



NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

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HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER

Program 8 June 96

Today's program is a salute to our Charter Members. We will be in the large room on the North East corner of the Church. There will be a short business meeting followed by the program. All of the remaining Charter Members have been invited to attend.

There will be no July or August meetings. The September Program will be "What I did, genealogically this summer".



New Members this Year

This month we have one new member. The new member is Nione Bethell of Philomath. Welcome Nione.

Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

Today, June 8th, is not only our regular meeting day, but it will also be a special celebration of our 25 years as a genealogy society.

The program will begin at 10 am with a short meeting business in the large meeting room or dining hall, followed by the 25th anniversary celebration program. We've issued a special invitation to our charter members.

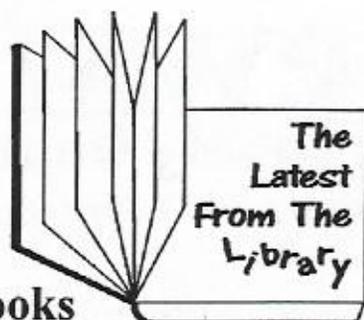
We'll have a salad potluck at noon in the church dining hall. Plan to bring a salad with you at 10 am and deliver it to the kitchen, in the Church, for refrigeration. We'll top the meal off with a birthday cake. Table service will be provided so you need only bring your salad.

Welcome Back Gene

At our board meeting on Monday night, our 1st VP was present. Doesn't sound like earth shattering news until you remember that just over a month ago he had five by-pass heart surgery. Glad you are back with us, my friend.

Thought for Today

Happiness is not a set of circumstances, but a state of mind.



New BCGS Library Books

The Baden Emigration Book (including emigration from Alsace) (GER)

Pennsylvania German Church Records of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, etc., from the Pennsylvania German Society Proceedings and Addresses. 3 volumes (PA)

Microfiche, 1860 Oregon Census Index.

Microfiche, 1870 Oregon Census Index.

Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars; 1861-1865, Vol. II, Official Reports and Correspondence. Gift of Nione Bethell.

Leads to Ancestors, marriages Notices and Death Notices, 1852-1853, from Notices at Boston, Massachusetts. Gift of Rebecca Kiger.

Book Checkouts

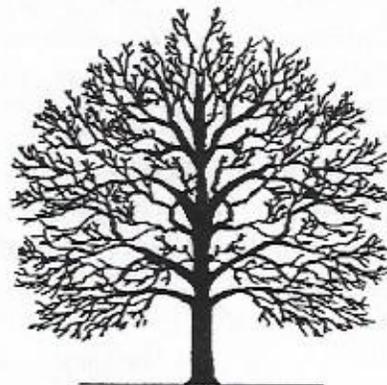
Since the library is open each week, there will be no over summer book loans. Please return your check outs as soon as you are through, but no longer than two weeks. Since we have a lot of summer visitors, the books need to be available. Also, this way others in the Society can use the book, instead of having it lay unused on your book shelf all summer.



Various Coming Events

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

The *Genealogical Forum of Oregon* is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. They will meet in Mt. Tabor Park in Picnic Area A. (in Portland) Sunday, July 21, 1996 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. There will be a brief program at 2:00 p.m. Bring your own provisions and libations. For more information contact Gerry Lenzen by writing him at the Forum or calling (503) 244-4357. Gerry is Connie's husband.



Garage Sale

In spite of showers and occasional downpours, we had another successful garage sale thanks to the generous donations of our members and the hardworking crew who stocked and staffed it. Special thanks go to Joe and Jean Grube for the use of their garage and carport, and for the cups of hot coffee! Roses to the following who worked long and hard: Pat Coolican, Judy and Bernie Beals, Shirley Hill, Joy Read, Joanne Phillips, Leila Crawford, Kathleen Coan, Gene Newcombe, Mabelle and John Martsching.

Thanks from Damaris.

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - PART 5 -

Programs and Projects

Meeting days for the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society included a program centered around research for ancestors. There are so many titles; it is hard to choose.

The earliest programs were prepared and presented by members. In the first, titled "Trip and Research in Germany", Edna Wiese shared the thrill of finding relatives in northwest Germany, as she described their way of life. Other members built programs about other places, as in the Carolinas, and in Eastern Canada. These successes were an inspiration.

One program was held at 10:00 am at Kerr Library on the Oregon State University Campus. The roster of members present is found inside the cover of the Library Handbook. The Map Room on the first floor, with the nearby microfilm readers seems to have been the highlight. Other programs told of research in the Fort Wayne and the Indiana State Libraries; in the National Archives in Washington, D. C.; in Salt Lake City as well as in the Family History Centers in several churches of the Latter Day Saints.

"How to" programs with such interesting titles as "Beginning of a Growing Record", "Seven Steps to Genealogical Research", and "Preserving Family Memorabilia" guided members, as did information on preparation of materials and manuscripts for printing.

Vital Statistics, important to building a family record, can be found, we were told, in many records, from the obvious to the obscure, public and private. The Oregon State Archivist described research in public records as well as changes in the State Archives.

Other times we heard about research of Native American culture and dances, the Lewis and Clark Journey, The Oregon Trail, and Oregon Land Claims. We learned about early school records, one-room schools of Benton County, the histories of Linn and Benton Counties, and the connection between Benton and Lake Counties. We learned of

Handwriting Analysis, and how personality traits show in handwriting; of using photography in Genealogy. Further topics were how to record oral history, and how to restore and preserve old books and materials. One speaker told of errors she had made in research, while another spoke of changes of names when immigrants arrived from northern Europe.

Several programs were on cemeteries. One speaker suggested that individuals or groups might adopt an old cemetery to preserve the history of pioneer families. Several years later the Society decided to conduct censuses of cemeteries in Benton County for which none had been done, and to publish the results. That project was completed in 1990, with the printing of a total of five books. Military records, extracted from the first five volumes, were published in a separate book, and an all name index for the set was completed in early 1996.

In 1976 the Society applied for a grant of \$1000 from Oregon State University Folk Club Thrift Shop, with money received to be used in indexing the newspapers of Corvallis. No record exists in the Historical Books as to receipt and use of money, but the project was completed, with the printed books in our library.

Another project, completed in January 1991, was publishing the 1910 Census of Benton Co. in Soundex. According to the newsletter, four books were printed.

A fourth, current project, is that of extracting vital statistics from newspapers of Benton County. The microfilm, given by the Corvallis Gazette-Times, are all the available rolls from about 1865 to 1979. The work is being done by volunteers, who enter the data onto forms. An index with birth and death dates transcribed to the Benton County Historical Society's computer data base, will be available in the Historical Society Library.

Virginia E. Hoeye, Historian
27 May 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.

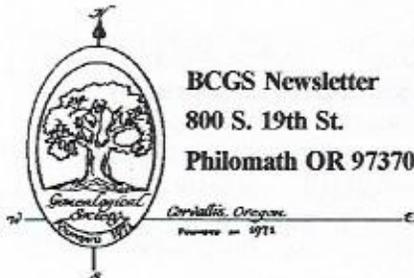
If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and lets see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

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

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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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