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## Benton County Genealogical Society

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### 9 DECEMBER PROGRAM

**Christmas Party and Auction.** This event has proven fun for many of us as a way of making our annual contribution to the Society Book Fund as well as picking up some Christmas presents.

Bring items of nominal value for the auction to be conducted by our own master of fun and games. Ted Gump, assisted by Pat Coolican, has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year, with Danell Aukerman as a backup. Also bring a plate of goodies, maybe something other than cookies, to be consumed and what's left sold at the end. Focus on edible things this year; other nominal items are still welcome.

### A Child of WW-II

By Dave Kribs

On 7 December 1942 the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, an aggressive act of war that began our Second World War. I was 5 years old living near Bend, Oregon at the time. Things happened right away—my first realization of the war was the blackouts. Initially this was scary. After a while the routine was to bed at 8 o'clock and up at 4 am which missed the critical evening hours. The unprotected Oregon Coast was considered a prime target. We expected planes to start flying over with invasion forces landing on the beaches. A daily 24-hour air defense spotter system was organized in which Mom took part.

I remember my parents received paper money called ration stamps and little pasteboard coins called tokens that you paid along with your money so it was like paying twice. We found some things weren't rationed—the things we grew and made at home. Soda pop wasn't rationed so we drank Pepsi since the bottles were larger. I well remember the one time I was sent to get the family an extravagant treat—3 whole tokens for a bottle of catsup. Shoes were rationed for growing children this resulted in a generation of us with lifelong foot problems. We went barefooted whenever possible. Toward the end un-rationed cloth shoes became available. They were not much of an improvement over going barefoot but at least they were not rationed and they were warmer in the winter.

Then there were the soldiers. We had large and small encampments across the road from us during most of the war years. The earliest and latter encampments were only a few individuals camping out. All sorts of units showed up, some with

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half tracks and tanks, some in jeeps, trucks, command cars, other vehicles, or walking. We had machine gun emplacements in our fields, soldiers behind our front rock wall, field kitchens by our south field, and airplanes over head. A supply depot was there the longest. Mom and Dad invited them all for fresh milk and eggs. We often had what could be called a great multitude for breakfast. In return they were able to tell us where some damaged C-Rations could be found. These were the source of our wartime kids' candy.

A favorite pastime was to sit in the front yard and count the army trucks as they came past. With my older brother Larry's help, I learned to count to one hundred doing this. At times a convoy would stop but the troops were ordered to stay with their trucks. We learned to scour the line as they would give us tips to get something from the store for them. To our amazement what all these tough soldiers wanted was milk and the store always quickly sold out. On inquiring why milk, they said that all they had had for a year was powdered milk and they were farm boys used to real milk. Many of these trucks were from Camp Adair by Corvallis and Camp Abbott now where Sun River is south of Bend.

Late one evening a polite Captain knocked on our door asking us to turn our lights off as the light from around the curtains was interfering with his operations. Not long afterwards all hell seemed to break loose. The Red and Blue armies from Camp Adair who had been maneuvering around for weeks in the woods of Central Oregon finally met in battle across the Deschutes River right in our front yard with a clear view of the whole thing from our darkened picture windows. The air was filled with the flash of blanks, gun fire, flares, and streamers. They were even firing from the top of Pilot Butte. The real show was when the tanks would fire. Up early the next morning to continue seeing the show, we found they were gone—nothing not a soul anywhere. They had all pulled out during the night, leaving only ruts from the tank maneuvers.

Books published by Benton County Genealogical Society are always available for purchase at the society library after each meeting, and every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM. They are also available at the Benton County Historical Museum, during their normal hours.

Genealogical books featuring archival storage material and genealogical research will be available for purchase from *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe* by logging onto the web site at:  
[www.thevillagegenealogybookshoppe.com](http://www.thevillagegenealogybookshoppe.com)

### *BCGS Library Closure*

The BCGS Library will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

### *January BCGS Board Meeting Changed*

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, the BCGS Board Meeting for January will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at Damaris'.

### *Get Well Wishes*

Get Well wishes are extended to Jean Grube and Charlene Talbot. We hope you are feeling better soon.

