

NewsLetter

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Program October 9th: Civil War Re-enactment

The program for the October meeting will be a Civil War enactment by the 69th New York State Militia, better known as the **Irish Brigade**. These men, mostly from Salem, are Civil War buffs who will come in costume and will discuss the role of the militia in the Civil War. They are willing to answer questions about the war. This is as close as you may get to the front lines!

WPA PAPERS FOR BENTON COUNTY

Many thanks to our members who have joined in our four year effort to make our county's WPA papers available to others. We copied, typed, edited & indexed. Finally, they are ready for sale. We have completed the Bibles, Cemeteries, and Interviews as you can see below. Almost ready are the Church records and early County Commissioners' Journals. There is more to come. We will be announcing them as they are completed and will place an order form in the November issue. Congratulations to all of us, especially Danell Aukerman!

Book Sale

WPA Interviews by Mark Phinney

Interviews of the 'old timers' of the area, done during the period 1937 - 1940, recounting the old family stories of the pioneers as they crossed the plains on the Oregon Trail. Includes records from family bibles as available, and listings of family members with their birth dates and locations, as recalled by those interviewed. Includes an every-name index. 408 pages plus 49 page index. Printed on 8½ x 11 paper with plastic comb binding. Price \$25. Plus shipping

Lee Gentemann's All New Extraction of **Benton County, Oregon Marriage Records Vol. 1 1850-1924** 295 pp, **Vol. 2 1925-1945** 284 pp. Soft cover, plastic comb bound, 24# bond. Extracted from microfilm copies of the original certificates and licenses with additional information of genealogical interest. Names in order by date and fully indexed. \$25. Plus \$3.

Per volume price until October 31, 2000 plus shipping and handling. Send orders to BCGS P.O. BOX 1646, Philomath, OR 97370.

Kith and Kin

By Charlene Talbot

KITH & KIN: THE CENSUS TAKER

'Twas the first day of census, and all through the land
The pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride,
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.
A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.
She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table,
And answered his questions the best she was able.
He asked of her children... Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.
She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride,
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.
He noted the sex, the color, the age ...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And he saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.
The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? Or Utah? Or Oregon ... or not?
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure how long they'd been here.
They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
They could read some and write some though really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.
We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."
Now picture a time warp ... it's now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.
We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long-ago day,
That the entries they made would affect us this way?
If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;
And the searching that makes them increasingly real?
We can hear, if we listen, the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.
Author unknown

Happy hunting!

Auction & Raffle Saturday Nov 11th

Put Saturday, November 11 on your calendar for our annual

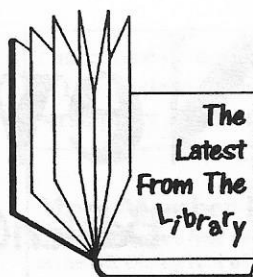
"Christmas" auction and sale. Yes, it is Veteran's Day, but come anyway. Suggested are handmade articles or Christmas goodies such as breads or anything you want to bring. Come and participate in the spirited bidding. It's fun, and you might solve some of your Christmas gift problems. Remember, it's to raise money to buy more books and CD's. Each person is also asked to bring cookies for the social hour. Extra cookies will be sold. Raffle tickets are available at the meeting or in the library at a dollar apiece

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OREGON TRAIL STORY DISCOVERED

Until last Friday the only record we had of Marilda Busby was her marriage to James Bartrim March 16, 1863 in the Benton County Marriage Records, then we received a note on the ORBENTON-L from Diana Knight of Corvallis sharing with us Marilda's story as received from **Tracy Towry 5017 NW 49th St. Redmond, OR 97756** who is still looking for pieces of the puzzle and would appreciate hearing from any of our readers who have further information. I have promised Tracy a copy of this newsletter.

