

PART 5
continuing the 1990s
from 1993 -1999

Land claims reflect life in Corvallis' early days

On behalf of themselves and their wives, five men filed Provisional claims to land in the Corvallis area in the 1845-1847 period: Joseph C. Avery, Johnson Mulkey, William F. Dixon, John Stewart and Joseph P. Friedley.

Oregon became a U.S. Territory in 1848, and the provisional government turned its records

over to the federal government.

Other settlers staked out claims between and surrounding the original ones. The surveyor general, the administrator provided for in the

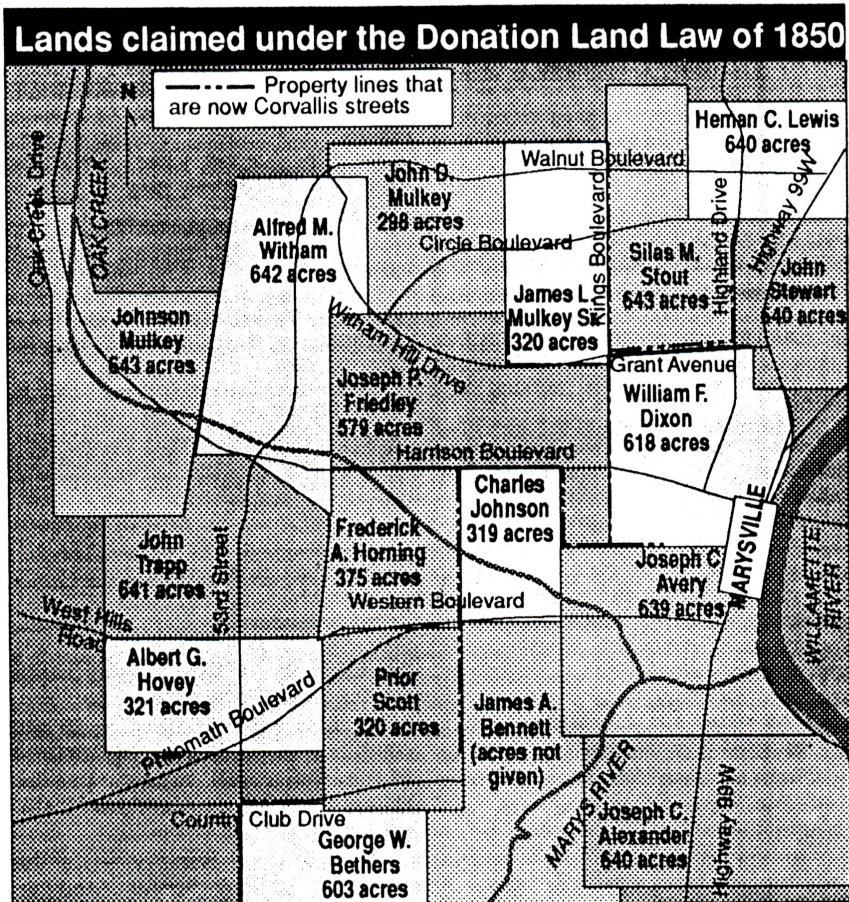


Munford

federal donation land law of 1850, approved previous claims that met provisions of the law and accepted new ones until April 1855.

On the bluff north of the mouth of Marys River, Avery laid out 24 blocks of a town he named Marysville. He gave the streets parallel to the river numbers: First, Second, Third, Fourth. The streets in the other direction he named for U.S. Presidents in order: Washington, Adams, Madison, Monroe, Jackson.

Dixon's claim along the Willamette River joined Avery's on the north. He liked the idea of the new town and designated six blocks of his river front as an



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addition to Marysville. The new streets extended the numbered ones and added Van Buren and Harrison streets.

As the town spread westward, additions continued the same pattern, until they reached Dixon's west line, which ran north and

south instead of being parallel to the river.

Sol King and his wife Maria moved into town from Wren. He operated a livery stable and served five terms as sheriff of Benton County. They built their home and barns on high ground

northwest of the town. The road out toward their place followed the west line of Dixon's claim and became known as Kings Road (now Kings Boulevard).

Dixon's north boundary became Grant Street (now Grant Avenue), and other new streets were sometimes laid out along land-claim lines. In that way the land for the rights-of-way came equally from the adjoining owners.

The northern boundary of Avery's claim runs along the center of Jefferson Way between 11th Street and the Memorial Union corner. His west boundary has become 26th Street south to Brook Lane.

