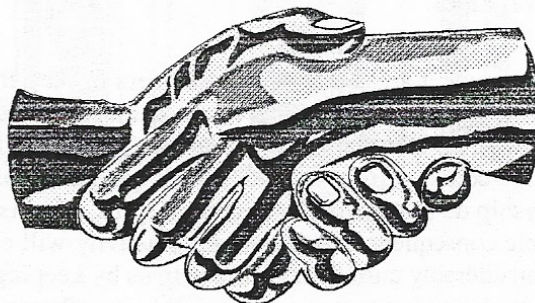
If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and let's see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

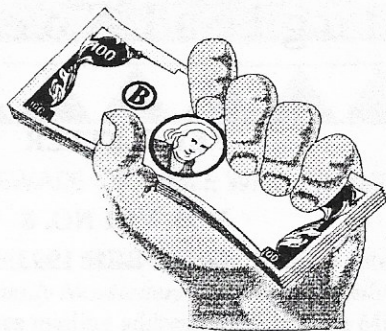
Jan	PA, OH
Feb	OR, WA, ID, MT
Mar	VA, WV
Apr	NC, KY, TN, and Germany
May	IL, MI, WI, Ireland and Scotland
Jun	IN, IA, KS (NOTE: new this month is KS.)
Sep	NY, NJ, MD, DC
Oct	NH, VT, MA, ME
Nov	CT, RI, DE
Dec	Auction and Christmas Tea

SHARING

I will take about 45 books on Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont to the November meeting. I will not loan books, but if you want to spend more time, we can arrange a mutually convenient time for you to come to my house.

Damaris Reynolds





DUES

It is that time again. Your annual dues may be paid starting with the September meeting. The membership chair and Treasurer would like to get this job done before the first of the year.

Again this year the dues are \$9.00 for a family and \$6.00 for a single membership. Make checks payable to Mid-Valley Genealogical Society. Give them to the treasurer at the meeting or mail them to PO Box 1511, Corvallis OR 97339.

Please get your dues paid early this year.

CATCH ALL

For information on Presbyterian ministers or missionaries, write "Reference Services, Dep't of History, Presbyterian church, 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147. They will answer specific questions when answers are readily available in their reference sources. They will furnish name of a person who, for a fee, will do in depth research.

Under US, on our shelves, are two books that are under-utilized: Jacobus' "Index to Genealogical Periodicals" and Munsell's "Index to American Genealogies". The Allen County Public Library, Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801, will photocopy for you, if you give title, volume and page number, for a service charge of \$5.00 plus 20¢ a page. I have asked for material from books and periodicals that I couldn't find elsewhere, and they have come through promptly. You may request several items for the \$5.00

Jean Grube has a list of people who contributed to memorial for Velma Parsons. She also has names of books acquired this summer.

VOLUNTEERS

There are several areas that need volunteers to keep them going. Among them are the library, snacks for each meeting and cleaning up afterward, extracting the GT records and others that come up from time to time. If the masses of the membership do not act to fill these open spots, there is one inevitable consequence, the program or activity will close or be considerably curtailed. Please help us by keeping the volunteer chair of each projects list full to overflowing.

GOOD EATING

It has been requested that I include the following recipe in the newsletter. Maybe someone will make them for the December meeting.

DREAM BARS

by Mrs. Roy Victor

1/2 cup butter or shortening
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup flour

Mix above ingredients to a crumbly mass and pat into a shallow baking pan 9X13 and bake in 350 degree oven for 10 minutes. Cool a little, then spread with the following;

1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
2 tbsp. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup chocolate chips

Bake 20 minutes at 375 degrees. Cool slightly and cut into bars.

LITTLEFIELD

If your line includes LITTLEFIELD your editor has placed a request for info on the bulletin board in the library. Please read it and help them if you can.

ELDERHOSTEL

In response to the front page article in last months newsletter and a letter from our secretary, Janice, we received a letter from the Elderhostel President, William D. Berkeley.

In it he says that they are not going to do away with genealogical classes, only cut them back a little. The full letter is available to anyone wishing to read the whole thing.

CHILD NAMING

In going through the WVGS (Salem) newsletter for October, I came across the following information on the Scottish Pattern of naming children. Thanks to our sister group for the following.

- Eldest son for the paternal grandfather
- Second son for the maternal grandfather
- Third son for the father
- Eldest daughter for the maternal grandmother
- Second daughter for the paternal grandmother
- Third daughter for the mother.

Nothing was listed for those that wanted a larger group for their old age security.

CALIFORNIA RESEARCH

The following information is from the Oregonian, 16 December 1991, and was given to me by Mabelle Martching. Although this information is two years old, and the prices have undoubtedly changed, it should be of interest to some members.



"Searches for birth certificates and marriage certificates cost \$12 and cover a 10 year period. Death certificate searches cost \$8, also for a 10 year period.

It's important to include with payment as much information as possible that's pertinent to the request. Examples would be father's name or mother's maiden name, county of death, birth or marriage. Even a social security number - if known - can help.

