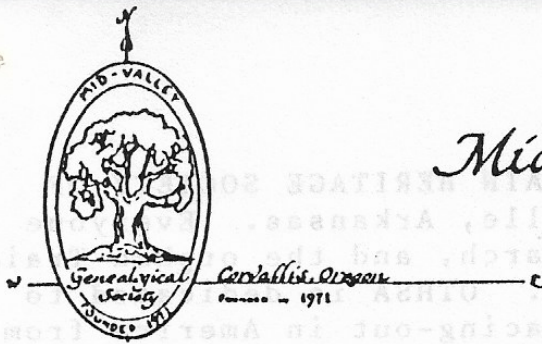


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WELCOME BACK FROM SUMMER BREAK

COMING EVENTS

September 17 The second annual Harvest Festival to be held at Fiechter house from 1 to 4 p.m. The Benton County Historical Society has planned many activities including hay wagon rides, cider pressing, and more. There will be heirloom fruit and vegetable displays, historical exhibits and a quilting exhibit. Plan to join the fun.

September 19 -The Canadian Interest Group will meet at 1 p.m. at the Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Dr. SE. Anyone with an interest in Canadian genealogy is welcome to attend.

September 30 - The Oregon Genealogical Society (Eugene) is offering a workshop- "Plugging in your Family Tree: The Computer as a Research Tool". Location-Wesley United Methodist Church, 1385 Oakway Road, Eugen. Time 8:30 to 4 p.m. Registration through Sept 23 is \$17.50. Late registration or at the door is \$20. Registration includes a buffet style lunch. Make checks payable to Oregon Genealogical Society; OGS Seminar Registration, P.O. Box 10306, Eugene, OR 97440-2306.

OCTOBER 14 - our next regular meeting. 10 a.m. for research and sharing. Bring resources/ books on New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Maine.

October 21- The Genealogical Council of Oregon holds its bi-annual meeting at Oregon City. In addition to the regular agenda, there will be a discussion of the closure of the Oregon Vital records of births and deaths. The Clackamas County Family History Society will host this meeting at the LDS Church from 10 to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided with donation of \$3.50 per person, or bring your own. RSVP - a must- by Oct. 10. Oregon State Senator Bill Kennemer will be the guest speaker. Address of the church- 14340 Donovan Lane, Oregon City. RSVP Dick Milligan 928-6809 or 928-2582

November 4 The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society presents Dr. George K Schweitzer, who is highly regarded as a lecturer and author of more than a dozen genealogical resource books. His topics for the day will be: Pennsylvania Genealogical Research, Tracing Your Ancestors back across the Atlantic, and Missouri Research. The conference will be held at the Trinity Methodist Church- 590 Elma Ave. (corner of Elma and Durbin St). It is a large white church located adjacent to Four Corners School. Hours are: 8:30 to 3 p.m. Preregistration (by Oct 27) is \$17.50. Lunch is \$3.00. Late registration (or at the door) is \$20 and does not include lunch. Send registrations to: Schweitzer Seminar, Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308

OCTOBER 7 & 8- the second annual ORPHAN TRAIN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AMERICA reunion will be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Everyone is welcome to come and share fellowship, research, and the orphan Train Riders telling their own personal stories. OTHSA is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the placing-out in America from 1854 to 1929 when some 150,000 orphaned, abandoned and homeless children were taken from institutions in the east to new homes in the west via trains, the so-called Orphan Trains. For info on the reunion send your request and two first class stamps to: OTHSA, 4453 S 48th, Springdale, AR 72764.

The Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, Inc, was formed to preserve the history of an era in America and to preserve all information available on the children, institutions, agents, railways, towns and families involved in the placing-out programs. A central clearing house for research has been established by OTHSA. Here information is received, documented, filed and made available to members of OTHSA, teachers, students, orphan train riders, their descendants and others interested in the orphan trains. Membership in OTHSA entitles you to - quarterly newsletter, Annual news index, research by mail, monthly "update" letters, and free queries in the newsletter. For more information, write to Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, Route 4, Box 565, Springdale, Arkansas 72764.