### *Suggested Programs*

- 13 January 2007 - Benton County Library Resources
- 10 February 2007 - Civil War Re-creation - A Woman's Point of View
- 10 March 2007 - Introduction to DNA Testing

*Without knowing the force of words, it is impossible to know man.*

*From Chinese Fortune Cookies*

### *The Village Genealogy Bookshoppe*



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**Land Records - Military Records - Vital Records**

**Order of Research**

1. Use census records to find geographical area.

1. Land Records
2. Probate (wills, death) Records
3. Tax Records
4. Other sources

**Land Records -**

Near everyone owned land before about 1850.

America was the land of (land) opportunity.

One time 70% were indentured servants, still they got land after their 7 year servitude.

**Kings Grants**

Government had lots of land.

Records available at National Archives

States used to pay soldiers

Boundary Land Warrants (NY and OH in particular)

Federal sold for \$2/acre - 1800-1820

Squatters - Preemption Laws gave 1<sup>st</sup> priority \$1.25/acre 1820-35

Donation Land Claims WA, OR, NM, FL

1862 Homestead Act - Notice of Homestead published in Newspaper

**Descriptions**

Mets and Bounds (early eastern states)

Rectangular (Townships - Sections - etc.)

National Archives (records are available)

Need Description

Send for and ask for all homestead papers

Land Records from County

Not all Court Houses have burned.

Rule of Thumb: Every Land Record in every County

Figure out ever possible spelling of name. Change to possible vowels.

Check on neighbors often relatives. (True of census too)

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**Preever - Heyne Family Photograph**

I've "rescued" an old photograph of Carra PREEVER HEYNE which was taken at the Crawford & Hutchins Studio in Lebanon, Oregon. The photograph appears to have been taken in the 1890's with Carra likely in her teens at the time. I am hoping to locate someone from this family so that this wonderful old photograph can be returned to their care. If you are a member of this family, or know someone who might be, please contact me.

Thanks,

Shelley Cardiel

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# ELECTION/INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The BCGS Board discussed and decided at the 30 October Board meeting that it would be a good idea to have co-officers for some of our positions. Although we have an active membership, our members are active in other pursuits as well. Others are overwhelmed at taking on the task of being an officer. Being a co-officer gives members a chance to help our organization as well as have time for other activities such as vacations, trips, and emergencies. Someone is needed to help out at listed vacancies.

We are still seeking someone for the co-positions of 1st Vice-President and Secretary. For Secretary, we are seeking someone to take minutes at our General Meeting on Saturday only (unless someone wishes to take the Board Meeting minutes also).

As outlined in the Benton County Genealogical Society By-laws—Duties of Officers, the duties of the positions up for election are as follows:

**1st Vice President** shall be to act as Program Chairperson and to preside at the meetings in the absence of the President.

**Secretary** shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Society and of Board meetings; to make a report of the Society minutes at each meeting; and to handle all communications deemed necessary.

If you are interested in either of these positions or know of someone who would be, please contact Bill Gleaves at 738-8189 or e-mail him at [gleavew@peak.org](mailto:gleavew@peak.org). All other officers are up for re-election.

According to the BCGS By-Laws, a nominating committee of three is appointed by the President at the September meeting. Nominees shall be presented and nominations opened from the floor at the October meeting. Election of officers shall be held at the November meeting.

**Installation of officers shall take place at the December meeting of the same year.**

## Upcoming Genealogical Events

**January 8 - 12, 2007** - Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, Radison Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT. Courses include "American Records and Research: Focusing on Localities", "Mid-western U.S. Research", "Irish Research— Sources and Strategies", "Germanic Family History Research", "U.S. Migration", "Embracing Computers to Enhance Your Genealogy", "Advanced New England Research", "Producing a Quality Family Narrative", "Research Methodology: Genealogical Problem Solving. For more information, e-mail: [institute@infonga.org](mailto:institute@infonga.org) or visit their website at: [www.infonga.org](http://www.infonga.org)

## Membership

Due to Gene Newcomb being out of town for the past three weeks, some renewals have not yet been recorded. These will appear in next month's newsletter.