The western section of Grant Avenue was the dividing line between the James L. Mulkey and Joseph P. Friedley claims. The Friedley home, gardens and orchards were on the corner of Kings Boulevard and Monroe Avenue.

When I was a young man, I met a Friedley son who was well along in his years and partially crippled. He told me that after his father and mother died, the sons and daughters sold off pieces of the property as they needed funds for living expenses or investment. He and one of his brothers wanted to be cowboys; they sold their share and went off to Eastern Oregon.

Other sons of the pioneers used their inheritance in various ways.

At least two of the children of J.C. and Martha Avery subdivided their property as home sites. Frances Avery Helm, the first postmistress in Corvallis, built the Queen Anne house that still stands at the south end of Fifth Street. Other heirs sold or donated land for what are now Pioneer and Avery parks.

The claim of Frederick A. and Mary J. Horning lies along the west side of 35th Street between Harrison Avenue and Western Boulevard. Their daughter married William Groves, who became a partner in a wool-carding mill that used water power from Oak Creek. Grandson Frank Groves maintained a model orchard and farmstead.

Jess Hanson and his wife Lora bought part of the Horning property and there developed a world-renowned strain of White Legorn egg-layers. Their hatchery shipped day-old chicks by parcel post. The family home is now the Hanson Country Inn.

Ken Munford was a member of the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society/Benton County Genealogical Society and was an honored guest speaker.

The southern part of the Alfred and Drusilla Witham claim is now in fields and barns of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Three Witham sons built homes on the ancestral estate at sites that can be identified, but no one lives there now.

Corvallis historian Kenneth Munford covers topics of historical interest in this twice-monthly column.

February 12, 1993, Corvallis Gazette-Times, Corvallis Ore.

•Mid-Valley Genealogical Society,
10 a.m., Benton County Historical Mu-
seum annex, 1101 Main, Philomath. 10
a.m. workshop with research of records
of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Mon-
tana. 1 p.m. business meeting. 2 p.m.
program: early obituaries from news-
papers and their transfer to computer
systems. Speakers: Rebecca Kiger, Ed
Stratton, and Judy Juntunen.

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Program Chairman: Mr. JIM RUSSELL. Phone 748-0676
9 February, 1993

NEXT MEETING

DATE: 13 February 1993--Saturday
LOCATION: Benton County Historical Museum Annex
1101 Main, Philomath, Oregon.
TIME: 10:00--Work Shop with research of records of OR, WA, ID & MT
1:00--Business Meeting.
2:00--Program: "Early Obituaries From Newspapers & Their
Transfer to Computer Systems."
With: REBECCA KIGER, ED STRATTON & JUDY JUNTENIN

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● **Mid-Valley Genealogical Society**, 10 a.m., Benton County Historical Museum Annex, 1101 Main St., Philomath and College Methodist Church, 1123 Main St., Philomath. 10 a.m. business meeting at church; 11 a.m. to noon, program. Speaker: Danell Aukerman. Topic: "Archival Storage." Supplies available after program. Noon to 3 p.m. at museum annex: library work.

Friday, January 13, 1995,

● **Mid-valley Genealogical Society**, 10 a.m., Benton County Historical Museum (Annex), 1101 Main St., Philomath. 10 a.m. business meeting at Methodist Church (next door); 11 a.m. video presentation: "Genealogical Research Procedures," part 1 of 3 productions by the Latter-day Saints Church. Noon to 3 p.m.: library research work at the Museum Annex.

Friday, March 10, 1995,

● **Mid-Valley Genealogical Society**, 10 a.m., Benton County Historical Museum Annex and Methodist Church, 1101 Main St., Philomath. Business meeting followed by program at 11 a.m., "Types of Indexes Available for Genealogical Research" and video. Library open for research noon to 3 p.m.

Friday, November 10, 1995, (

● **Mid-Valley Genealogical Society**, 10 a.m. library open, 1 p.m. business meeting, 2 p.m. program; Benton County Historical Museum Annex and College United Methodist Church, 1101 Main St., Philomath. Program topic: Summer Research in Genealogy.

Friday, September 8, 1995,

● **Mid-Valley Genealogical Society**, 1 p.m., Benton County Historical Museum Annex and Methodist Church, 1101 Main St., Philomath. Business meeting followed by 2 p.m. workshops on regional genealogical studies and computer working group. Library and archival store open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, October 13, 1995,

Corvallis Gazette-Times
Corvallis, Oregon
Sunday, January 10, 1993

The Mid-Valley
Genealogical Society

Glenna Carter did a little detective work and ended up in Massachusetts in 1621.

