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THANK YOU'S THIS MONTH

To Lee and Ernest Rudisill for giving the Society two tables and 20 chairs for our use in the annex. This will go a long way to completing our requirements for meeting days and library use.

To Damaris multiple thanks. For getting the good deal on the lumber for the book shelves. For the desk and floor lamp purchased at a garage sale, and for the several days help with the bookshelf building.

In addition to Damaris, thank you to Betty Swan, Mary Yoke, Daniel Froehlich and son, Ken Bielman and Wendy James, our new member, for the help on the bookshelves.

To Pat Coolican for her help and for the four bulb fluorescent light for the library, the smaller lamps, four chairs and the step stool for reaching the Library top shelves.

To the two committees, whose duties overlapped a lot, for all of the work required for the move to the annex.

Committee overseeing the Library preparation.

Damaris Reynolds
Ed Stratton
Pat Coolican
Lee Rudisill

Library Use and Rules, and physical move.

Jean Grube
Mabelle Martsching
Joanne Perry
Betty Swan
Becky Kiger

To all of the people that helped on the physical movement of the books and supplies to the annex, including our other new member, Lewis Shaad.

To all of the people that gave for the garage sale at Damaris Reynolds house last weekend. Especially to our missing member, Danell Aukerman who gave a lot of stuff to sell.

And finally to Twin Pines Lumber for the extra good deal they gave us on the lumber for the bookshelves, and to John's Custom Welding for getting the two 20 foot lengths of steel for us to make the bolts to hold the bookcases together and for the use of his saw to cut them to the proper lengths.

WITH SYMPATHY

To Joe and Jean Grube for the loss of Jeans brother.
To the Lucy Axtell's family, on her passing over.
To Velma and Theran Parsons on the loss of her brother.

NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members this month.

Lewis Shaad phone 752,3252
Wendy James phone 753-6116

ANNUAL DUES

You can pay your 1992 dues anytime from now to the first of the year. If you pay them early it will make it easier on the Treasurer and on the Membership Chair. Also if you do it now you won't forget it in the rush of the holidays.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

As it is each September, today's program is what genealogical event or work did you do or attend this summer.

This is just like the teacher asked you on the first day of school. What did you do on your summer vacation?



LETTER FROM DANELL

Jean Grube and Becky Kiger both got letters from Danell Aukerman this last week. They will have the letters at the meeting so you can read them and see how our missing member is doing in the Bay Area of California.

MONEY DUE

If you promised our president that you would have a donation to the society for the costs of moving to our new library, please follow through on your promise. So far Daniel has received \$11.00. That helps, but if all of the promises come through it would sure help our bank account.

FIVE GENERATION CHARTS

It has been decided that the input for family members in our listing will be terminated in October. It is now time to move on to the next phase of the operation, namely putting all of the information in some type of order so that we can publish it. If you need to get more names in the listing, then do it by the next meeting, which is October the 12th.

LIBRARY HOURS

Not ours yet, but for the City County Library in their temporary quarters in the old Waremart building on Kings

City County Library

Monday	- Tuesday	12:00 noon	to	9:00 pm
Wednesday	- Thursday	12:00 noon	to	5:30 pm
Friday	- Saturday	10:00 am	to	5:30 pm
Sunday		1:00 pm	to	5:00 pm

QUERIES

Items 1. and 2. are from Merthel **McCONNEL**.

1. John W. **MARVEL** was born 25 Oct 1795 in Rhode Island or Massachusetts. He died 5 Feb 1856. He was married 3 Sep 1818 to Lavinia **MAYNARD** who was born either the 1st or 4th of March 1800.

2. Almerin **HULBURD** was born in 1777 and died 10 Dec 1854 in East Farnham, Quebec. He was listed in Milton Vermont in the 1820 census. He married Eliza **FREEMAN**. Buried near him is William **HULBURD**, born in 1750 is believed to be his father, but records are missing.

3. I have a picture album, pre 1910, of the **BOONE** Family. Geo & Mary **BOONE** were foster parents to my Aunt Bonnie, according to the 1910 census for Halsey, Linn County.

