

# NewsLetter

## Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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## HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

### Today's Program

Today we will repeat the type of program we had last November. For those that weren't here, we will be having discussions on three areas. We will have Indiana and Illinois, New England and Missouri. This type of program went over so well that it was decided to have a second installment. In the event there is enough desire, we will continue this type of program.

### Good-bye

The following is from the Linn Genealogical Society Newsletter.

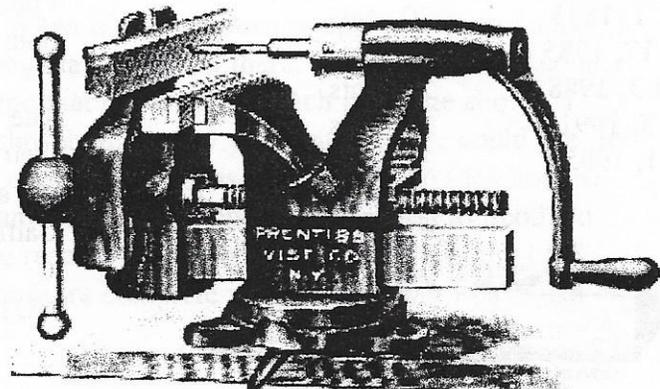
Elizabeth Williams Akin is a member of the Linn group and was a charter member of our Society. She and her husband Dick are moving to Cottage Grove, to be closer to their children. Their daughter Diane and three grandchildren live there.

### Members with something to share with other members.

Donna Burkert has a History of Shasta County California, that she will lend. It has anecdotal information about many small communities in the county.

If you have Scots-Irish ancestors who lived in the South, you will want to borrow the article THE SCOTS-IRISH AS CHEROKEE from Pat Coolican. The article focuses on accessing Cherokee related sources concerning the removal time period of the 1830's. There has been a strong connection between the Cherokee tribe and the Scots-Irish in America. It is especially true in the southern states where they lived together. It was not uncommon for early settlers to marry into the tribe.

Pat subscribes to the IRISH AT HOME AND ABROAD Journal and in the same issue as above is an article on OREGON AND WASHINGTON DONATION LANDS, for those who may be interested in this topic.



## New Books

The following are the new books as of the fifth of February.

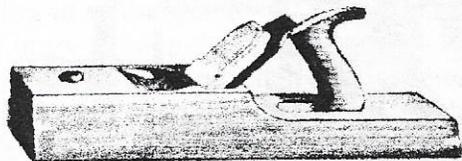
- #1194 History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Gift of Kathleen Coan.
- #1195 Biography and Genealogy Master Index, 1985. Gift of Danel Aukerman.
- #1196 The Story of Gabriel and Marie Maupin, Huguenot Refugees to Virginia in 1700. Gift of Ted and LaRea Gump.
- #1197 Lemon, Lehman, Layman, Lamont, etc. Family Group Sheets. Gift of Ken Bielman.
- #1198 Vital Records of York, Maine. Transcribed by Lester MacKenzie and John Eldridge Frost.
- #1199 Maine Probate Abstracts, Vol. I. Abstracted by John Eldridge Frost.
- #1200 Maine Probate Abstracts, Vol. II. Abstracted by John Eldridge Frost.
- #1201 Ancestors of Western New York Genealogical Society Members. Addresses of members included.
- #1202 Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 4 - Edward Fuller.
- #1203 Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 5 - Edward Winslow, John Billington.
- #1204 Records of the Chancery Court, Province and State of New York. Guardianships, 1691 - 1815. Abstracted by Dr. Kenneth Scott. Gift of Damaris Reynolds
- #1205 Central Pennsylvania Marriages, 1700 - 1896. By Charles A. Fisher.
- #1206 Cavaliers and Pioneers; Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Claims. Volume Two, 1666 - 1695. Abstracted by Nell Marion Nugent.

## Postal Rates

from a DEAR ABBY column

History of U.S. Postal rates since 1971, for first class postage.

May 16 1971	8 cents
March 2, 1974	10 cents
Dec. 31, 1975	13 cents
May 29, 1978	15 cents
March 22, 1981	18 cents
Nov. 1, 1881	20 cents
Feb. 17, 1985	22 cents
April 3, 1988	25 cents
Feb. 3, 1991	29 cents
Jan. 1, 1995	32 cents



## Various Coming Events

We are planning to have a beginners class on April 1, 1995. It has been two years since we had one, so now is the time. You will be kept advised as to the progress.

