



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK from the summer vacation. It really was a short one as usual. Probably everyone is eager to get back to their research or else to put in order the research they did on the journeys. Here's what some of the members spent their time on: Damaris traveled to China in June and is now in England doing research, having come home in between trips. She probably gets the prize for logging the most miles and in such far away places.

- Charlotte Marshall spent her spring and summer successfully helping to organize a ELLER family association. They had a reunion and as of Sept 8, the membership totals 80 members. Since the first letter went out in April - you gotta admit that is one big success.
- Valerie Nichols was genealogy merit badge coordinator for Arul Doraiswamy, a boy scout with ancestors from India. She will have to tell us how much fun that was.
- Jean Grube is now "Northwest Coordinator" for the McDUFFY clan. After having been treasurer for that group for the last several years, she is pleased to have a different job.
- Mary Yoke is now on her way to California to attend the 90th birthday celebration of her father's kid brother.
- Mabell Martshing has gone to her and her husband's 45th class reunion.
- And now we look forward to hearing what everybody else has been doing.

PROJECTS.... continuing

The Cemetery group has faithfully gone out each Wednesday all summer and plan to continue until "rained out". To date, we have done Crystal Lake, Oddfellows, Blodgett, St Mary's, and almost all of Mt Union. These dedicated hard workers who have done all this are: Edna Weise, Merthel McConnell, Jean Grube, Fern Shaffer, Lee Rudisill, Damaris Reynolds, Danell Knight & Becky Kiger. Anyone wanting to join in the fun can meet us at 9:30 am at Mt Union cemetery on Sept 16 or call Becky (753-7670) for the next site.

Valerie Nichols and Becky Kiger have made a great start on copying the old Keeny Funeral Home records. This was the forerunner of McHenry Funeral Home. Help is needed on this too.

We are grateful for those who have contributed items for sale at the Thrift Shop. The project continues so keep em coming. Either take sale items to the shop yourself or give to Damaris who will but it's easier if everyone does their own. The number assigned to our Society is: 492 and is listed under "Mid Valley Genealogical Society".

Continue to save and bring to Audrey Broadley all Santiam
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and Flavor Pac labels. Every penny adds up and every little bit helps.

Danell is working overtime getting all the names from our pedigree charts entered in her computer which will make an alphabetized index and print it all out for us. How wonderful is the age we are living in. Remember the days when you sorted in a shoe box?

QUERIES - Mabelle, our querie chairperson asks for help on these:
-Any info on John W and Mary J COLLINS and daughter Bessie E Collins MOSHER. In 1880, they lived at 162 2nd st.in Corvallis. Mary J Collins was a Witham.. Does anyknow of any compiled Witham records?

Where are the following buried: Homer A TIDD, Llewellyn Floyd TIDD, and P. Bliss TIDD.

Does anyone have information on Washington PATTERSON and wife, Chloe (NORTON)? They were in Kings Valley area in 1860's. Where buried? did they leave the country?

Need help on William WILKINS line in the 1880 to 1917. He lived around Alsea and Tidewater. Where buried?

Where is Denyer in LIncoln County?

MISCELLANEOUS

From newsletter of "Genealogical Council Of Oregon"- Writing-to Germany - a small paperback that gives examples of letters in German with the English translation. It has various helpful tips. Cost \$3.10. Order from: Platte Valley Books; P.O. Box 756, Alliance, NE 69301.

and

If you want to know the origin of a place name in Canada or the location of a hamlet not found on a map, write Ministry of Energy, Mines and Resources, Surveys, and Mapping Branch, Canada Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, Ottawa, Ont. KIA DE9, Canada.

From Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter: "Vital Records of Iowa" ...Iowa State Dept of Health, Lucas State Office Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa 59319 attn: Vital Records Section, Certified Copy Unit.

This office has no birth, death or marriage records before July 1, 1880. Marriage records before that date may be obtained from the county in which the event occurred. Iowa's law requires a searching fee of \$6. per record search and includes one certified copy if found. If the record is not found, the fee is retained for the search and will not be refunded. Be sure the name is as it was at the time of the event and the date and place of the event is given.

From Willamette NEWS and several others: The Ohio State Dept of Vital Statistics has reduced the cost of their Uncertified birth & death records to \$1.10.