From Peggy **TROUTT**
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Aloha OR 97007.

4. Records on the **RIGGS** family are in an Old Bible that is owned by Donna **BROKKEN**. She is wondering if anyone is researching this family. The **RIGGS** were friends of her parents in Salem.

From Donna **BROKKEN**
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Our President has a listing of the names.

NEW COMPUTER PROGRAM

In computer software there is a section called shareware. Shareware is given or sold for the cost of the copying and disk. You then try it out and if you like it you register it with the Author and pay the registration fee. This can run from almost nothing to around \$100.00. Most of them are in the \$10.00 to \$50.00 range. Registering and paying is on the honor system.

This summer your editor received some new disks, and one of them is called **FAMILY TREE JOURNAL**. The author is:

Rick Cherry
Cherry Tree Software
P.O. Box 964
Reynoldsburgh, Ohio
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I will still use PAF for my entry and main program, but what this program does is beautiful.

It uses **GEDCOM**, the tie in program between all of the computer genealogical programs. You can create a **GEDCOM** file with your favorite computer genealogical program and then import it into **FAMILY TREE JOURNAL**. If you use it for only one function the program is worth the \$35.00 registration fee. You can create a book.

I told the program I wanted it to use my mother, her father and my father. Their ancestors and descendants and all marriages. From this I got a book of 560 pages, on both sides of the page. There are three introduction pages before their respective chapters. The first chapter is on Trees and Data. There is an ancestor tree for each person identified in the program. The second one is Family Groups, with a sheet on each family with at least one child. The third section is Biographies. You write on each person you desire.

There are four appendices that you can use or not. A is a list of names and reference numbers. This is not needed since it is found elsewhere. Missing Information is the longest section and I did not include it in the final copy. There are three miscellaneous information appendices. Of the three I am now using only the one on birthdays. It lists each birthday chronologically from 1 January to 31 December, but without the year. You can find the year elsewhere. The final Appendix is the time line. It lists happenings in chronological order. This fills up quite a few pages, and is mainly birth, death and marriage.

If you want you can also create a booklet, which contains the direct descendants and ancestors only of the person listed. The named persons child and grandchildren would be there but the spouse of the child would not be listed. This is an abbreviated version.

If you need more information contact the your editor. I will make you a disk for a small charge.

EDITORS CORNER

Last Tuesday morning, as I sat on the floor of the new library, screwing in the door stop, I looked up and there in all their beauty were stretches of empty shelves.

The ladies were just about through putting up the books, sure some of them are still checked out from over the summer, but there was so much room around the books that were there. No more books in front of other books. No more books crammed on top of other books. Those books looked so good with all of their elbow room that it made all of the work of this summer worthwhile.

A lot of work went into the move, but I really think that it has all been worth the effort. By the time most of you read this you will have already seen the results. I think you will agree with me, at least I hope that you do. It is really nice to have a home.

Ed

The following is from the Oregon Genealogical Society Newsletter dated August/September 1991

DID YOU KNOW?

Wills and Estate papers can have a wealth of information. Don't forget these wonderful records in your research.

Handy terms to know:

Intestate: without having made a valid will upon death.

Nucupative: oral; not written - of wills.

Heir apparent: a person who is the rightful heir and most likely to receive the estate if he survives the ancestor.

Heir-at-law: the person (commonly the eldest son) to whom all of an intestate's real property was due under the system of primogeniture.

Primogeniture: an exclusive right of inheritance belonging to the first-born.

Heirs and assigns: insuring that absolute ownership was given - used in deeds, wills, conveyances, and considered essential in these documents.

Escheat: land that reverts back to the state or Crown because no proven heirs could be found.

Chattel: any kind of moveable personal property.

Devolution: the passing of property, title, legal rights, or interests to another by legal processes.

Fee simple: an inheritance having no conditions or limitations in its use.

Law of entail: a law which forbids the division of large estates.

Decessit sine prole: (Latin) died without issue.

Viz: (Latin) videlicet - namely; to wit; that is to say.

