

NewsLetter

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JANUARY 13 MEETING

The program for January will be Dick Milligan of Albany speaking on Donation Land Claims, according to program chairman Bill Gleaves.

The program for February will be Dr. Brauner talking about Fort Hoskins.

New membership lists are out and will be available at the meeting – another good reason for attending the meeting! Members can also pick one up at the library at a later date.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As the new year starts, we are in dire need of volunteers to chair our committees. The by-laws state that when a new President is sworn in, all the committee chairs must hand in their resignations.

Here's your chance to get involved. If any of the openings listed on the enclosed form looks interesting to you, please fill out the form and hand it to me at the meeting or mail it to me at :

2549 NW Fairlawn Street, Corvallis, 97330

For your information here are the LBCC Genealogy classes for winter term. (See page 66 in the schedule you received in the mail.)

* Genealogy on the Internet Saturday January 13, 2001, 10AM - 5PM \$12.50

*Beginning Genealogy Saurday January 20, 2001 9AM - 4PM \$12.50

*Intermediate Genealogy Saturday February 17, 2001 9AM - 4PM \$12.50

These are our Benton county Web Sites

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/> USGenWeb

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/> MVGS

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=orbenton> Pioneer Database

by Danell Aukerman

KITH AND KIN

BY CHARLENE TALBOT

CONSIDERING THE SOURCE

Newspaper obituaries are great when they give lots of information, but all too often they get things wrong! Take the obit I found of William Barlow. One of his surviving daughters was listed as Mrs. Norma Rush of Kokomo, Indiana. Twenty years later when William's son died, his sister was listed as Mrs. Norma Bush, of Houston, Texas. I had reason to believe the Houston, Texas part was right, and sure enough, the Social Security Death Index listed Norma Lorene Bush of Houston, Texas, whose Social Security card had been issued in Indiana and her birth date was about right. The Houston newspaper charges to publish obituaries, so evidently none was published, but it seemed reasonable to conclude that I had the right person. Until last week. An e-mail arrived from Miranda Rush. She turned out to be Norma Rush's granddaughter. So Norma Rush is alive and well in Houston. Clearly I guessed wrong: Norma Bush was a different person.

But obituaries can help, too. I had the problem of Thomas Parish and his younger children. The left Campbell County, Kentucky shortly after the Civil War. Where did they go? Did the whole family perish? For more than a year I tried to think of ways to trace him. Finally, in a nice long obituary of a grandson who had stayed in Kentucky, it said, "Will Parish...is survived by one uncle, Charles Parish of

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Kith and Kin continued

Farmersburg, Indiana..." I checked out that county, and there was the family! Though Thomas and his wife were in the Farmersburg cemetery by the time of the grandson's death.

That same Charles Parish of Farmersburg had a daughter listed as Mrs. Ruth Spicer in his 1939 obit. In another daughter's obit in 1975, she was Mrs. Ruth Spicher. "Spicher" turned out to be the right spelling.

How about the problem of another surviving daughter, (Maud Jackson) Mrs. Edward Nill of New Albany, Indiana, circa 1916? For a long time I hunted for Edward Nill. He wasn't in the Soundex, or in the New Albany city directories. Nill is not a common name. Then I read an article about misspellings of names and suddenly I wondered, could that have been a misprint? Should it have read Hill instead of Nill? Sure enough, I found an Edward Hill in the New Albany city directory for 1913/14 and 1915/16. He ran a saloon, and his brother had a grocery. Maud's brother was a bartender and her father ran a grocery. So, putting two and two together... But he and Maud are still elusive. Sometime before the 1917/18 directory was put out, they apparently pulled up stakes.

Oh, well, there are still plenty of ancestors left to hunt for. Happy hunting!

Happy New Year! Charlene

MORE PROBLEMS WITH SOURCES

From Ken Bielman

I was helping a lady find some info on one of her ancestors, Guy M. AUPPERLE, who supposedly lived in Benton County. He died in 1963. The Oregon Death Index lists him as being in Benton County, but under the column "Certificate Number" no number is given, only the letters "OS." I hadn't run into this before, and everyone I asked drew a blank. I e-mailed the State Archives and was told that "probably the person died out-of-state. Vital records only did this for persons who died between the years 1961 and 1965." The man at the Archives wasn't sure that his interpretation was correct, so I called Vital Records and they confirmed that his interpretation was right.

This is being passed on for the benefit of others who might encounter the same situation.



