



Corvallis, Oregon  
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# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

formerly Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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# SPRING IS GETTING CLOSER

## Program 9 March 96

Today's program will be Carla and Dennis Ridenour presenting Graphic Techniques for Genealogists. The program will be entitled "Grandmother's Scrapbook", and is basically on digitizing your photographs.

There will be a drawing after the program for a copy of "Echo Lake", contributed by Delrina, the company that sells it. Your editor has this and it is a great program.

## Caution

Do not leave staples or the old steel type of paper clips on your archival papers. Use the plastic or plastic coated steel paper clips and keep the rust marks off of your valuable papers.

Your Editor

## Notes

If you want a copy of the new By-Laws, call the President.

The book list is available for \$2.00 each, while they last, in the Library.

## Time to anti up

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to order the Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pensions.

The books are here, in the library to use. They will be non circulating. The Librarian has set up a procedure to get your information.

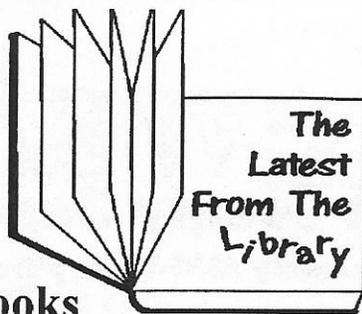
Will contributors please either bring their checks to the meeting or mail to the Society at PO. Box 1511, Corvallis OR 97339.

## Today's Laugh

To a foreigner, A Yankee is an American. To a Southerner in the United States, a Yankee is a Northerner. To a Northerner, a Yankee lives in New England. To a New Englander, a Yankee is someone from Vermont. To a Vermonter, a Yankee is someone who still uses an outhouse!

Thanks to someone, and some newspaper. Your editor hasn't a clue as to where they came from.





## New MVGS Library Books

Marriage Notices from Washington Co., NY, Newspapers.  
1799-1800 (NY) \*

Death Notices from Washington Co., NY Newspapers.  
1799-1800 (NY) \*

Historical Collections of Every Town in Mass, 2 Vols. (MA) \*  
The Atlantic Bridge to Germany, Vol. IX (GER)

Old Fort Log (KS Notebook #

New York Magazine Marriages and Deaths: 1790-1797 (NY)

Vital Records from Maine Newspapers, 1785-1820 2 Vols (ME)

New York in the Revolution as Colony and State (NY)

Cavaliers and Pioneers, Vol V (VA)

Connecting to Connecticut (CT)

Citizens of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, 1659-1750 (MD)

Sketches of Maryland Eastern Shoreman (MD)

German Immigrants; Bremen to New York, 3 Vols 1847-1867  
(GER)

Historical Atlas of East Central Europe (EUR) OS

Video - Orphan Trains \*

Gifts of \* Damaris Reynolds # Lee Rudisill

## Various Coming Events

Linn County Gene Soc. is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Back to Basics". Dates are March 18, April 20 and May 18. See flyer in Library.

Watch OPB April 29th at 8:00 p.m. for a 3 hour "In Search of the Oregon Trail". Narration by Stacy Keach.

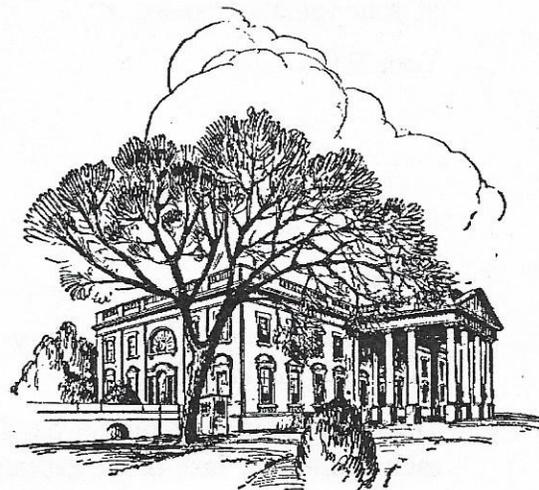
May 8 to 11 1996 in Nashville TN. The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and Middle TN Gene Soc. (MTGS) are sponsoring The 16th Annual NGS Conference in the States. See Library BB for paperwork.

