

NewsLetter

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NEWSLETTER TO BE MAILED

Big Change coming in how you get your Newsletter.

Today's Program

Today we will be viewing the new videos we received on beginning genealogy. We received three video tapes of over an hour in length each. These have been reviewed by three of our members, and they had nothing but good things to say about the tapes. All three of them were accomplished genealogists and they each found things that were new or that they had forgotten in each tape.

We will continue on with the series if those at the meeting today like the information as much as the reviewers did. This will be for the April and May meetings.

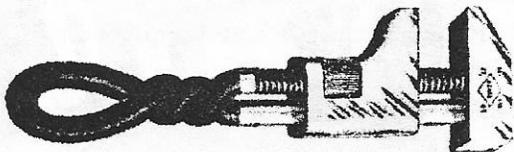
As you know, the June meeting is our potluck.

Last month at the meeting we discussed the possibility of sending the newsletter to all members so that they would have it before the meeting. The large majority of those present were in favor of the change, although it will probably cause an increase in dues. At the board meeting last Monday, it was decided to begin sending out the newsletter to all members so they will have it a day or two before the meeting.

As the editor this means some more work, but I am sure that enough members will volunteer to assist with the preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

All information will have to be to the editor by Friday, of the week prior to the meeting. At the board meeting only emergency insertions will be added or changed in the newsletter. After the board meeting the changes will be added and the master pages will be printed. On Tuesday the newsletter will be printed and taken to the Library. Those that are helping with the newsletter will have to assist your editor with folding, adding the cover, adding postage and getting it ready to go to the Post Office.

To become a volunteer all you need to do is show up at the library during the normal hours on Tuesday before the meeting and you are automatically on the newsletter sending committee.



New Books

The following are the new books as of the fifth of March 1995.

- #1208 1991 Directory of New York State and Municipal Histories
- #1209 Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the Seventeenth - Century Conflicts
- #1210 Eighteenth Century Register of Emigrants from Southwest Germany
- #1211 Pennsylvania Land Records; a History and Guide for Research
- #1212 German Settlers of Iowa; Their Descendants and European Ancestors
- #1213 The Genealogist's Video Research Guide (3 Vols.)



Bank Drafts In Foreign Currency

by Pat Coolican

This method of obtaining a bank draft in foreign currency was suggested by one of the Instructors at the Salt Lake Library workshop.

1. Phone Ruesch International Financial Services in Washington DC. 202-408-1200
2. Ask for the International Division.
3. Tell the representative to which country you want a check cut and the amount in the currency of the country.
4. The representative will tell you the amount it will cost you in US. dollars on the day you call (based on that day's exchange rate). If you accept that rate they will charge you an additional US \$2.00 for the transaction.
5. They will then solicit your name and mailing address, name of the payee, and any memorandum you wish to appear on the check, i.e. "for publications". They will confirm the amount of the check in the currency of the country.
6. They will then give you a transaction confirmation number, a temporary account name, and will restate the total amount in dollars which you must send them by personal check. You must note the confirm number and account name on your check.
7. Mail your check in dollars to:
Ruesch International Financial Services
Attn.: International Division
700 11th Street NW
Washington DC 20001
8. When they receive your check they will mail back to you the check you requested.

It obviously takes a bit longer to follow this route, but it is MUCH cheaper than doing it through a local bank.

Various Coming Events

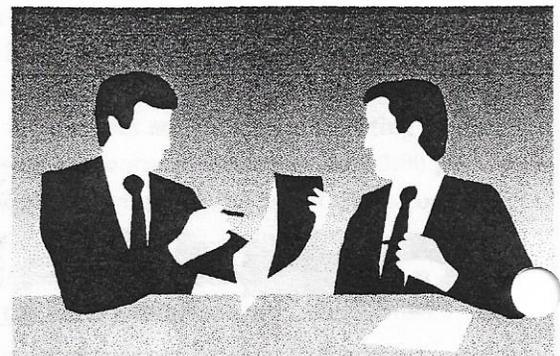
The beginners class will be held 1 April 1995 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the main room of the Annex. The class will be limited to 20 people. Cut off date for registering is 22 March 1995. Cost is \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. Contact the Museum to pay your money. Checks to BCHS for Beginners Class.

