

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

formerly Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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ENJOY THE SPRING FLOWERS

Program 13 April 96

Danell will give a demonstration of the archival supplies, and how and why to use them.

Winner of last months door prize of an "Echo Lake" CD was Mary Hamlin.

Next month will be the next video tape of the series of beginners classes if it arrives (see November 1995 Newsletter), or we will see the "Orphan Train" video.

Help for Musty Books

To refresh those great, old, but musty-smelling books found in an attic or at a garage sale, place them in a paper bag filled with cat litter. Close the bag and leave it for a week. When you take the books out, the odor should be gone.

from several places by way of the Yamhill County Genealogical Society.

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.

Celebration Day May 18, 1996

May 18 is the day to come to Mill City for a triple celebration. Celebrate the grand opening of the Canyon Life Museum. Admire the renovated railroad bridge with its new decking and paint. Walk the paved trail along the railroad right of way from "the island" and across the bridge to the city's Triangle Park.

"Remembering the Railroad" is the theme for the day. Plans are being made for a breakfast in the High School commons, before the ceremonies in the Santiam High Auditorium at 10:00 a.m.

A costumed narrator will tell a brief history of the railroad up the Canyon and credit will be given to many of the folks who made possible the renovation of the bridge, the reservation and paving of the trail and the development of the museum.

Plans, still tentative, include a band concert in the afternoon and a quilt show by the Gates Quilters during the day. Food concessions will be developed and local restaurants will be open for business.

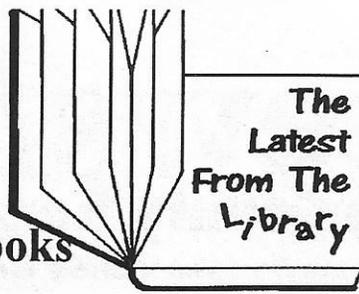
May 18 is also the Detroit Fishing Derby and the Detroit Crafters Sale and Show. Come and make it a Canyon Day!

from the North Santiam Historical Society newsletter.

Thought for Today

Happy is he who remembers his forefathers with pride, who with pleasure relates the stories of their deeds, and then silently rejoicing, sees himself linked to the end of this good chain.

from "Bonne's Sierra Echoes"

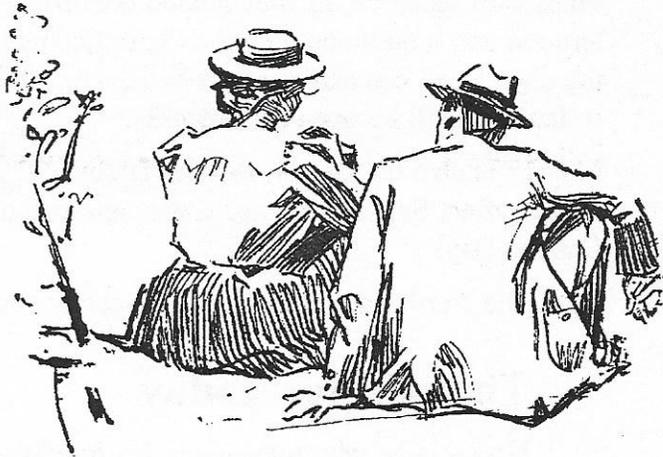


New BCGS Library Books

Families of Early Hartford, CT (CT)
History of the Old Township of Dunstable (VT)
A Genealogical Atlas of England and Wales (ENG/WAL)
Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files,
4 vols (RW)
Vermont Warnings Out, Vol 1 (VT)*
The Family of Wm. Henry Harrison Judd & Louisa Ann Lafever
(FH)
Mortality Index US, 1850-1880 (2 CDs)
Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol IV (VA)
Joseph Gavits' American Deaths & Marriages (1784-1829) (US)
The New North Church, Boston, 1714 (MA)#
Benton County Cemetery Records & Tombstone Inscriptions,
Complete Index to 5 vols (OR)
Bradford of Plymouth (MA)#
Historical Atlas of California (CA)#
Bourbon County, Kansas, Cemetery Inscriptions (KS)^
Membership Directory, 1994-95, Genealogical Forum of Portland
Various Items on WELLS in Maine (VF)#
Several microfiche on Massachusetts Town Records#

Gifts of: Jan Barton*, Damaris Reynolds#, Lee Rudisill^

Remember to look in the Vertical Files once in a while for items too small for the shelves.



New Members this Year

This month we had three returnees and one new member. He is Philip King of Yachats. Welcome.

Various Coming Events

Linn County Gene Soc. is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Back to Basics". Dates are March 18, April 20 and May 18. See flyer in Library.

Oregon Historic Cemeteries Assn. Saturday 20 April 1996 in Beaverton. 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Cost \$5.00. See flyer in library.

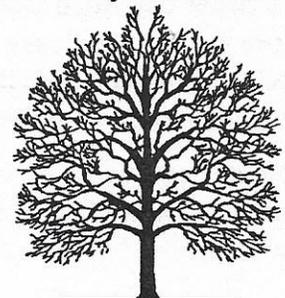
Watch OPB April 29th at 8:00 p.m. for a 3 hour "In Search of the Oregon Trail". Narration by Stacy Keach.

May 8 to 11 1996 in Nashville TN. The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and Middle TN Gene Soc. (MTGS) are sponsoring The 16th Annual NGS Conference in the States. See Library BB for paperwork.

Coming in 1996 on your PBS TV Station. They will be showing a ten part series on **Ancestors** starting in September.