Daniel Froehlich did some sleuthing and wound up in England in 1530.

Jean Grube delved into her own personal mystery and landed in eighth-century France with the Emperor Charlemagne.

All three Corvallis residents share the same interest: digging into their personal past to find out who their ancestors were, where they came from and how they lived.

They are hooked on genealogy, one of the fastest-growing hobbies in the United States.

According to the National Genealogical Society, digging for family roots is now the third most popular hobby in the nation, behind stamp and coin collecting. All three Corvallis residents say they can easily understand the appeal.

"It's just like being a detective and having a mystery to solve," Carter said. "It's just a fun thing to do. You meet a lot of other people working out the same conundrums, the same mysteries. It's highly exciting once you get involved and start finding things."

"I had no idea my family had pioneer ancestors who came over on the Oregon Trail," said Froehlich. "We've been meeting relatives from all over the States. You never know what you will run into."

Carter has been researching her past for about 10 years. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, thanks to one Rufus Bassett, an ancestor who joined the army in Maine to help the colonies gain independence.

But her research has taken her back even farther. Her earliest American ancestor was William Bassett, who arrived in North America in 1621 on the ship Fortune, the vessel that followed the Mayflower to the New World. Carter discovered that William Bassett married into the family of William Brewster, one of the Mayflower passengers. That makes her eligible for membership in the Mayflower Society, a group she may join.

Grube's search took her even further back. She can trace one line of her family back to the Emperor Charlemagne, who was born in 742 and was one of the greatest military leaders of the Middle Ages. Another line of her family includes Princess Diana of Great Britain.

Not everyone on her family tree is so illustrious, however. One ancestor immigrated to Oregon in the 1800s and went to prison for shooting a man he suspected of fooling around with his wife.

"He must have been a hot-headed fellow," Grube said with a smile.

Froehlich, president of the Corvallis-based Mid-Valley Genealogical Society, started his search about nine years ago when his wife died, leaving him with an infant son. He wanted to tell his son where his ancestors came from. The search took him to documented relations in England in 1530. He has undocumented evidence of relatives dat-

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Jean Grube of Corvallis has royalty in her family tree. One line of her family goes back to the Emperor Charlemagne in eighth-century France. Princess Diana of Great Britain is a famous name on another line.

ing back to the 1000s, "but I'm kind of skeptical of those."

Tracing your family roots back to ancient kings may seem like a daunting task, but Froehlich, Carter and Grube all said it's not that difficult. Records and clues abound.

"It's no big deal. Anyone can do it," Grube said.

The first step is to start with your immediate family, such as mothers and fathers, grandparents and aunts and uncles. Collect the names, birthdates, dates of death and as much other information as those people can provide on your immediate ancestors. Then log that information on a family tree or a family chart.

Those names can be used as a starting point in a search for records that will provide further clues. Census information, cemetery records, family Bibles, library materials, military records and government archives can all yield valuable information.

See 'Family'/C3

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1993 Officers:

President _____ Daniel Froehlich
1st Vice President _____ Jim Russell
2nd Vice President _____ Joy Read
Secretary _____ Janice Barclay
Treasurer _____ Darrell Kahl
Librarian _____ Wendy James (moved) Jean Grube will finish the year

Committees:

Book Chairman _____ Damaris Reynolds
Queries _____ Mabelle Martsching
Membership _____ Ken Bielman
Merchandising _____ Damaris
Newsletter _____ Ed Stratton
Service projects _____ Becky Kiger (Cemetery survey)

Programs scheduled:

January 1993: Margaret Ingraham's program on writing your personal history was rescheduled due to snow and ice.

Becky Kiger will talk about the Newspaper Indexing project the society is doing for the museum.

Suggestions for future programs were discussed. Pat Coolican could present a program on the Irish Research Seminar she attended or someone from the Albany group of Canadian researchers could be asked to present a program.

January 3, 1993 Board meeting selected notes:

Discussed the 1993 Oregon Trail Celebration and would pay the Oregon Trail Council \$4.95 for a packet of information and wondered if we might invite a speaker from them.

Ed Stratton asked members to help find a book for beginners on "How to do Genealogy."