NEW BOOKS

by Ken Bielman

*CD - United States Census Index by Heritage Quest

*Benton County, OR Marriage Records

Vol 1, 1850-1924, compiled by Lee Gentemann.

Gift of the compiler

*Same; Vol 2, 1925-1945. Gift of the compiler

*Yamhill County Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol 1, 1980. Gift of Kathleen Coan

A POSTSCRIPT

By Janice Barclay

After stating last month that the Barclay-LeVaugh marriage license was not in the Benton County Marriage Books, I had an e-mail from Lee Gentemann telling me that he had found the license in the Oregon State Archives and he sent me copies. So my guess that the license had not been returned was wrong. I asked Lee how he would account for the discrepancy. This was his answer: "The differences in available information at the courthouse and Archives was quite a surprise to me. Before I started on the marriage book project, I always used the book index and microfiche at the courthouse but always ran into the problem that the index was only alphabetized by groom name and the microfiche copies were usually pretty poor and the reader was awkward to handle.

"Then I discovered the microfilm at the Archives but still no answer to the index problem other than using our new books. The microfilm makes better copies. Every once in a while in the film there would be a note to the effect that for ref. #???, the certificate was missing or some other indication of a problem.

"If it were me, I would first use our society books, then I would check the microfiche at the courthouse but if the certificate weren't there, I'd check with the Archives. The reference number in the books would provide a date and book and page number and a copy could be ordered from the Archives at: reference.archives@state.or.us or by regular mail at: Oregon State Archives, 800 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR 97310.

"Incidentally, a better address for previewing the Benton Marriages would be:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/>

CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENTS

from Betty Swan

As you know, the October program was a group of people involved with the Civil War Re-enactment. Members really seemed to enjoy the program so after the meeting I asked if they would send me the dates and locations of the four re-enactments they present each year. Here they are as presented by Jane Meiners, 69th New York Volunteer Infantry. (Her re-enactment group.)

- 1. The last weekend in April (Sat and Sun) at Milo McIver State Park 3 miles north of Estacada.
- 2. Fourth of July weekend (the actual dates vary depending on what day of the week July 4 falls on) at Willamette Mission State Park just north of Salem. A large event and includes fireworks.
- 3. First weekend in August Molalla River State Park near Canby.
- 4. Labor Day weekend (Sat, Sun, and Mon) at Fort Stevens State Park about 10 miles from Astoria.

Daily admission: Adults, \$5-6, children 6-12, \$4, kids under 6 free. Park fees are \$3 extra. For any changes contact Jane Meiners at 706 NW 12th Street, Corvallis, OR 97330 before you go. Phone: 541-753-2156.

2001 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Explore New Frontiers is the title of the NGS Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon at the Oregon Convention Center May 16 – 19, 2001. At the last Board meeting members discussed the possibility of hiring a van to transport interested members to at least one day of the Conference. An effort is being made to obtain registration brochures for your information. There will be many speakers on a very large variety of topics of interest to genealogists and also a very large assortment of books, tapes, etc. for sale. You can find information about the conference and also order a registration brochure at their internet site which is:

<http://www.gfo.org/ngs2001/index.htm>



THE THIRTEEN COMMANDMENTS OF OUR ANCESTORS

- 1) Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Richard, Thomas, William.
- 2) Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Sarah, Virginia, May.
- 3) Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.
- 4) Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey—making them difficult to trace.
- 5) Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports. Where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.
- 6) Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled in various ways.
- 7) Thou shalt, after no more than 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a courthouse fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.
- 8) Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, & vague innuendo regarding your place of origination.

A. You may have come from : England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales—or Iran.

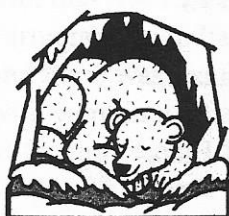
B. You may have American Indian Ancestry of the _____ tribe....

C. You may have descended from one of three brothers that came over from _____

- 9) Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records or headstones with legible names.
- 10) Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages or deaths.
- 11) Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Alfred.
- 12) Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.
- 13) Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males, and dozens of their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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: sprawlinson@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.

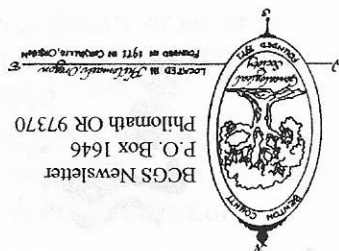
Please Note: When we rent the dining hall from the U.M. Church, this does not entitle us to use of the kitchen attached. It is off limits to us.

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.

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