

[From President George](#)



Hello fellow members, I do hope that you are enjoying the nice weather as we move towards summer. June 10th is our last meeting until September, come and share your stories as we meet and have a potluck at the Annex building.

10:30 meeting then a friendly potluck.

Benton County

Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER

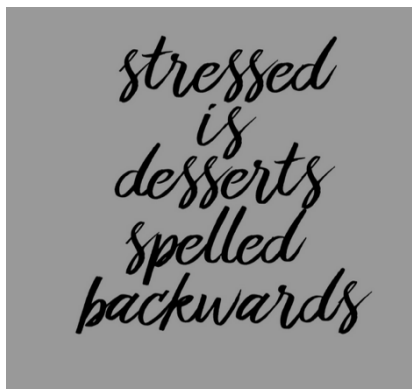
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Potluck



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It's hard to believe that June is upon us already!

The cold is finally gone and we've had some beautiful days of blue skies and white clouds. We've had a whole year of genealogy meetings, and it's been great to see our member friends and get to know new members!

We end this "year" on June 10th with a potluck in the annex. Plates, utensils, glasses, etc. are in the annex, so just bring to share whatever you like! The annex will be open for sure at 10:30 for the meeting.

See you there!

On page 2 is a free genealogy series that The National Archives has on line. The series started in May but any of the series that are already finished are still available. If you haven't tried the National Archives, you'll be surprised with the amount of information available.



<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-series>

2023 National Archives Genealogy Series

Public Service: Military & Civilian

May & June 2023

Free and no registration!

Videos and presentation materials remain available after the premiere date.

Chat in real time with the presenters during the session's video premiere.

- ⇒ [About the program](#)
- ⇒ [Participation instructions](#)
- ⇒ [YouTube playlist](#)
- ⇒ [Schedule with session descriptions, handouts, and videos](#)

Condensed Schedule (more details below)

May 3 at 1 p.m. ET	Welcome and Introductions
May 3 at 1:05 p.m. ET	Civilians at War: Records of Participation in U.S. Military Conflicts
May 10 at 1 p.m. ET	Basic Military Records at the National Archives: Revolutionary War to 1917
May 17 at 1 p.m. ET	National Archives at St. Louis: Understanding the 1973 Fire and Its Impact on Genealogical Research
May 31 at 1 p.m. ET	Civilian Conservation Corps Indian Division on the Reservation
June 7 at 1 p.m. ET	Accessing and Understanding Korean War Army Unit Records
June 14 at 1 p.m. ET	Planning, Techniques, and Strategies for Preserving Family Collections and Stories
June 14 (following the 1 p.m. session)	Closing Remarks

OREGON'S COVERED BRIDGES

OREGON has the largest collection of covered bridges in the West and one of the largest in the nation. The tradition of covered bridges in Oregon dates from the 1850's. Uncovered wooden bridges were found to last about 20 years and some bridges would start to have problems earlier. A covered bridge could last for 80-100 years or better so they soon became popular.

Early owners of covered bridges charged tolls to finance construction: 3 cents for a sheep, 5 cents for a horse and rider. Douglas fir was abundant so in western Oregon, many bridges were made of that. It continued especially during the two world wars because of the shortage of steel, and continued into the 1950's.

Between 1905 and 1925, Oregon had 600 covered bridges. Today Oregon has 51. In 1987, legislation was written to fund preservation of this wonderful part of Oregon's story. We're glad to have three of the 51.

Counties with Bridges in Oregon

5 or less

10 or less

11 or more

51 Covered Bridges are listed on this site

[BENTON (3)] [COOS (1)] [DESCHUTES (1)] [DOUGLAS (6)]
[JACKSON (4)] [JOSEPHINE (1)] [LANE (19)] [LINCOLN (4)] [LINN (8)]
[MARION (2)] [MULTNOMAH (1)] [POLK (2)]

Covered Bridges in Benton County

Harris Covered Bridge

Mary's River

From Corvallis, take Hwy 20 through Philomath to Wren, Exit Hwy 20 at Kings Valley junction, turn into Wren to Harris Rd, Travel west on Harris Rd approximately 2.5 miles.

Hayden Covered Bridge

Alsea River

From Corvallis, go through Philomath on Hwy 20, turn left on Hwy 34 to Alsea. Hayden is located on Hayden Co. Rd., 1.5 miles west of Alsea, Just off of Hwy 34.

Irish Bend Covered Bridge

Oak Creek

In Corvallis, travel west on Harrison Blvd to 53rd St. Follow 53rd to Benton County Fair Grounds. Park at the fair grounds and follow the footpath across the street from the fairgrounds (Campus Way) east.

For more interesting information go to "Covered Bridges Society of Oregon" www.covered-bridges.org



Harris Bridge

Harris Bridge was constructed either about 1929 or 1936. It replaced a covered bridge at the same site.



Irish Bend Bridge

Irish Bend Bridge was built to be a regular bridge in the 1920's. In 1954 it was made into a covered bridge. It has an interesting background of being moved around more than once and left to fall apart in other times.



Hayden

Hayden Covered Bridge is one of the oldest covered bridges in Oregon. It was built in 1918 and was partially or totally rebuilt in 1945.

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Photographer: OPEN

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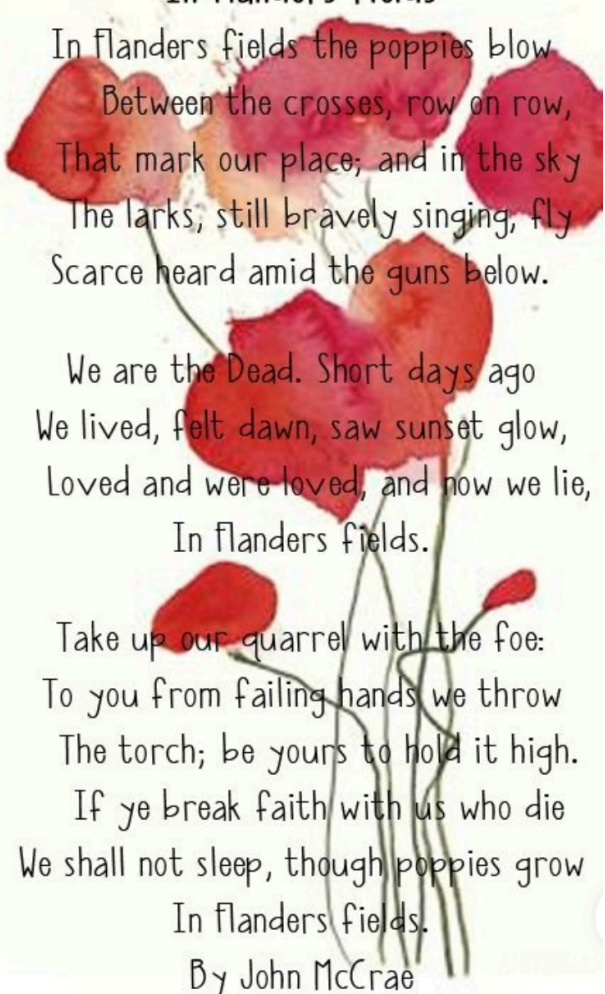
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In Flanders fields



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

By John McCrae

Nancy Patras:

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Have a wonderful summer, not too hot, not too cold; maybe find a genealogical something you've tried to find for so many years; and have just the right amount of work to keep from being bored.

See you in September!