



NewsLetter

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formerly Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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FOUNDED IN 1971 IN *CORVALLIS, OREGON*

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Program 13 December

The program for the December meeting will be the Christmas Auction and raffle and the Christmas Tea, or Pot luck. Be sure to bring your snacks, goodies and fingerfood for the Tea. You are also reminded to bring items for the auction. It was stated that you could give services to be auctioned off. We have the three items for the raffle as mentioned in last month's newsletter.

Officers for 1998

The slate of Officers voted in at the November meeting is as follows:

President	Gene Kelsey
1st Vice Pres/Programs	Ken Bielman
2nd Vice Pres/Hostess	Charlene Talbot & David Krebs
Secretary	Jim Russell
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb
Membership	Danell Aukerman

These Officers will be installed at the December meeting. The Committee Chair and assistants if used will be appointed by the President.

The Society wishes to thank those that have served faithfully and decided not to hold office again this year.

Moving Meeting

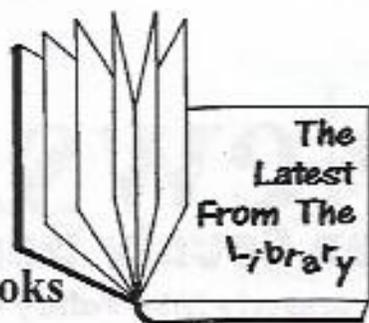
With much deliberation and discussion the board has decided to move our meeting and program to the larger dining area of the Church. This is where we have been on special occasions, when we needed more room. It is northeast of the fireside room and up about three steps. Several members spent much time and effort on this. Leila Crawford did the actual contact work with the Church people. It will start with this month's meeting, auction and Christmas Tea. See you there.



Thought for Today

Until 1786, all children born in Virginia, regardless of religious affiliation, were required to be baptized in the Episcopal Church, which was the "State Church". Parish registers giving names, date of birth and names of parents can be found in the Virginia State Library in Richmond.

Twigs & Branches Fall 1997



New BCGS Library Books

CD - Periodical Source Index, by Ancestry and Allen County Public Library
Atlas of Westward Expansion, by Wexler

The WPA Historical Records Survey; A Guide to the Unpublished Inventories, Indexes, and Transcripts.

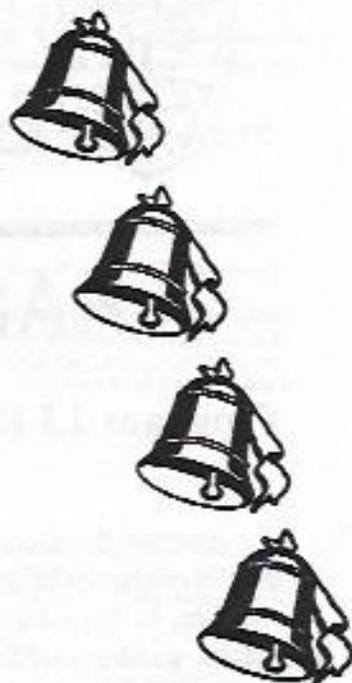
Beyond Pedigrees; Organizing and Enhancing Your Work, by Whitaker.

Gift of Charlene Talbot

Carrot-top Family Histories. We turn family photos & stories into family history books. In a white envelope filed with "how-to" books under window.

If I Can You Can Decipher Germanic Records, by Bentz.

The Cambridge Gazetteer of the United States and Canada; a Dictionary of Places. Ed. by Hobson



Web Pages

A friend was telling me about an e-mail he received on AOL. From what he was saying it sounded like he was talking about *the books from Ohio* that a lot has been written about in this Newsletter. The main difference was that it was e-mail and Web pages.