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

## Monthly Question

Last months question, what was the most popular ballast on returning ships that transported American cotton and tobacco to Germany, the answer is; Germans.

This Months question is; What was Seattle's original name?



## New Members this Year

In addition to just over 90 of our returning members there are four new additions. Two are single and two are family.

David Bennett of San Francisco, Charlene Talbot and her husband David Krebs returning after an absence, Pat and Michaelene Wills of Corvallis and Jim Weldon of Corvallis. Welcome to you all.

## THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - PART 2 -

When the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society was organized, the members chose to organize in such a way that the group would be as independent as possible. The members did not form a Constitution. They did not incorporate. Though there is a list of Charter Members, the ones who became members in the first three months, before 1 January 1972, there is no charter. Names of Charter Members were published in the January 1996 News Letter.

Those first members drew up a set of By-Laws to govern the activities of the new Society. One Article has been eliminated; the other nine remain.

The first set of By-Laws was put together during the first months of the organization. A copy is mounted in Historical Book 1, in March, 1972. By March 1973 the group had grown. Articles needed to be reworded. Changes were made. In all, the By-Laws have been amended five times: March 1973, September 1974, March 1984, March 1990 and December 1995. Some of the Articles read differently now; a few read much the same as the original.

In the beginning, the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society was the one such organization between Salem and Eugene, and members were from Alsea to Sweet Home, Eugene and Cresswell, and one from Pullman, WA. Later, Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Albany groups were formed, which eventually led to one of the latest changes, the change of name to Benton County Genealogical Society, which better reflects the nature of the present group.

The End of Trail Researchers sponsored the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society. By 1974 the new group no longer needed a sponsor, so Section A was deleted from Article II, but the Society maintained a paid subscription and received the quarterly publication, Oregon. The entire Article II was deleted in 1984.

This genealogical group was formed as "non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian", and remains so, with the words rearranged.

One early purpose of the group was to "assist each other in genealogical research through association, inspiration and material exchange and interactions." This Section of Article III has remained unchanged. A Newsletter from 1974 states that Mildred Hawkins, Elizabeth Akin and Edna Wiese prepared Beginner's Kits for newcomers and beginners to promote this objective. At one time a committee of six researchers (three were DAR specialists) helped the beginners start their charts.

By 1974, as members shared more and more information, the group added Addenda to Article III, Section A, to "protect property, privacy, and rights" of both the Society and individuals.

The provision pertaining to working with the End of Trail Researchers in publishing bulletins and materials remained until 1984. Cooperation with the Benton County Historical Society in preserving and publishing of local history remains in nearly the same form, but the provision to assist the Corvallis City Library in obtaining genealogical material now reads: "To cooperate with the Benton County Library in matters pertaining to genealogical research."

In 1971 the Corvallis Library had a limited collection in the Genealogy section. The Society assisted the Library in selecting genealogical books. The Society bought books, and placed them in the Library for all to use. For a time the 2nd Vice-President was responsible for choosing books from the Genealogy shelves for use in the Society's monthly workshops, putting them onto a library cart to bring to the Ritchie Room. At the close of the meeting s/he saw that all books were returned. Mary Buchanan, a librarian who was also a Society member performed this service part of the time.

Membership in the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society was open to anyone interested in genealogical research. That Section of Article V reads the same today. In 1972 members not paid up by July 1st were dropped. In 1984 the date was advanced to January 15th.

Virginia E. Hoeye, Historian  
23 February 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.

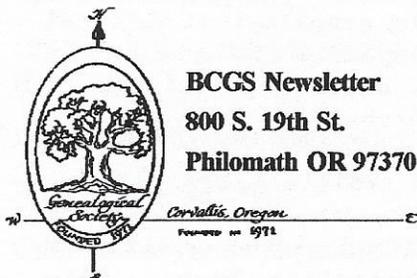
If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and let's see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

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

President	Ken Bielman	758-3769
1st Vice Pres	Gene Kelsey	753-8410
2nd Vice Pres	Judy Beals	745-5383
Secretary	Leila Crawford	929-5935
Treasurer	Ron Edwards	929-3731
Librarian	Jean Grube	758-7618
Newsletter Editor	Ed Stratton	929-6141
Membership	Danell Aukerman	752-6425

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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