Garage Sale

The date for the Garage sale will be 18 May 1996. It will be held at Jean Grube's house. Bring your items to the Library, Damaris Reynolds or to Jean.



Monthly Question

Last months question, What was Seattle's original name?

New York.

The Benton County Genealogical Society - Part 3 -

Annual membership dues were \$1.00 at first. They were raised to \$2.00 in 1973, and remained at that amount until 1984, when the specific cost of membership was removed from the By-Laws, the same time the cut-off date for being in the membership list was moved forward to January 15th.

According to lists published in January each year, membership has ranged from the first, Charter number of 58, to a low of 46 in 1986, to 130 in 1995. Attendance taken from the sign-in sheets at meetings, was 10 in October, 44 in November, and 16 in December. 1971. From January 1972 through December 1995, the number signing the attendance sheets varied from 6 in June 1972, to 49 in January 1992.

From the beginning the fiscal year has coincided with the calendar year.

Regular meetings were set on the second Saturday of each month, and so they continue. Special meetings were provided for. Several have been held.

Meeting times were set for 11:00 am for Workshop for members, 1:00 pm for Business Meeting, and 2:00 pm for Program. When a Beginner's Class was held it started at 10:00 am. Some members brought sandwiches. Instant soup, coffee and tea were provided. Meetings were held in the Elizabeth Ritchie Room in the basement of the Corvallis Public Library, a convenient place as the Society's books were on Library shelves.

The Mid-Valley Genealogical Society bought books. They owned none when they organized. By December 1972, the group purchased and donated four books, while the Library acquired an additional eight. A dozen more publications were donated to the collection that year. Acquisition of books increased so that in 1974 Susan Taylor's report showed 209 genealogical books on the shelves and 13 periodicals in the Library. In May 1986, 297 genealogical books and periodicals were listed in the Society's Library Catalog Card List. The 1990 book list numbered 411, and the September 1995 shelf list tallied 1322.

The first elected officers, who served through 1972, were President, Velma Parsons; Vice-President, Celia Wilson Coon; and Secretary/Treasurer, Josephine Zadina. The three Directors, with no indication as to how they were selected, were Hazel A. Beals, Harriet Moore, and Bernice W. Robison. Officers elected for 1973 were President, Erma Lee Brown; Vice-President, Marjorie Burianek; Secretary/Treasurer, Elizabeth Akin. No mention was made of Directors.

By the end of 1973 the group decided to add a Second Vice-President and to separate the Secretary/Treasurer's jobs. Officers for 1974 were President, Mildred Hawkins; 1st Vice-President, Susan Taylor; 2nd Vice-President, Edna Wiese; Secretary, Betty Moore; Treasurer, Dorothy Blust. One interesting item, told by Edna Wiese, is that the group was so intent on being free from any possible tax requirements that the early Treasurers used their own Social Security numbers as the Identification Number for the Society's bank account!

In 1974 the first list of Committee Chairs is noted: Historian, Celia Coon; Librarian, Francis Hallam; Publicity, E. Mitch Beard; Surname File, Elizabeth Akin; Phone, Ruby Boyes and Marjorie Burianek. In September 1974 the group amended the By-Laws to conform with the current practices. Within the last year we have eliminated the Phone Committee.

Minor adjustments have been made to the Article pertaining to Nominations and Elections. Installation of Officers, once done in January, was moved to December by 1984.

The article on Amendments to the By-Laws has had small changes. In 1984 an Article was added, designating the quorum needed to amend the By-Laws, but it was eliminated at the last revision.

Over the years, the Society has grown and changed. The By-Laws have been an adequate, working framework, without Constitution or Charter.

Virginia E. Hoeye, Historian
25 February 1996

Monthly Sharing

Each month we have a table to bring books or other artifacts to share with the other members, from the area we are specializing in. The items are used for that one day only, you take them home that night. Following is the listing for the ten months that we have meetings. If you have books or items to share, please bring them as shown below.

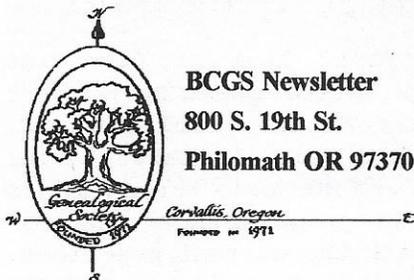
If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and lets see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

Jan	PA, OH, England
Feb	OR, WA, ID, MT
Mar	VA, WV, Scandinavia
Apr	NC, SC, KY, TN, and Germany
May	IL, MI, WI, Ireland and Scotland
Jun	IN, IA, KS
Sep	NY, NJ, MD, DC
Oct	NH, VT, MA, ME
Nov	CT, RI, DE
Dec	Auction and Christmas Tea

Membership Information

President	Ken Bielman	758-3769
1st Vice Pres	Gene Kelsey	753-8410
2nd Vice Pres	Judy Beals	745-5383
Secretary	Leila Crawford	929-5935
Treasurer	Ron Edwards	929-3731
Librarian	Jean Grube	758-7618
Newsletter Editor	Ed Stratton	929-6141
Membership	Danell Aukerman	752-6425

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



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; 6=1996.
L0 is Charter Honorary Life Member.

Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group is for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Albany Public Library. 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.

Odds And Ends

Our number at the OSU Thrift shop 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 box in the library to keep them in. Mary Hamlin 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 Fireside Room 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.

Our Library, in the museum annex, is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when 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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