Lee Rudisill is writing life history profiles of Mid-Valley Genealogical Society Charter Members for the Newsletter.

February 1993, Becky Kiger, Judy Juntunen, and Ed Stratton presented a program on extracting information from microfilm of older Gazette -Times newspapers

March 6, 1993 - Roland Crozier presented a program to Polk County Genealogical Society on post offices .

Damaris suggested checking with the College United Methodist Church next door to the Benton County Historical Museum about renting space. She would check on price, availability and suitability and would also check with the Benton County Historical Museum about the use of the auditorium at the museum.

April 1993 - All the cemetery books are done and ready for sale after six years of hard work. The class for Beginners is now being prepared.

May 1993 - Family Trails is celebrating The Oregon Trail sesquicentennial (150 years).



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1994 Officers

All officers have agreed to serve another year except the secretary.

President _____ Ken Bielman
1st Vice President _____ Judy Beales
2nd Vice President _____ Danell Aukerman
Treasurer _____ Ron Edwards
Secretary _____ Jo Triggs
Librarian _____ Jean Grube

Committees

Library Scheduling _____ Mary Yoke
Queries _____ Mabelle Martsching
Service Projects _____ Becky Kiger
 *Ed Stratton reporting on GT Obituary project
 *Danell Aukerman reporting on Surname Files
Membership _____ Jim Russell
Newsletter _____ Ed Stratton
Merchandising and Books _____ Damaris Reynolds
Audit _____ Becky Kiger and Ron Edwards

Programs: Genealogist, Ron Bremer, author of Compendium of Historical Sources will present a 2 hour program in exchange for lodging. He will bring his books for sale. "A Mini Genealogy Seminar" co-hosted by the Benton County Historical Museum.

Program: Ken Munford, a society member, will present a program on Benton County discussing Donation Land Claims.

Note:

The Jan 1994 meeting minutes mentions Daniel Froehlich had been the past president for the previous 3 years. (1991, 1992, 1993)

Note: In August 1994 arrangements were made with the Methodist Church beside the museum for MVGS to rent their large social hall for Business meetings and General meetings. See the letter to MVGS from Damaris Reynolds dated Aug 20, 1994.

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1995 Officers and appointed positions

President: Ken Bielman
1st Vice President: Danell Aukerman
2nd Vice President: Judy Beals
Treasurer: Ron Edwards
Secretary: Cecilia Anderson and Mary yoke

Committees

Librarian_____	Jean Grube (new books listed in Newsletter)
Library Staffing_____	Lee Rudisill
Queries_____	Mitch Beard
Service Projects_____	Mabelle Martsching
GT Obituary Project_____	Ed Stratton
Cemetery Index_____	Jean Grube and Damaris Reynolds
Membership_____	Jim Russell (142 members)
Newsletter_____	Ed Stratton talked about the society's 25 th Anniversary coming up in 1996.
Merchandising and Books_____	Damaris Reynolds
Historian_____	Virginia Hoeye
Telephone_____	Betty Swan
Audit_____	Sheila Fitzgerald
Surname File_____	Danell
Budget_____	Darrell Kahl and Becky Kiger
Computer_____	John Redman, Damaris Reynolds, Ron Edwards, Ed Stratton
Labels (Nor Pack)_____	Laura Crozier

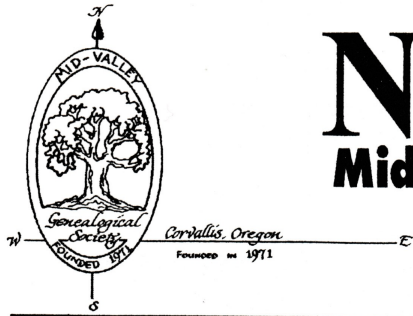
Society Name Change:

October 1995 Mid-Valley Genealogical Society General Meeting listed under unfinished business "...The Society name change was explained ...These changes will be voted on at the November meeting."

By April 1995 the newsletter would be mailed to members.

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Mid-Valley Genealogy Society

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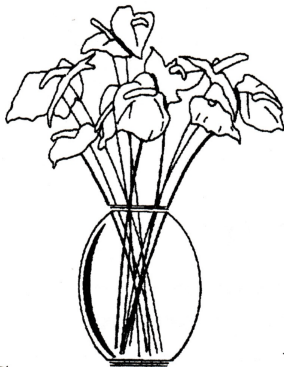
NEW MEETING PLACE AND TIME

Todays Program

Danell Aukerman will present a program on Archival Supplies and how to use them. There will be storage boxes, files, and other items for sale after the program is complete.