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States - San Diego 3 to 6 May 1995.

15th Annual Sweet Home Genealogy Workshop 24, 25 March 1995.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Family History Fair. June 3 1995 in Portland.

Federation of Genealogical Societies, "From Sea to Shining Sea" in Seattle 20 - 23 September 1995.



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 last installment of the trip. Thanks, Janice, I am sure that the article will be enjoyed.

Scotland Trip

by Janice Barclay



final installment

I had not travelled so far to give up so easily, so we crossed over to the Scottish Record Office which houses original manuscripts, land records, court records and old documents of many kinds. Here access to the search area is not restricted and there is no fee. I had heard that manuscripts from the Barclays of Towie existed, so I asked about this. The very helpful librarian told me that there were a few such records in this repository but they were tattered and illegible. He then produced a catalog of manuscripts concerning the Barclays of Ury. I am 99% certain that my husband does not descend from the Barclays of Ury but I did go through this catalog and decided that there were three items that might be useful. I asked for these items and was told that they were not housed in the building but would have to be brought in from another site. This was a Friday and I would not be able to see them before Monday, the day we were leaving. So it is important to plan your research in such a way that you could wait to have records brought in if you find something of interest. Ordinarily, they would be available the next day.

My luck was not all bad, however. One of the items which I had hoped to see was a hand-written book called "Copies of Barclay Papers" dated 1740. The librarian studied my list of wants and then remarked that he had an interest in this book. It was on his desk and he gave it to me to read. I spent several hours studying it. Among the papers copied in the book was a "Genealogy of the Family of Urie" compiled by Robert Barclay the Apologist before 1740. It traced the family from Roger de Berkeley, a Saxon said to have come to England before William the Conqueror. Though I can't attach my husband to the line, all Scottish Barclays and English Berkeleys are said to be descended from this line so I copied that information. The old book was most beautifully handwritten and bound and reading it was one of the highlights of my search.

I was told that I could have the other two manuscripts which interested me photocopied and sent to me at home. There were pedigree charts and I did later have them copied. There were about five pages of them and the cost was over ten pounds, more than fifteen dollars - another reason for planning to read the manuscripts and get copies while one is in Scotland.

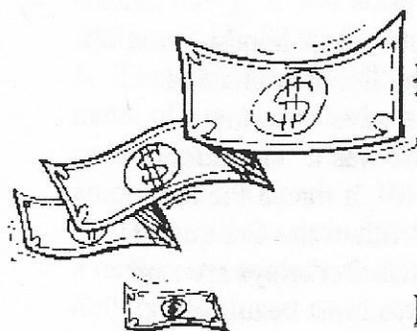
I was only able to allot a very small portion of the time we were in Scotland to genealogy and I'm sure there must be better and more thorough ways to do research than I found but I can assure anyone planning a trip to Scotland that they will be treated very courteously wherever they go but will mostly be left to their own resources unless they have a contact who can help and advise them.

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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YOUR DUES

LAST NOTICE

Odds And Ends

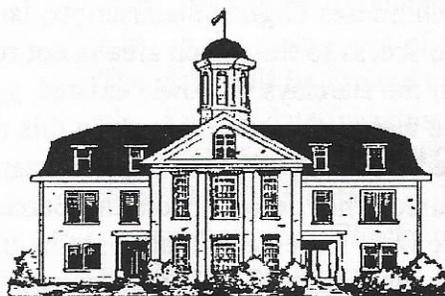
Our number at the OSU Thrift shop on Second Street in Corvallis is 492.

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.



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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.