All requests to: State Registrar, 304 S. St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Make checks out to Vital Records."

There was also an answer, in a Dear Abby column, from The Office of Vital Statistics for Florida on this subject. If you need to know where to look, use the **Handibook for Genealogists** in our library. Be sure to check the date and get the newest one.

GARAGE SALE

Another successful fund raiser! Thanks to the generosity of our members, and especially of Jean and Joe Grube and Julie and Ken Bielman, we made over \$270.00 for our book fund at the September garage sale. Thanks also to Jean Grube, Lee Rudisill, Joy Read, Jo Triggs, Betty Swan and Becky Kiger who helped your sales chairman.

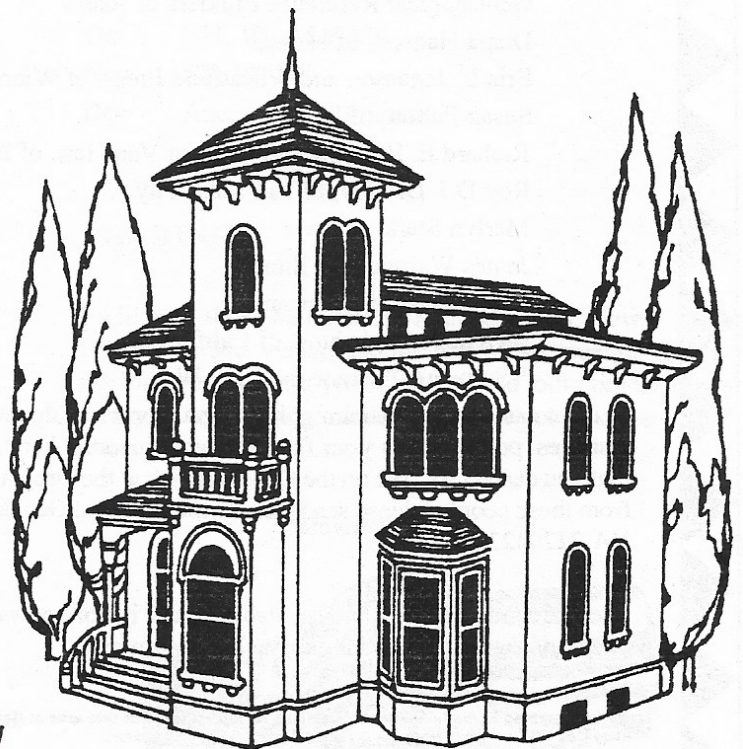
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CITY COUNTY LIBRARY

Do you remember last March when Dan was running around with a clip board and envelope asking for donations for something at the City County Library? Well the end product is now almost complete. The Library now has the following:

- All Federal Censuses available
- Oregon Death Index 1903 - 1991
- Divorce and Marriage 1903 - 1970
- we already have 1970 on

Thanks Dan for all the work you put into the fund raising.



BEWARE OF THOSE WHO PROMISE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY BUT DELIVER MUCH LESS!

This is a follow up to an item we published in the May issue of the WVGS Newsletter titled *Generic Family Newsletters and Bogus Family Histories*. We mentioned there The Family News Network, which uses mailing addresses either from Midvale, Utah or Denver, Colorado (and some using mailing permits from Greenwood Village or Englewood, Colorado), as well as Scottsdale Family Treasures, Inc., of Phoenix, Arizona, Beware, as well, of the following mail advertisers who claim to provide information on your family:

Beatrice Bayley
Halberts, of Bath, Ohio
Robert E. Franz
Douglass Family Association
Elizabeth Ross
Sharon Taylor
Mary Whitney
Anne Louise Baker, of Computer, Genealogies, Inc.
Search for Roots
Vicki Lee Carr
American Genealogical Research Institute
Roots Research Bureau
Larry Watson, of Lawton, Oklahoma
Walter Manning, of Eugene, Oregon
Bruce Howard and Alabama Genealogical Quarterly, of Mobile, Alabama
Brian Debreffny, of London and Ireland
Donald A. Gougherty, of New Hampshire
Genealogical Reference Builders of Idaho
Diana Hanson, of Hawaii
Eric L. Jonasson and Wheatfield Press, of Winnepeg, Manitoba
Susan Pelton, of Idaho
Richard E. Redding and Barbara Van Hart, of Indiana
Roy D.J. Droddy, of Salt Lake City
Merlyn Stark, of Iowa
James Warwick, of Illinois
Jack Evans, of Delaware
McKinzie Publishing, of California
"(Surnames)" Since the Civil War

In most cases, what you are going to get (for a healthy sum of your money) are "generic" articles or histories, perhaps with your family's name inserted here and there, plus family telephone book listings that you can get for free on the CD-Rom disk at the Oregon State Library. When you receive advertisements from these people, please send them to the National Genealogical Society, 4517 17th Street, No., Arlington, VA 222042399.

There are many helpful and reputable family history newsletters and books being published, so don't swear off all of them. Just investigate before you invest.

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