"**Marilda Twitchell** was born 6/18/1829 in Meigs, Ohio, daughter of **Anna Marie Davis & William Twitchell**. Anna Maria's mother was niece of **P.T. Barnum** of circus fame. Anna Maria, as well as Marilda and her other children shared in the distribution of his estate. On Oct 25, 1846 Marilda married **William Riley Busby**, and they lived in McDonough Co., IL., where their 1st children were born. It was the era of the Civil War, and Marilda was upset by the unrest and the slavery issue. Marilda begged her husband to take the family west to Oregon for a better life, and after some debate, they decided to sell their possessions, and go to Oregon. They gathered the needed provisions for the long trip, and headed to Independence, MO where the wagon trains formed. Marilda's



There is a box in the closet in the library with book catalogues. If you are looking for information on some place on which our library doesn't have much, look in the catalogue. If you find something, ask a book committee member about our policy of joint purchases.

Jean Grube, Librarian

husband William Riley was the wagonleader of the group, and on May 3, 1862 they left headed for Oregon, with their 7 children aged 6 to 14 years. The journey proved to be perilous, and they had problems with the Indians. Sickness also befell the family, along the way the youngest, little Jeanetty became ill, and passed away. Family story says they had no casket, so she was wrapped in a nice blanket, and buried along the trail, like so many others. Later the responsibilities of being wagon leader became too much for William Riley, and he also became ill. He made it as far as Ft. Umatilla where his condition worsened. The rest of the wagon caravan left the Busby family at Ft. Umatilla, and here on Oct 1, 1862, William Riley Busby also died. Now Marilda was left alone with 6 children, and the family's money was running low. A kind man saw how hard it was for her alone with the children and helped her to get to Benton Co., Oregon, where she was able to get work as a cook. The older children were able to help care for the younger, while she worked. Here on the 20th of January 1863, Marilda gave birth to Matilda Viola Busby. After a short time with the help of the children, Marilda was able to resume her job as a cook. While here she met and married **James Bartrim**. They moved to Wilbur, Oregon, in Douglas Co. James Bartrim was said to be a very demanding, and hard to please man, but the children did not want to leave their mother. But as soon as they were old enough they moved out. Marilda died Sept 5, 1873. The children of Marilda Twitchell and William Riley Busby were as follows. **Esther, Greenberry, Talitha, George, Margaret Jane, Mary, Emma, Jeanetty, Matilda.** I am gr,gr. grandson of Talitha, and I have been in contact with descendants of Mary, and Margaret Jane, and there are a number of us from this early pioneer family still living here in Oregon."

Early Benton County Pioneers Continued

Additions and Corrections appreciated and will be printed. Send to Dorothy Burt 27321 Reese Creek Rd, Monroe, OR 97456, dgburt@pioneer.net

BENTON CO. PIONEERS	ARRIVAL YEAR	LOCATION	NOTES
VANDERPOOL, Larkin	1852		md 1852 Mary
(VANDERPOOL?), Narcissa A.	1852		md 1853 CLEEK, Johnson
VANDERPOOL, Philena	1852		md 1848 FOWLER, George W.
VANPEER, Henry	1850		
VINCENT, N, Dr	1876	Corvallis	Mayor
VINYARD, Elisha	1852		md 1853 WELLS, Nancy H.
WAITE, Edward M.	1851		
WALKER, Margaret J	bef 1860	Corvallis	md 1860 STEWART, Archimedes (1827-)
WALKER, Michael H.	1853		md 1824 JOHNSON, Sarah
WALKER, Nancy (1798-1853)	1845	South Benton	md 1823 LLOYD, John (1796-1877)
WALKER, Nancy J.	1853		md 1841 HENKLE, William (1819-1894)
WALKER, Mrs Sarah	1850		
WALLACE, C H, Rev	1867		Preacher
WALLER, Alvin F	1849	Corvallis	Methodist Preacher
WALTON, William W.	1847		md 1871 BOWMAN, Elizabeth E.

