

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER 12 MEETING

Program for the December meeting will be presented by Margaret Ingram on writing your life history.

We will hold our Christmas raffle. The items to be raffled are a Christmas sweater purchased in Hong-Kong by Damaris Reynolds, a lovely inlaid wooden bowl crafted by John Martsching and a photo album.

There will also be installation of officers for 2001 as follows:

President: Danell Aukerman
1st Vice President: Bill Gleaves
2nd Vice President: Margaret Hays
Secretary: Teri Greene
Treasurer: Gene Newcomb
Librarian: Ken Bielman
Assist. Librarian: Jean Grube
Membership: Leila Crawford



NOTES FROM OUR OFFICERS

President-elect, Danell Aukerman is looking for volunteers for the various committees of our organization such as book, sales, queries, publicity, etc. She feels some new people on these committees would bring helpful new ideas as to the wishes and needs of the society. Please see her and volunteer!

Bill Gleaves is planning to have Dr. Brauner as the speaker at our January meeting to talk about Fort Hoskins. Bill has been trying for some time to arrange to have Dr Brauner speak and is hopeful that he will be present in January.

KITH AND KIN

BY CHARLENE TALBOT

Sources

By Charlene Talbot

Years ago when I took up genealogy, I carefully read a How-to-Do It book, Searching for Your Ancestors, by Gilbert Doane. It's now in its sixth edition and we have a copy in our genealogy library. I checked it out, to see what it said about sources, and whether I had simply overlooked the advice it gave so long ago. I hadn't. He doesn't start to talk about citing sources until Chapter 11, How to Arrange a Genealogy. In other words, how to write it up. And the index doesn't even list "sources" or "citations." I'm not criticizing the book so much as trying to explain to myself why I have no idea how I got the Civil War information about two great uncles. I believe I thought at the time that nobody except myself would ever be interested, certainly not enough for me to need to prove anything.

But I did get that information. One uncle had applied for a pension and mentioned that at the time of his military service, he had not been able to read or write, but that now he could. The other great uncle was applying for a pension because of varicose veins contracted on a forced march "from Richmond, Kentucky, to Irving, Kentucky, back to Richmond, then to Camp

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Kith and Kin continued

Nelson, then to Lexington, Kentucky, and Mount Stirling." That does sound like the military!

Some years later, when a cousin and I wrote genealogy for an ancestor—Henry Cook of Salem, Massachusetts and Allied Families—we gave the sources at the end of each family. They came from books. All one had to do was put down title and page number. I thought that's how one did genealogy—find the right book. Not until I began re-searching the other side of the family did I find that books weren't the answer. I learned about family group sheets. Only then did I find I was beginning to get pieces from various sources—a date from here, a birthplace from there. By that time, I guess I was far enough advanced to realize I ought to keep track of where these bits of information came from. Somebody, some time, might ask.

The family group sheet gave a nice little box with lots of lines for sources. I tried using numbers attached to the various bits. It ended up looking somewhat messy.

Then I got a computer program that demanded a citation for every piece of information.

Whew! So now, at last, I'm doing it right! No one, as yet, has ever wanted to know where any of my research came from, but I do know someone who has been questioned via e-mail as to his facts. Anyhow, now I'm prepared. As long as they don't ask about that great uncle who learned to read after

INITIALS ON OLD DOCUMENTS

Initials after your ancestors' names may provide useful information that you hadn't expected. The following list includes initials you may come across when reading old wills or other documents.

- *a.a.s – Died in year of his/ her age
- *d.s.p – died without issue
- *d.s.p.l – died without legitimate heir
- *d.s.p.m.s – died without surviving male issue
- *d.unm – died unmarried
- *d.v.p. – died in the lifetime of his father
- *Et al – and others
- *Inst – present month
- *Liber – book or volume
- *Nepos – grandson

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*Jean Grube reports two new books
this month: They are:*

1883 – Albany City Directory, 1878

#1834 – Pittman Map of Mid-Willamette Valley;
Albany-Corvallis-Lebanon and Benton/Linn Coun-
ties, with city maps.

LAND RECORDS

*Here is one more method for finding elusive
female ancestors. I found the first name of an un-
known gr-gr-grandmother by reading her agree-
ment to a land sale. Ed.*

When a man sold any of his property, his wife had to agree to the sale, and her agreement was often called the "release of dower." She had a future interest in this property, as she was entitled to the use of a certain amount of it (usually 1/3) after his death. This is why she had to agree, or join in the deed, when any property was sold. She was also questioned by representatives of the court, away from her husband, to make certain she knew what she was doing, and had not been coerced.

The wife's dower was automatic; there did not have to be a will. But many husbands who left wills also specified what property the wife would have as her dower property. Sometimes a husband left his wife less than her "thirds." She could re-nounce the provisions of the will in court, and elect to take her thirds under the law.