Before Danell left for California a few years back, she used to have the archival supplies available to us. Now maybe we will have them again.

Happy New Year



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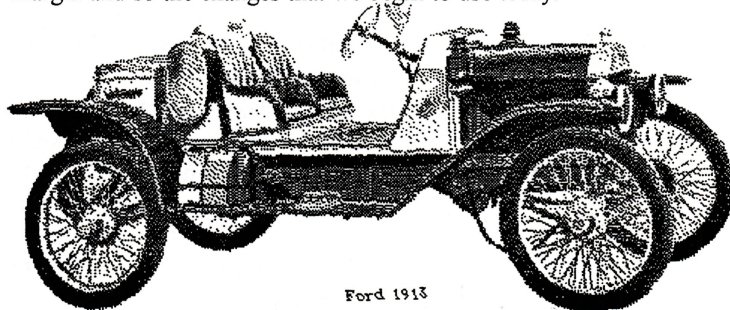
Meeting in Methodist Church at 10 am, program at 11 am.

By the time you read this it will be old news. The business meeting started in the Fireside Room at the College United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. this morning.

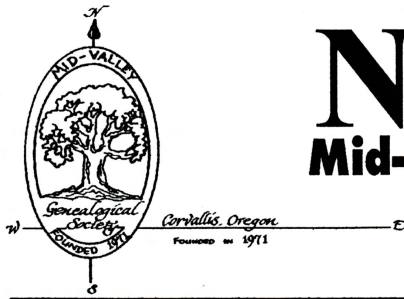
At 11:00 a.m., after the business meeting the program will be given by our Program Chair, Danell Aukerman. See the adjoining column on todays program.

After the program is over at 12:00 noon, we will adjourn to the Library for our coffee, goodies and study or discussion. This period will last until some where in the vicinity of 3:00 p.m.

Most of you are aware that in October the idea that had been floating around about changing the time schedule for the meeting day finally came to a head. The phone checkers asked each member they call for their opinion. There was a majority of the responding members in favor of the idea so the idea was put to a vote at the November meeting. The motion was passed by a large margin and so the changes that we begin to use today.



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NewsLetter

Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

March 1995

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NEWSLETTER TO BE MAILED

Big Change coming in how you get your Newsletter.

Today's Program

Today we will be viewing the new videos we received on beginning genealogy. We received three video tapes of over an hour in length each. These have been reviewed by three of our members, and they had nothing but good things to say about the tapes. All three of them were accomplished genealogists and they each found things that were new or that they had forgotten in each tape.

We will continue on with the series if those at the meeting today like the information as much as the reviewers did. This will be for the April and May meetings.

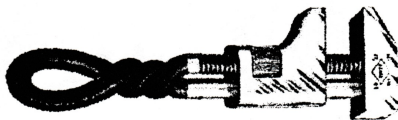
As you know, the June meeting is our potluck.

Last month at the meeting we discussed the possibility of sending the newsletter to all members so that they would have it before the meeting. The large majority of those present were in favor of the change, although it will probably cause an increase in dues. At the board meeting last Monday, it was decided to begin sending out the newsletter to all members so they will have it a day or two before the meeting.

As the editor this means some more work, but I am sure that enough members will volunteer to assist with the preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

All information will have to be to the editor by Friday, of the week prior to the meeting. At the board meeting only emergency insertions will be added or changed in the newsletter. After the board meeting the changes will be added and the master pages will be printed. On Tuesday the newsletter will be printed and taken to the Library. Those that are helping with the newsletter will have to assist your editor with folding, adding the cover, adding postage and getting it ready to go to the Post Office.

To become a volunteer all you need to do is show up at the library during the normal hours on Tuesday before the meeting and you are automatically on the newsletter sending committee.



G A R A G E

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Saturday May 27th
at Jean Grube's,
2020 NW 23rd
Street. Support
this effort to raise
money for books
by donating "treas-
ures", by helping,
or by BUYING!
Bring donations to
the meeting or drop
them off at Jean's.