WARREN, Hannah	1852		ms AVERILL, H G C
WATSON, James (1808-)	1847	Kings Valley	md 1833 RIDGEWAY, Mary
WATSON, James	1852	Corvallis	City Commissioner
WATSON, Perry	1847		
WATSON, William H.	1847	Kings Valley	s/o James and Mary (Ridgeway) Watson
WATT, Anna Violette (1840-1896)	1847	Corvallis	md 1860 HOLGATE, Erastus H (1833-1909)
WEAVRY, Barbara (1794-1873)	1853		md 1811 MASON, David (1789-1853)
WEBB/WELLS, Frances F.	1852		md 1840 PEARSON, William (1820-)
WEDDLE, Ellenor	1847		md 1831 YOUNG, Harvey
WELLS, Charles Andrew (1800-65)	1852		md 1828 COLE, Elizabeth Hynes (1797-)
WELLS, George A.	1853		md 1850 Henrietta
WELLS, John C.	1852		md 1860 KING, Elizabeth J.
WELLS, Nancy H.	1852		md 1853 VINYARD, Elisha
WELLS, William (1833-)	1852		md 1854 VANDERPOOL, Cynthia Jane (1835-)
WHEELER, James	1849		md 1850 HAWKINS, Mary Ann
WHITAKER, Jacob	1853		
WHITAKER, Joseph	1851		
WHITE, Amanda J. (1832-)	1853		md WOODCOCK, Martin (1835-)
WHITE, Jason M.	1852		
WHITE, Joseph	1850	Long Tom River	Flour Mill
WHITE, Nancy (1815-95)	1845		md HAWKINS, Zachariah m2 READ, Thomas M
WHITE, Sanford H.	1853		md 1848 Clarissa
WILES, John M. (1822-1902)	1847		md 1851 HUGHERT, Martha Ann (1833-95)
WILHELM, George	1851		
WILKINSON, William W.	1852		md 1843 Sarah
WILLIAMS, Alvina (1832-1913)	1850	Alsea	md HOLGATE, Jacob (1828-1908)
WILLIAMS, Charles A.	1845		md 1831 Mary
WILLIAMS, Jonathan L.	1845		md 1847 KING, Lydia
WILLIAMS, Martin L. (1824-1907)	1852	Alpine	md 1849 CARTER, Nancy Ann (1831-66)
WILLIAMS, Melissa Ann (1855-1934)	born	Alpine	md HOWARD, George W. (1846-1927)
WILLIAMSON, Martha M			md 1864 HOLMAN, Riley
WILLOUGHBY, Elisha	1852		md 1853 Lucinda
WILLS	1850	Corvallis	Grocer & Saloon
WILLSON, William	1853	Corvallis	Assessor
WILSEY, Sylvia D (1825-86)	1845		m1 1844 KNOTTS, William, m2 1856 KEEZEE, John
WILSON, Albert Thomas	1867		md 1880 TYLER, Mary Cordelia
WILSON, Bushrod W. (1824-1900)	1851		md 1856 YANTIS, Priscilla; bur. Crystal Lake Cem.
WILSON, James P.	1867		md 1862 STOUT, Lucy A.
WILSON, Margaret	1846		md 1815 ROBINSON, John
WILSON, Samuel	1853		md 1831 Sarah
WINKLE, Isaac W.	1850		md 1826 Martha
WINKLE, Martha (1823-)	1848	South Benton	md 1853 PORTER, Macauley (1829-1923)
WINKLE, Wiley (1828-1912)	1848		md 1851 GRIMSLEY, Pamela (1834-1905); bur. Bellfountain Cem.
WINN, Nicy H. (1846-)	bef 1867	Irish Bend	md 1867 HERRON, Hugh (1839-1908)
WITHAM, Alfred M. (1822-1908)	1847		md 1842 ALLEN, Drucilla (1825-93); bur. IOOF Cem.
WITHERS, Peter (1828-)	1853		md 1852 Effie Ann (1835-)
WOMACK, Eliza (1806-1882)	1852	Kings Valley	md c1828 KIBBEY, David
WOOD, Britton	1852		md 1845 Palina
WOOD, Elizabeth (1829-1904)	1853	Pleasant Valley	md 1846 HENKLE, Jacob (1825-1914)
WOOD, Francis M.	1853		md 1838
WOOD, Hiram (1827-)	1852	Blodgett	md 1849 NORRIS, Martha Ann (1834-1910)
WOOD, James (1775-1874)	1852	Blodgett	md 1819 Elizabeth (1803-55)
WOOD, Jesse (1804-90)	1853		md 1834 HENKLE, Margaret (1815-90)
WOOD, Joseph C. (1831-)	1853		md 1852 BAKER, Caroline (1838-)
WOOD, William (1819-)	1852		md 1841 Rebecca (1821-)
WOODCOCK, Martin (1835-)	1853		md WHITE, Amanda J. (1832-)
WOODCOCK, William C (1831-92)	1858	South Benton	md BELKNAP, Rachel (1843-1919); bur Alpine
WOODLING, Sarah	1845		md 1838 RITNER, John (1804-1852); m2 1854 RITNER, Sebastian (1815-)
WOODWARD, Elias (1837-1928)	1864		md 1869 ALLEN, Cornelia (1851-1905)
WRENN, George P (1825-82)	1850	Corvallis	Blacksmith, Sheriff; md 1867 FREEL, Elizabeth Lucy (1846-81)
WRITSMAN, Alfred	1850		
WRITSMAN, Francis (1801-1877)	1847	Soap Creek	md OFFICER, Lucinda (-1899), bur Locke Cem
WRITSMAN, Silas	1847	Soap Creek	
WYATT, William (1816-1904)	1847		md 1838 END, Mary Theodosa (1823-1907); bur Mt Union
YANTIS, Priscilla (1838-1911)	bef 1856		md 1856 WILSON, Bushrod W. (1824-1900); bur. Crystal Lake Cem.
YATER, James T. (1823-)	1851		
YORK, John W. (1802-)	1852		md 1847 Pamela Ann (1812-)
YOUNG, Delilah (1842-1917)	1847		md 1858 HOUCK, George W. (1830-95)
YOUNG, Diona	1847		md 1850 GAGE, Jesse (1822-1901)
YOUNG, Harvey (1810-)	1847		md 1831 WEDDLE, Ellenor (1814-)
YOUNG, Isaac (1807-)	1852		md 1831 Rebecca
YOUNG, Morning (1838-)	1847		md 1852 BOONE, George L. (1827-)