### New Member

John & Donna Dillard

### Renewals

Janice Barclay  
Margaret Hays  
Dean Johnson  
Jeanne Lane

Deloras & Marvin Martin  
Ron & Linda Olsen  
Tonya Rawie

## *In Memoriam*

*Joseph Lee Gentemann*

*July 3, 1932 - November 8, 2006*

SALEM - Joseph Lee Gentemann was born in Salem, Ore., July 3, 1932 to Joseph Ebben and Ruth Floise Gentemann. After graduating from North Salem High School in 1950, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for 3 years. After returning home from the Air Force, Lee went to Merrit Davis Business College. He then worked for Oregon Turkey Growers for approximately 25 years as Office Manager.

Upon his retirement he developed an interest in genealogy. Along with family history, he did volunteer work for historical societies and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Florence A. Gentemann; along with five children, son, Ron Gentemann; step-children, Rod Beach, David Beach, Kent Beach, and Lisa Larson; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are by Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

The Remembrance Memorial for Lee will be held December 10, from 2-5 at the Wittenberg Inn. Located at 5188 Wittenberg Lane NE, Kaiser, Oregon, 97303

No flowers, please. Donations to the American Cancer Society or Lance Armstrong Foundation would be appreciated.

<http://www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp> American Cancer Society

<http://www.lancearmstrong.com/> Lance Armstrong site

From the time he joined our Society several years ago, Lee was a very active participant. He compiled and edited our Marriage Books and was in charge of publishing the books we sell. He also represented our Society at conferences with a table of our books for sale. For many years he was our Web Master and also took over doing Queries.

At the time of his death, Earle Greig wrote "I just talked, by phone, with Lee a few days ago. As always, he had a positive attitude. He was a true friend and we will miss him terribly. He told me once that he was so deeply involved with our Genealogy Society, as well as Salem and others, because he had never really learned to say no. Actually, I think it was because he was just naturally a nice person. We all owe a great deal of thanks for the many hours that Lee helped our Society as a whole, and many of us individually." He will be missed by all. Our condolences to his family.

## *News From the Library*

*Sandra Potter, Librarian*

Number	Category	Author	Title
2406	VA	Morton	<i>Highland County, History of.</i> Red hardback. Gift of Jeanne Lorie
2407	MA	Merrick	<i>Mayflower Families In Progress.</i> Pink paperback. Gift of Damaris Reynolds.
2408	NY		<i>Index to NYGB Record, Vol 135 (2004).</i> Cream paperback.
2409	NY	Dollarhide	<i>Censuses and Substitutes.</i> Blue paperback
2410	US	Hansen	<i>Railroads, Directory of.</i> Red & gray paperback
2411	CA	Peterson	<i>San Francisco Research, Pre-1906.</i> Gray paperback
2412	CD	Ricker	<i>Connecticut, Early Vital Records (1633-1850)</i> - CD
2413	PA	Adams	<i>Philadelphia, Ulster Emigration to (1803-1850)</i> Gray paperback
2414	NewEng	Anderson	<i>Great Migration, Immigrants to New England (1634-1635) Vol. IV: I to L</i> Black pb; In Memory of Lee Gentemann

## *Program Review*

*By David Kribs, Program Chairman*

11 November 2006 - Land Records - Video Research Guide - Surveys and descriptions - Use and availability of County Land records - Government Land sales and grants - Use of National Archives. Before 1850 America was the land of land opportunity. Nearly everyone owned land. David Kribs added some of his surveying experience in Benton and surrounding counties on how to find and use land records.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday (our regular meeting time). Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:

- 2 January for the 13 January meeting. Cookies—Dave Kribs
- 29 January for the 10 February meeting. Cookies—Leila Crawford
- 27 February for the 11 March meeting. Cookies—Betty Brummett

### Membership Information

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Dues are \$12.00 single and \$15.00 family per calendar year. Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year. Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/> Board minutes are posted here.

### More Member Info.

Our meetings are held on the second Saturday, 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 Blvd. 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 and after meetings on Saturdays. Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

### Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: sprawlinson@proaxis.com. Thank You. Pat Rawlinson

### Odds and Ends

Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is 492. Please keep your Santiam and Flax-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.

**THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!**

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