



NewsLetter

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Program 8 February

The February program is "Your Museum, Past, Present and Future" presented by Bill Lewis, Benton County Historical Museum Director.

March is still open and April will be Judy Juntunen talking about the resources of the museum of interest to the genealogist.



Thought for Today

If tombstones told the truth, everybody would want to be buried at sea.

Your Life History

Have you set up a chronology for yourself and started them for each member of your family? If you haven't, why not? It is simple to start and then you carry it on for the rest of your life.

If you have a computer, it is easier, but it can be done with pen and paper. On the computer all you need to do is start a file and title it with your name. Start with a line that says - born 14 August 1920. On the second line you might put - started first grade 5 September 1926 at Lincoln School in Portland Oregon. Carry this on with a line for each event you can remember. Don't worry if you can't remember everything. No one can. With a computer you can just go back and insert a new line item whenever you remember it. Remember, you are not writing your life story, you are creating a chronology of events.

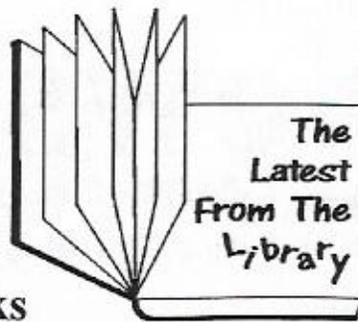
If you are not using a computer, use a separate page for each decade, or whatever slice of time you want. Starting with a page for each decade should be a good start. Double or triple space your line items. This way there will be room to insert new lines when you think of them, and won't have to start over on a new page too often.

Somewhere down the line you can take your chronology and turn it into your life story. You will have a good beginning, because you have the chronology to work from.

Have fun, and start right now. Don't wait for tomorrow!

Ed

Danell will have her Archival supplies at the meeting so bring your wants and checkbook.



Various Coming Events

New BCGS Library Books

Beginning Welsh Research, by Lloyd. Gift of Damaris Reynolds in memory of Celia Flagg Peck
 North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee. Gift of Damaris Reynolds in memory of Alice Benton Peck
 Counties of Tennessee, by Foster
 North Carolina Taxpayers, 1670-1790, by Ratliff. Gift of Damaris Reynolds in memory of Alice Benton Peck
 Lincoln County, OR, Marriage Records, 1893-1926, comp by Evelyn Parry. Three books in one. Gift
 Marriage Notices of Ontario, by William D. Reid. Gift of Irene Harding.
 The Loyalists in Ontario: The Sons and Daughters of the American Loyalists of Upper Canada, by William D. Reid. Gift of Irene Harding.

Saturday, March 15th, Dr. Alice Eichholz, editor of Ancestry's Red Book, will be the speaker at the Annual Spring Seminar of The Clark County Genealogical Society. The seminar will be at the First Congregational Church on NE 68th St. The cost is \$30, with lunch before March 6th and without lunch after March 6th. Flyers are in the library.

April 5, 1997 will be the fourth annual beginners' class, sponsored by the BCGS with assistance from the Historical Museum and the DAR. More info as we get closer.

Coming in 1997 on your PBS TV Station. They will be showing a ten part series on Ancestors starting Friday, January 4, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. Saw the first few and they were alright.



Web Sites

If you want to check into a site that is chock full of information, and your ancestors came into Virginia or came through Virginia, try this one:

<http://leo.vsla.edu/lva/lva.html> It is easy to use if you are using Netscape or Internet Explorer. I tried it on both and it came up just fine. Of course it looks a bit different on each one. Have a lot of time on your account, because you can get 'lost in your search' and be there for hours.

If you haven't tried other search engines than the one you usually use, give the others a try.

Good Surfin' Ed

Name That Picture

by Mildred Blair Hawkins

Not so long ago, the mailman brought an envelope from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Inside were four sheets of copied family photos and an urgent request: "Can you identify any of these?" No names. No dates. Only the name of the town where the photographer operated.

This happens too often. Photos and pictures turn up at estate sales, antique shops, flea markets, with no identification. They are found among heirlooms, scattered among family members. Somewhere, out there, are relatives seeking connections with family members. People are saying "I never saw my grandmother!" or "I wonder what my father's people looked like." There are many stories hidden away in pictures, especially group pictures.

In this case, we know that the Hawkins came to the Ottawa Valley, Upper Canada from Ireland about 1851 with ten children. They located for a time in Lanark County. One son and several of his children went on to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin in the 1880's. Our branch went to Pope County, Minnesota in 1868. Over the years the connection was lost but now a Hawkins' granddaughter from Chippewa Falls and myself, the wife of a descendant of the Minnesota branch are seeking the trail back to Ireland.

The place names on the pictures indicate the migration of the Hawkins family. Perth and Carleton Place, Ontario; Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; Glenwood, Minnesota. We have not been able to identify these with our collections. There are many questions.

The moral of this is --- **MARK YOUR PICTURES!**

On every picture, put the **NAME, DATE, LOCATION** and the event of occasion, if that is appropriate. Go to a photography shop and get a special marking pen which will not bleed or be detrimental to your picture. You will make an important contribution to your family history.



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

Membership Information

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Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar 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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