Imprimis: (Latin) in the first place; chiefly; especially.

Teste: the concluding and witnessing clause of a writ or other legal document which expresses the date of its issue and the name of the judge.

Proved: documents such as wills, deeds, bills of sale, etc., having their accuracy and honesty attested to through legal proceedings in a court of law.

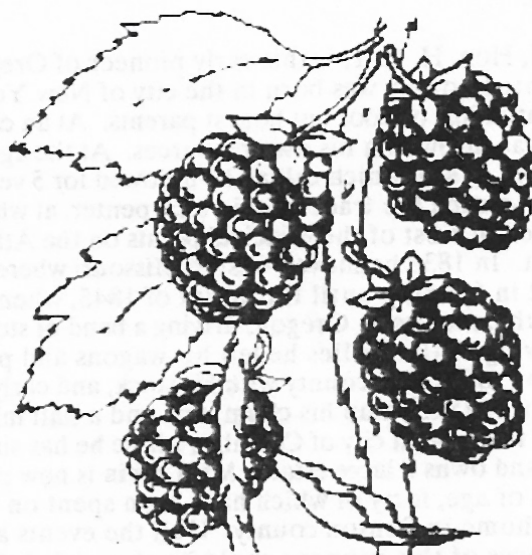
NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS

Since we started putting in the Fagan articles in the Newsletter in May 1988, we have had a lot of new members joining our society so now is as good a time as any to bring the new members up to date on what the next page contains.

In 1885 and again in a year I am not sure of, David Fagan compiled a very large book of the persons then living in Benton County. The book has drawings (they didn't have scanners then) and articles of the prominent persons here at that time. Some of the deceased pioneers were also listed in the work.

I have been told, but can't prove the story, that most of the articles were written by the person named in the article. Nevertheless this is a gem if you are researching one of the early county residents.

We have been putting as much as we have room for in the newsletter since 1988, and will continue until the listing is completed.



FAGAN'S HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY

The items that will run in the Newsletter from David D. Fagan's History of Benton County, Oregon, Biographies have been copied as they appear in the original document, to the best of my abilities. I have kept the spelling, except for a few words that could easily be seen as wrong, and punctuation, as they originally were. Since this was completed in 1885 in Portland, there were a lot of places for the errors to creep in between the writing and the printing. They didn't have word processors with spell checkers as we do. I wish to thank Danell for her original work in acquiring the material and Becky for the work done to date.

Your Editor.

KNIGHT, John A. -- the subject of this sketch, the leading furniture manufacturer of Benton county, is a native of Germany, born 16 July 1824, where he learned the cabinet maker's trade. In 1847 he emigrated to the United States, and in 1851 came to California, residing in San Francisco until 1857, when he came to Corvallis, Benton county, and opened his present extensive furniture factory. Mr. **KNIGHT** is married and has one daughter -- Alma.

KNOTTS, William -- deceased -- is another of those early honored pioneers who has passed over to the silent majority. Mr. **KNOTTS** crossed the plains from Iowa in the summer of 1845, and in 1849 came to Benton county and located his donation claim of 640 acres, three and a half miles north of Corvallis, where his son now resides. Here, on the porch of Mr. **KNIGHT**'s house, was had the first term of court ever held in Benton county, with our subject serving in the capacity of County Clerk. He there resided until his death, which event occurred 1 October 1855, leaving a family of wife (now Mrs. **KEESE** of Corvallis) and five children.