In either case, these records will show the first name of a man's wife at the time that particular document was executed.

excerpted from Roots-L

- *Nunc – Nuncupative will, an oral will written by a witness.
- *Ob – he/she died
- *Relict – widow or widower
- *Sic – so or thus, exact copy as written
- *Testes – Witnesses
- *Ult – late
- *Ux or vs – wife
- *Viz – namely

From Seneca Searchers, July/Aug 1999

AN OBITUARY

By Maybelle Martsching

EVELYN A. WRIGHT SERVICES THURSDAY

Evelyn Adella Wright, former resident of Corvallis, passed away in Los Angeles Monday (April 11, 1958)..

The daughter of Gersham and Nancy Jane Wallace Nash, she was born in Ottumwa, Ia., in 1884. In 1903 she moved with her parents to Corvallis where she married Charley Wright in 1904.

The couple made their home in Portland where Mr. Wright passed away in 1918. In 1931 Mrs. Wright and her family moved to Los Angeles where she has since resided.

She is survived by five children: three daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Kennedy and Betty and Ruth of Los Angeles; two sons, Donald and Russell both of Los Angeles.

Graveside services will be held at the Mt. Union Cemetery Thursday at 2 p.m. under the direction of the DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home. Rev. Kenneth McVay will officiate.

A Letter from the Bealses

To Jean Grube

5 Oct 2000

Dear Jean,

Enclosing some books for the library (or garage sale).

We had an unusual summer with the fires. The Pinesdale fire got very close to us. We had to evacuate for a few days. Spent August with all our important stuff packed in our vehicles, and some of our furniture stored at our daughters. We just got things back in order!

We send our best to all of you in the club.

Sincerely

Judy & Bernie Beals
108 Vantage Lane
Hamilton MT 59840



Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!!

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

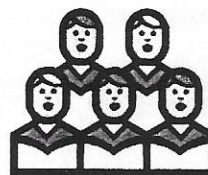
Several books of interest to genealogists are available from BCGS at this time. If you are looking for Christmas gifts, one of these might just suit.

Lee Gentemann's **Benton County Marriage Records**, Vol. I, 1850 -1924 and Vol. II, 1925-1945 are available @ \$25. You can preview this material on the internet at <http://www.usgenweb.net/>. I checked out this site and found my husband's grandparents 1877 record as well as my own 1942 record. I thought I might solve a family mystery but discovered that Lee does not have a crystal ball even though he worked extremely hard to obtain complete records. Family records show that William H. LeVaugh and Rebecca Winnifred Barclay were married 30 Jun 1867 in Benton County. About two years ago a researcher requested that I obtain a copy of their marriage license for her. I went to the Benton County Courthouse to obtain it only to find that the only record was an affidavit that Rebecca Winnifred Barclay was of legal age to marry. Apparently the minister who married the couple never completed or filed the marriage license. I wonder how often this happens when we are searching for old marriage records.

Also available is **WPA Papers for Benton County**, edited by Danell Aukerman. This book, which contains pioneer interviews with Benton County residents sells for \$35. She has also edited a smaller book containing Bible records and descriptions of Benton County cemeteries which sells for \$10. Postage on all above books, \$3 each.

Also of interest to lovers of history is **A Pictorial History of Benton County**, which contains photographs of 150 years of Benton County History. It is available from Lee NW Publishing, 600 SW Jefferson, Corvallis, OR 97333. A portion of the proceeds from sales of this book will benefit the Benton County Historical Museum. It can also be purchased at the Gazette-Times at the above address. Price: \$34.95, postage: \$4.

by Janice Barclay





MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership now stands at 153 members according to membership chairman Leila Crawford. **IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2001.** You will only receive one more issue of the newsletter if dues are not paid!

Membership Information

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Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar year.
Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/>

Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group is for those searching for their roots in Canada. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available for Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and some Quebec plus Canada in General. Car pooling can be arranged.

Call Pat Rawlinson, 752-2243, for further info.
E-mail: spawlinson@proaxis.com

Odds And Ends

Our number at the OSU Thriftshop on Second Street in Corvallis is 492.

Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

More Member Info

Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of September through June, in the NE Dining Hall of the College United Methodist Church, on the east side of the parking lot, in the 1100 block of Philomath. Business meeting is at 10:00 a.m. with the program at 11:00 a.m.

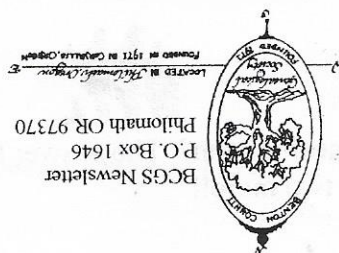
Please Note: When we rent the dining hall from the U.M. Church, this does not entitle us to use of the kitchen attached. It is off limits to us.

Our Library, in the museum annex, is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when the program is over until 3:00 p.m. IF we can keep enough volunteer librarians, it will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Members in good standing may check out and return books any time the library is open.

Mailing Label Coding

The two digits behind your name on the mailing label are:
S=Single; F=Family; E=Exchange.
Number is last of year; 8=1998
L0 is Charter Honorary Life Member



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