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Garage Sale

Another successful garage sale. Thanks to all of the "treasures" that were donated and the hard work of Shirley Hill, Pat Coolican, Becky Kiger and Judy Beals who marked everything, to Becky, Pat and Judy who showed up early Saturday morning and to Joan Mueller, Mickey Yoke, Mabelle Martching and Joy Read who were able sales people, the society is \$400.00 richer. Of course none of it would have been possible without the generous loan of their garage, their effort and their time by Jean and Joe Grube. Remember, this is not the end of our money raising efforts. Bring your paperbacks to the June meeting. There probably will be another garage sale in September, and there is always the thrift shop. If during the summer you find things you can live without, give me a call and I'll pick them up.

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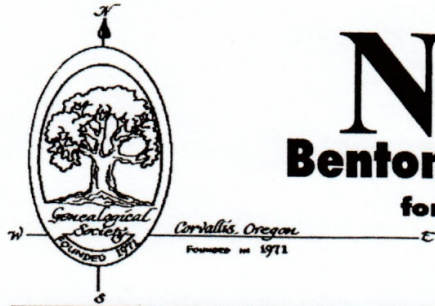
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Public Relations/Hostess _____ Judy Beals
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Pedigree Charts and Surname file _____ Jim Russell
Audit _____ Bob Tarrant and Joan Phillips
Public Relations _____ Mitch Beard
Historian _____ Virginia Hoeye
Budget _____ Daniel Froehlich Chrmn, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Betty Swan
Computer Survey _____ Joan Mueller
By Laws _____ Gene Newcomb

Programs:

Danell Aukerman presented a program on archival materials and supplies.

June 1996 – was the Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the society with a salad luncheon and a cake for the occasion. Charter members able to attend told about their activities in the society. See copy of the invitations.

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May 1996

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ENJOY THE SPRING FLOWERS

Program 11 May 96

This month the program will be the next video tape of the series of beginners classes we started last year. Today's program will be on Naturalization Records.

After April's program, on Archival Storage, Danell gave the profits of these sales to the Computer Fund. This amounted to \$35.85. Way to go Danell.

Notes

If you want a copy of the new By-Laws, call the President.

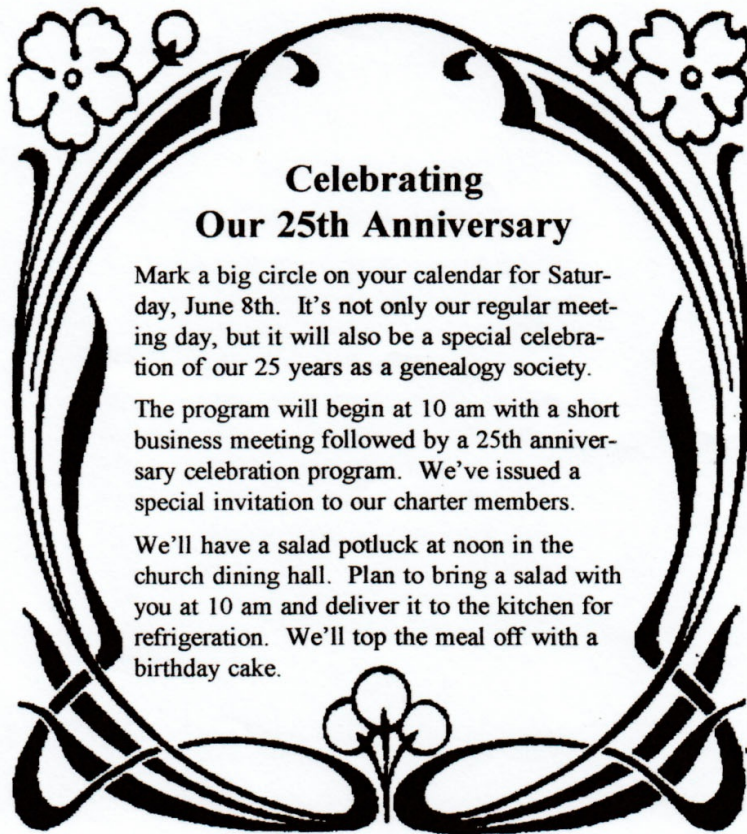
The book list is available for \$2.00 each, while they last, in the Library.

Get Well, Gene

Gene Kelsey, our 1st VP, had 5 bypass heart surgery last Sunday. He seems to be doing well. Get well soon friend.

New Members this Year

This month we have one new member and four returning. The new member is Barbara Mollahan of Corvallis. Welcome Barbara.



Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

Mark a big circle on your calendar for Saturday, June 8th. It's not only our regular meeting day, but it will also be a special celebration of our 25 years as a genealogy society.