LEWIS, Hon. H. C. T. -- this early pioneer of Oregon and Benton county was born in the city of New York, 30 January 1805, of poor but honest parents. At an early age he was thrown on his own resources. At the age of 14 he went to sea, which calling he followed for 5 years. He then learned the trade of ship's carpenter, at which he worked in most of the principal points on the Atlantic Coast. In 1838 he moved west to Missouri where he engaged in farming until the spring of 1845, when he came with ox teams to Oregon, driving a band of stock. On arriving at the Dalles he left his wagons and proceeded on to Benton county with his stock, and early in the fall of 1845 took up his claim, two and a half miles north of the present city of Corvallis, where he has since resided and owns a large estate. Mr. **Lewis** is now past 80 years of age, forty of which have been spent on his present home in Benton county. If all the events and experiences of this pioneer could be chronicled they would make interesting reading for the occupants of the happy homes that now dot the country which he found a wilderness and inhabited by little else than the savages and wild beast. Suffice it to say that now that his labors are nearly ended, let the thronging thousands who shall enjoy this beautiful land remember that his strong arms helped to subdue this far western wilderness and prepared it for civilized man. Mr. **LEWIS** was a member of the Constitutional Convention, and has always been a strong adherent to the democratic faith. He was married in Missouri to Miss **MOORE**, by whom he has a family of 4 daughters and three sons.

LEWIS, John H. -- a view of whose home in Corvallis is placed among the illustration of this work, was born in Jackson county, Tennessee, 23 July 1837. When but an infant his parents moved to the Platt Purchase, Missouri, from whence in 1852, he, with his father and brother and 4 sisters, crossed the plains to Oregon in a train of 32 wagons, of which our subject's father, Wm. P. **LEWIS**, was captain. The first winter was spent in Dallas,

Polk county, where, in 1854 his father embarked in the milling and mercantile business. In 1855 our subject enlisted in Company B, Capt. **BURCH**, of the Oregon Volunteers, and went to the Yakima Indian war, in which he served for 6 months, returning home in May 1856. In 1859 Mr. **LEWIS** began to do for himself by purchasing a band of horses which he took to California, where he disposed of them to good advantage and again returned to Dallas, where he embarked in the livery business, which he followed until 1866, when he came to Benton county and engaged in the stock business for ten of twelve years. In 1876 he purchased his present home, and at that time engaged in the dray and transfer business in which he still continues. Mr. **LEWIS** has held the office of Deputy Sheriff of Benton county for 8 years, and for the same period has been a member of the City Council of Corvallis, both offices which he still fills to the entire satisfaction of the citizens of the county and city in which he resides. Mr. **LEWIS** was united in marriage 27 April 1864 to Miss Martha A. **MEANES**, by which union they have five children.

LIGGETT, Elijah -- this gentleman, one of the earliest and most respected pioneers of Benton county, is a native of the state of Arkansas, where he was born in the year of 1827. When an infant he was taken to Missouri by his parents, and there our subject resided until 1845, in the month of May of which year, accompanied by his father, Alexander **LIGGETT**, his mother, 5 sisters and 1 brother, he started with ox-teams to cross the plains to Oregon. At the Dalles, where he arrived 12 October 1845, he suffered the loss of his mother. Hence, after a short delay, the party made the journey down the Columbia to the Cascades on rafts, and thence by boats to the mouth of the Willamette. They now proceeded up the beautiful valley, located in what is not Benton county, and Mr. **LIGGETT** Sr. took up the tract now known as the Perman **HENDERSON** claim, but soon after removed to a situation on Mary's river. In 1846 our subject settled on the farm now owned by S. K. **BROWN**, and in 1849 purchased his present place comprising 317 acres, located about a mile south east from Philomath, where he is engaged in general farming. Married in Benton county, Miss Mary E., daughter of the late James L. **MULKEY**, whose biography appears elsewhere, by which union they have three surviving children, viz: Louisa J. (now Mrs. James **FISK**), Frances J. (now Mrs. **PETERSON**), and Emma.

LOGAN, Samuel A. -- was born in Putnam county, Indiana, 16 December 1840. When about 6 years of age his parents moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, and one year later, removed to Marion county, Iowa, where they resided until 1862, when he, with his wife and parents, crossed the plains to Oregon. In 1866 he moved to Yaquina Bay, and in February of that year, located the place of 168 acres where he now lives, on the south side of Yaquina river between Toledo and Elk City. Mr. **LOGAN** also owns 280 acres at Oysterville and is engaged in farming. Married in Iowa, and has three children -- Clara A., Yaquina O., and Allen M.