Two items from our sister state to the south.

The California Genealogical Society's 10th Annual Family History Fair will be March 10 and 11 in the Fashion Center at 8th and Townsend Streets in San Francisco. Eighteen dollars one day and twenty-eight for both days.

The Southern California Genealogical Society will hold their 26th Annual JAMBOREE at the Exhibition Building at the Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green St., Pasadena, California on April 8 & 9, 1995.

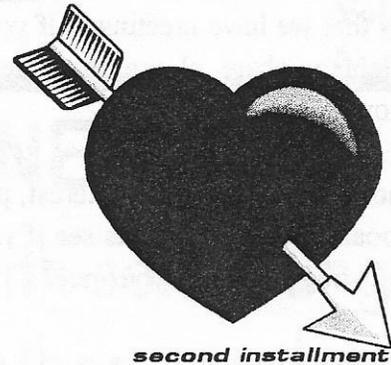
NOTE; I can't find a cost on the flyer.

# OUR MEMBERS TRAVEL THE WORLD

Last year Janice Barclay and her husband went on a trip to Scotland. I asked her to write up her trip so that it could be shared with the membership. This is the second installment of the trip. Thanks, Janice, I am sure that the article will be enjoyed.

## Scotland Trip

by Janice Barclay



The thing that any genealogist would most like to do in Edinburgh would be to read old parish registers and find ancestors' records there. These registers are the main source of Scottish records before 1850. Basically these are housed in the General Register House along with civil marriage, birth and death records after 1850. I knew before I ventured in that a certain amount of information is required to be able to use these records. One needs the name of an ancestor, a date and a place. I really had none of this information but was determined to try my luck. Research at the General Register House is very regimented and always requires a fee. In the search rooms one has to reserve a space and material is carried to you. Anyone hoping to search there needs to learn what is required. I cannot give any first hand information but can only relate my experience. I determined to put together the best information I had and try my luck. I knew the approximate birth date of the oldest son of the North Carolina ancestor so I reasoned that if the parents were married in Scotland the date of their marriage would probably predate the birth by a year or so. I do not know where this ancestor came from in Scotland but the Barclays are a small highland clan and one probability is that he was a part of the family of the castle called Towie Barclay located between Turiff and Fyvey north of Aberdeen.

One morning my husband and I marched into the small anteroom of the General Register House armed with this supposed ancestry. Though there was only one other person in the room, signs commanded us to take a number, which we did. When it was our turn to approach the window, I gave my information to the very businesslike young man stationed there. He turned to his computer and entered the information then informed me that there was no such marriage shown. I asked if he could find a birth for this Robert Barclay about twenty years earlier. He could not. In less than two minutes my search at the General Register Office was over. I had no idea how to proceed since I have never been able to uncover any information on the connection to Scotland. The young man did emphasize the fact that all the records in his computer are also in the LDS Family History Library in America so anyone with more complete information than I have can access parish registry information here.

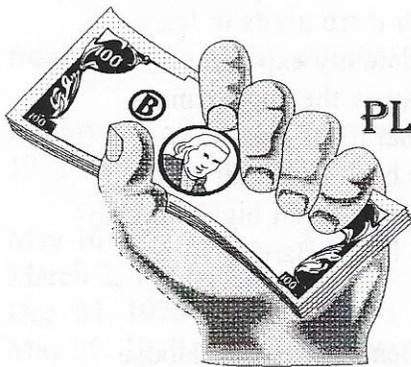
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## Monthly Sharing

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 let's 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



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## Odds And Ends

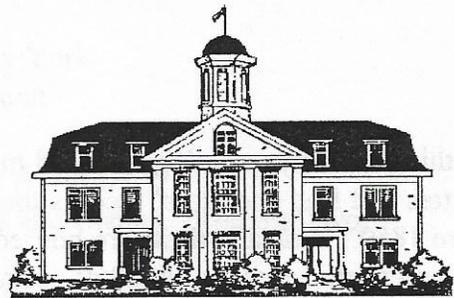
Our number at the OSU Thrift shop on Second Street in Corvallis is 492.

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. Laura Crosier 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.

## 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.



## JOIN TODAY

### Membership Information

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Dues are \$6.00 single and \$9.00 family per calendar year.  
Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.

Library is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when program is over until 3:00 pm. If we can get enough volunteer librarians, it will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 pm. Members in good standing may check out and return books any time the library is open.