WE ARE SADDENED to learn of the deaths of two of our members: Mary PEPPER, a charter member of our Society, and Mary Jane BAILEY, a long time member. Both were dedicated workers and skilled researchers. We shall miss having them with us.

THIS AND THAT

The Massachusetts Society of Genealogists is transcribing and indexing the State census of 1855 and 1865 for each town in Mass. For more information and prices write to: Ann Smith Lainhart, P.O. Box 1487, Boston, MA 02117. Enclose a SASE.

Suffolk County probate files and records 1643 to 1895 are being transferred to the Massachusetts State Archives. Future requests regarding these files should go to the Archives. (these 2 items taken from the current Newsletter of the MA Society of Genealogy)

If you have a Confederate ancestor you can't find- write to: Confederate Descendant Society, P.O. Box 233, Athens, AL 35611.

The New Jersey Dept. of State Archives & Record Management, 1855 W. State St., CN307, Trenton J.N. 08625 will provide information on wills prior to 1900, Colonial deeds, marriage bonds and some military records for the Revolution. (these 2 items from the Connecticut Genealogy Society Newsletter, Oct. 1989)

The Eugene LDS Family History Center has new hours as of Sept 1- Tues- 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. ; Wed & Thur - 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Saturdays (only) - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - They may add more hours if they get more staff² who are all volunteers.

CAUTHORN, James F--this well known and highly respected grain merchant of Corvallis is a native of the "Sunny South". Born in Essex county, Virginia, 7 July 1838, in 1840 his parents moved to Missouri, where our subject grew to manhood, and found employment in his father's store until 1865, when he, with his parents, crossed the plains to Oregon, and to Benton county. The first 3 years of his residence in Benton county were spent in teaching school. In 1868 he was elected County Surveyor, and in 1870 embarked in his present extensive warehouse, commission and shipping business. Mr. CAUTHORN was twice married, first, in 1862, in Missouri, to Miss Frankie PAYNE; secondly, to Miss Martha MULKEY, daughter of Johnson MULKEY, a pioneer of 1844, by which union they have 2 children, Maude and Paul.

CAUTHORN, Hon Thomas E.--one of the leading merchants of Corvallis, was born in Mexico, Missouri, 31 August 1849, where his father, A. CAUTHORN, carried on a large and successful mercantile business, until the breaking out of the war. When that event occurred, their little city became the scene of many depredations and, during the years following until 1865, Mr. CAUTHORN lost all of his property, and in the spring of that year, with barely enough to secure an outfit, he started with his family of wife and 5 sons to cross the plains to Oregon. Arriving in Corvallis after a journey of 6 months, our subject found employment at different occupations until 1875, when he with his father started the present well known merchandise house of A. CAUTHORN & SON. In June 1882, Mr. CAUTHORN was selected by the people of Benton county to represent them in the State Senate for a term of 4 years, a position he ably fills. In 1883 he served as Mayor of the city of Corvallis. He was married in Polk county, December 1870 to Miss S. L. JEFFREYS; they have 3 daughters--Mary, Gertrude, and Frankie.

COLLINS, George W--was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, 23 April 1823. In 1846 he, with his parents, moved to Adams county, Illinois, from whence in 1850 our subject crossed the plains to California, where he followed mining until 1853, when he came to Jackson county, this state, when he took part in the Rogue River wars. In 1857 he came to the Siletz Reservation and, in 1860, was appointed Indian Agent for the alsea Reservation, which position he held until 1868, when he was relieved by Lieutenant BEATTY. In 1871 he located on his present farm near Seal Rocks, where he is engaged in farming.

CONNOR, Hon. Milton J--this well known resident of King's Valley was born in Shelby county, Indiana 25 September 1845. In March 1852, he with his parents, 4 brothers, and one sister, crossed the plains to Oregon, first settling in Linn county, where he resided on his father's farm until he was 21 years of age. Mr. CONNOR then came to Philomath, Benton county, and engaged in farming. The spring of 1874 he opened a general merchandise store in King's Valley, which he ran for the following nine years. He then purchased his present valuable farm consisting of 200 acres, located in the center of the above valley. In the spring of 1884 Mr. CONNOR was elected Representative from Benton county to the State Legislature. He is married and has one son, Frank.