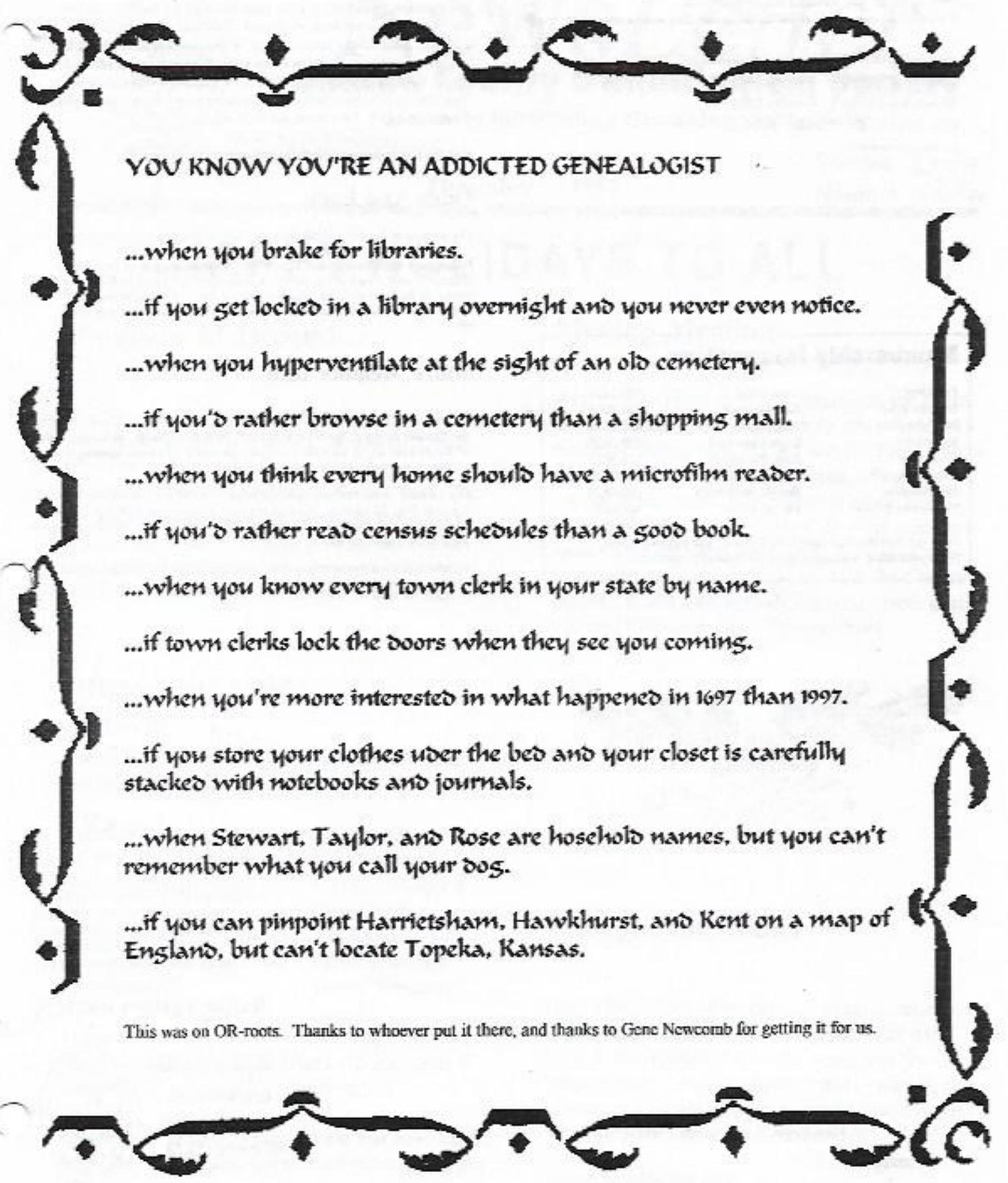
I decided to check out what he had. Clicked on the URL and came up with

<http://www.insider.com/genealogy> (type as I spelled it, again)

What they are offering is, an 11 X 17 inch "beautifully illuminated parchment" 1700 word document from their "Hall of Names Bibliography". Since the name they use for their stock Distinguished Surname is one I am not familiar with, I can't comment on the authenticity of the information. Load up the URL and check it out. I have a print out of the stock item. You can check it out at the meeting.

If you decide to go for it, it is \$14.95 for each sheet. IF you buy three you get the fourth one free, and you get a key fob. You can pay over a secure site with a credit card. I will not be getting one, just thought you should know that.

Ed



YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN ADDICTED GENEALOGIST

...when you brake for libraries.

...if you get locked in a library overnight and you never even notice.

...when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.

...if you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.

...when you think every home should have a microfilm reader.

...if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.

...when you know every town clerk in your state by name.

...if town clerks lock the doors when they see you coming.

...when you're more interested in what happened in 1697 than 1997.

...if you store your clothes uder the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.

...when Stewart, Taylor, and Rose are household names, but you can't remember what you call your dog.

...if you can pinpoint Harrietsham, Hawkhurst, and Kent on a map of England, but can't locate Topeka, Kansas.

This was on OR-roots. Thanks to whoever put it there, and thanks to Gene Newcomb for getting it for us.

New Members

Each month the new members will be listed here
If we have no new members during the month, that will be noted also.

Priscilla CRABTREE and Family Philomath OR
Deanne P. JOHNSON Corvallis OR
William McCLELLAN Corvallis OR
Ellen Bing YOUNG Corvallis OR
8 members renewed.

Membership Information

President	Gene Kelsey	753-8410
1st Vice Pres	Ken Bielman	758-3769
2nd Vice Pres	Judy Beals	928-1749
Secretary	Lella Crawford	929-8935
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb	929-5715
Librarian	Jean Grube	758-7618
Membership	Danell Ankerman	752-6425
Newsletter Editor	Ed Stratton	929-6141

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

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 sack 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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