The program will begin at 10 am with a short business meeting followed by a 25th anniversary celebration program. We've issued a special invitation to our charter members.

We'll have a salad potluck at noon in the church dining hall. Plan to bring a salad with you at 10 am and deliver it to the kitchen for refrigeration. We'll top the meal off with a birthday cake.

Thought for Today

While at a family reunion, I met my grandmother's only son's only sister's husband's grandfather-in-law's wife. What is she to me?

from Jean Grube Answer on page 2.



**BENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**25th ANNIVERSARY
Sat. 8 June 1996
Philomath, OR**

SOCIETY HISTORY

Oct. 1971: Founded in Corvallis, OR, as the Mid-Willamette Valley Genealogy Society. Met in the Ritchey Room of the Corvallis Public Library.

June 1982: Society moved to Maclean Hall in the First Christian Church, at 6th & Monroe, Corvallis, OR

Summer 1991: Society shifted location to the Annex of the Benton County Historical Museum, Philomath, OR.

May 1996: Name changed to the Benton County Genealogy Society.

Honors Received by Society

1992: History Makers Award

PROGRAM

10am--Business Meeting
11am--Anniversary Observance
MC: Danell Aukerman
Welcome
Introduce Special Guests
Speaker: Mildred Hawkins
Memories to share
Honor Awards, presented by:
Damaris Reynolds
Jean & Joe Grube
Ed Stratton
Cutting of the Cake
Short Break
NOON--Salad Luncheon

Visiting time.
Library open until 3pm

CHARTER MEMBERS

(Known living as of April 1996)

Mildred B. Hawkins
Albany, OR

Edith Hughes
Coeur d'Alene, ID

Eugene "Mitch" Beard
James "Jim" Russell
Edna E. Wiese
Josephine Zadina
Corvallis, OR

Betty Wilson
Keizer, OR

Hazel Beals
Portland, OR

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Library Scheduling _____	Lee Rudisill
Queries _____	Mabelle Martsching
Service Projects _____	Becky Kiger
Newsletter _____	Ed Stratton
Book Purchases _____	Damaris Reynolds
Norpac Label Collections _____	Mary Hamlin
Pedigree Charts and Surname file _____	Jim Russell
Audit _____	Bob Tarrant and JoAnne Phillips
Press Relations _____	Mitch Beard
Society History _____	Virginia Hoeye
Budget _____	Pat Coolican, Chair, Bob Tarrant, John Yoke
Computer Survey _____	Joan Mueller
Merchandising _____	Damaris Reynolds

BCGS Web page:

In January 1997, Danell Aukerman and Johnathan Cardoza discussed a society web page. By December, Johnathan had moved and Danell became web master. Danell and Dorothy Burt copied historical papers from the State Library to post on our website. They found seven boxes of Benton County WPA records there.

1997 March BCGS Newsletter announcement:

A Beginning Genealogy Class with instructors and class agenda were offered in the Annex. Participants were limited to 20. Cost was \$12 for singles and \$17 for a couple. It was a huge success! 21 attended and 10 signed up as new members. The classes that Danell taught through Linn Benton Community College were also a source of new students. Danell encouraged her students to follow up their genealogical research by joining the Benton County Genealogical Society.

Danell Aukerman
presents Archival Storage
May 15, 2005



BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

1997-1998 Budget

(1 September 1997--31 August 1998)

Balance: Book Fund Carryover	451.00	
Income		
Dues--single memberships (90@ \$10)	900.00	} \$ 1300
Dues--family memberships (25 @ \$13)	325.00	
Refreshment Sales	50.00	
Miscellaneous Income		
General Donations	25.00	} \$ 1025
Library Personal Donations for Books & CDs	125.00	
Garage & Thrift Shop Sales	475.00	
Christmas Auction	300.00	
Raffle Tickets	100.00	
Books/Material Sales	25.00	
Flavor-Pak Label Redemption	.00	
Computer Fund Contributions		
Archival Sales	.00	
 Total Income	 2776.00	
 Expenses		
Annual Rent	400.00	} \$ 1300
Newsletter (10 issues @\$68 +\$40)	725.00	
Refreshment Purchases	25.00	
Supplies for Treasurer, Office, & Library	50.00	
Program	.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00	
Purchase: Books, CDs, Subscriptions (carryover)	451.00	} 1025.00
Purchase: Books, CDs, Subscriptions (income)	1025.00	
 Total Expenses	 2776.00	
 Budget Balance	 .00	