CORRECTIONS TO THIS LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FUTURE ISSUES.

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or six for five dollars. So far, the prizes are a ladies elegant holiday sweater and a beautiful inlaid wooden box from the talented hands of John Martsching. We would like more contributions.

We made about \$200 at the garage sale and we still have a few things to go to the Thrift Shop. Hearty thanks to all who contributed articles to be sold, and to the helpers: Pat Coolican for pricing; Leila and Lee who came at seven thirty; Jean, who was cashier the whole time; Betty Swan who helped at the end, and most of all to Gene Newcomb who cleaned up, took a load to Goodwill, books to the library and took charge of the money. I no longer feel I can run a garage sale, but if someone will offer to hold one next year, I will offer my "expertise"!

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Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar year.
Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.

Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/>

There were no new members this month. Membership stands at 156. Sixteen members have already renewed their memberships for 2002 and renewals are welcome.

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 AM with the program at 11:00 AM.

Our Library, in the museum annex, will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM.

Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

Canadian Interest Group

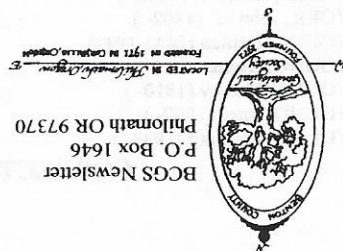
The Canadian Interest Group meets the third **Wednesday** of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 PM in the large meeting room at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available 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.

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.

The two digits behind your name on the mailing label are:
S=Single; F=Family; E=Exchange.
Number is last of year, 0=2000
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Mailing Label Coding



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