Balance In Special Accounts	Book Fund Carryover	451.00
(As of 31 August 1997)	Computer Fund	110.00
	Reserve Account	<u>1133.55</u>
	Total	1694.55

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1998 Officers and appointed positions (from floppy disk in minutes notebook)

President _____ Gene Kelsey
1st Vice President _____ Ken Bielman
2nd Vice President _____ Charlene Talbot and Dave Kribs
Secretary _____ Jim Russell
Treasurer _____ Gene Newcomb
Librarian _____ Jean Grube
Membership _____ Danell Aukerman (WPA, Gen Web, teaching classes)

Committees

Library Staffing _____ Lee Rudisill and Leila Crawford
Merchandising and Books _____ Damaris Reynolds
Queries _____ Mabelle Martsching
Newsletter _____ Dorothy Burt and Janice Barclay changed at mid year
with Ed Stratton
Web Page _____ Gene Kelsey
Label Collections _____ Leila Crawford
Pedigree Charts and Surname File _____ Jim Russell

February 1998 - Proceeds from the May 16th Garage Sale will be donated to the Benton County Historical Society in support of their Building Fund, in appreciation for their cooperation and support of our Genealogical Society. (\$160 was donated)

March 1998 - Danell reported the society now has 158 members.

April 1998 - Danell and GERALYN Barry and her husband traveled to Salem to meet with a person who is writing a grant proposal to acquire equipment to copy WPA documents on the State Library site so they may put them on the Internet.

April 1998 - Danell reported that 37 out of the 163 current members now have e-mail addresses. Reminder letters will be mailed to the other members who have not paid their dues.

Sept 1998 - Ed and Nellie Stratton and Alesa Nason compiled an index to Fagan's Illustrated History of Benton County and donated it to our library.

Dec 1998 - Ted Gump will be the auctioneer for the annual Christmas auction.

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1999 Officers and appointed positions (from floppy disk in minutes notebook)

President _____	David Kribs
1 st Vice President _____	Ken Bielman
2 nd Vice President _____	Charlene Talbot
Secretary _____	Terri Greene
Treasurer _____	Gene Newcomb
Librarian _____	Jean Grube
Membership _____	Leila Crawford
Newsletter _____	Dorothy Burt and Janice Barclay

Jan 1999 - Larry Landis will present a program on "Using the OSU Archives for Historical/Genealogical Research.

Feb, March, and April 1999 - continued story in newsletter about the Experience of a Union Soldier in the Civil War.

March 1999 - Lee Gentemann was acknowledged and thanked in our newsletter for his efforts developing our outstanding Benton County USGenWeb page.

March 1999 - Mary Gallagher will present a program in April on "Identifying and Preserving Family Items for the Future."

April 1999 - Lee Rudisill volunteered to be in charge of the Spring garage sale that will be held Saturday May 15. Several volunteers needed to help. (netted \$538. 93)

Nov 1999 - Ted Gump will be the auctioneer in November.
"Kith & Kin" Newsletter column started by Charlene Talbot started this month.

Sept 1999 - Danell Aukerman is teaching genealogy classes in Corvallis, Sweet Home and Albany. Cost is \$12 for 3 hour classes.
Welcome packets being handed out to new members was discussed.

Oct 1999 - Future program topics: Quakers, Native Americans, Civil War, Oregon Trail, and Migrations were suggested.
Danell has added most of the Phinney interviews on our website and a very informative program was presented by Dale and Kathy Moss on research in the British Isles.

Dec 1999 - Newsletter articles by request: Another Civil War letter and "Researching Our Female Ancestors."

Christmastime flood

Our December 1999 Newsletter tells about the terrible flood in the Willamette Valley in 1861-1862 which has not been equaled since. It began on Sunday, December 29, 1861. At its height, there was said to be four feet of water over the entire valley floor. By the time it began to subside on the first Sunday in January, 1862, much livestock had been drowned and fences houses and barns had been swept away in tragic numbers. The Wiley Winkle family lived on the butte which is about 6 miles south of Corvallis. All they could see in any direction was water and the floating corpses of dead animals and the wreckage of buildings washing up on the butte. According to local folklore, Mrs. Winkle wanted her husband to go down and stick his finger in the water and taste it for she thought it must surely be the ocean coming inland.
