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FLOWERS OF SPRING

Program 8 March

Pat Coolican will present a program on the Family History Center and it's resources available to us as Genealogists.

April will be Judy Juntunen talking about the resources of the museum of interest to the genealogist.

Thank You

My wife says that it looks like downtime is going to be every other month this year. In January my printer went to the hospital. My computer is now completely out of it. Tried to save some files from my daughters old hard drive. It was a "C" drive and when it booted up in my machine it took over and rewrote my setup. When it was through, it had removed all reference to my CD-ROM and COMM ports. At least I saved the files.

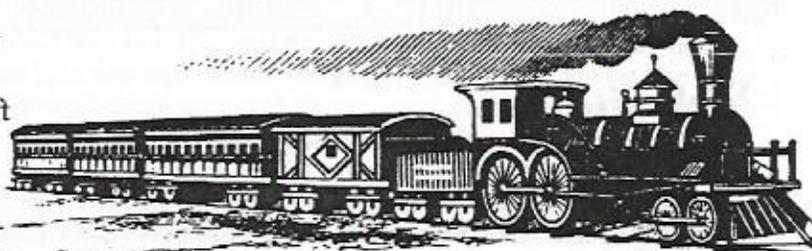
The thanks go to my daughter for leaving her machine at my house so I could use it. To Walt Merrill, again, for scanning and working on page three for the March issue. To Leon Stratton for loaning me his new disk based Win95, although in their infinite wisdom, Microsoft left disk two out of the bundle. To Danell Aukerman for volunteering to do the mailing labels this month, since I can't get the information out of my computer. Finally to Sandi Ihrig for offering a Microsoft analysis disk of some sort that might solve my troubles, although I haven't seen it yet. Sure is nice to have friends. Thank you all!

Beginners Class

The 1997 class for Beginning Genealogists will be 5 April 1997, in the Museum Annex, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The class will be limited to 20 people. Registration cutoff will be 26 March 1997 at the Museum. Cost will be \$12.00 for a single and \$17.00 for a couple. Couple registration will receive a single information package. Make checks payable to the BCGS and mail to the Museum at P.O. Box 35 Philomath 97370. For more information contact the Museum, Sandi Ihrig or Ed Stratton all in the Philomath phone book.

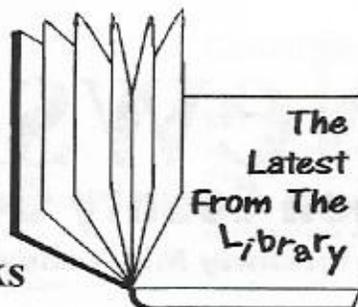
Missing Newsletters

Within a week of mailing out the February Newsletter, eight copies were returned with the mailing label missing. Apparently a new machine in Salem doesn't like our style and ripped the labels off. If you didn't get your February newsletter, let your Editor know and the February issue will be included in the April edition.



Thought for Today

Just when I think I have all the answers,
someone changes the questions.



New BCGS Library Books

Fillmore County, Minnesota, History, 1984
CD - Ontario, Canada, 1871 Census Index
Genealogical and Personal History of Northern PA,
Jordan, 3 Volumes

History of Ancient Wethersfield, CT, Vol II -
Genealogies and Biographies
Emigrants from Baden and Wurttemberg in the
Eighteenth Century, by Burkett

Genealogy Online; Researching Your Roots,
by Crowe

Tennesseans Before 1800; Washington County,
by Fischer

The Daniels-Daniells Family, Vol 2, 1630-1957

The Atlantic Bridge to Germany by Hall Vol IX

A History of the Pioneer Families of Missouri,
by Bryan and Rose

Indexes to Irish Wills, 5 vols in one, by Phillimore
and Thrift

Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by
State Governments, by Bockstruck
Memorial gift by Damaris Reynolds

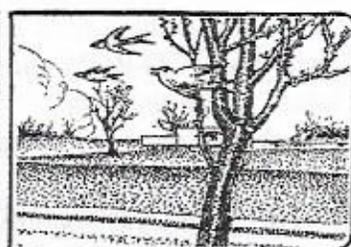
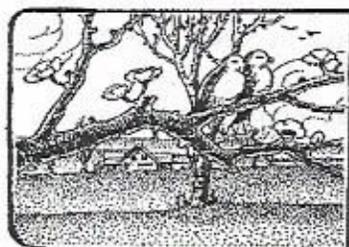
CD - Genealogy - Library of Congress Books/
Documents

Various Coming Events

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. Students for the class are beginning to register.

Hope you are watching the ten part series on **Ancestors** that has been showing on Saturday nights, at 7:00 p.m. on PBS. It is a very basic program series and as such is very good.



Web Sites

There are some nice new web sites on my computer, but it has been out of order since Tuesday, and this is Saturday. I tried to salvage some files from a hard drive, for my daughter, and since the old drive was a "C" drive, it rewrote my setup. I am still trying to get it to recognize that I have a CD-ROM and a COMM port with a mouse hooked to it. Oh, well, the sun will shine tomorrow.

From Danell, our web page <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs>

Good Surfin' Ed

June 7th - 1864

Dear Brother:

As I got some what rested from the march of the 5th, and 6th. I will wonce more pen a few lines to those I love.

My health is good with the exception of a lame arm. I was vaxnated when we were at camp Correy and it has jest begone to work and have catched cold and my arm is swollen pretty bad.

Oscar, I have seen the elephant. I have been within five miles of Richmond. while we were there the Rebels charged on our works twice, but were most hamsomely repulced with a very heavy lost. Our lost was trifeling compared to thaim. The next day they tried three times, but were repulced every time, Grant said the first time they got all they wanted and the next time they got more than they wanted.

In-all the Rebles lost about 1000 in killed and wonded and taken prsners. Our lost wont exceed 200, that is the way Grant whipes the Rebles.

The hard fighting is about all done around Richmond. Grant is shelling the city. he is throwing the shells and shot into the city at the rate of 60 a minute. He says he will have the city as soon as the Rail Road is completed and that will be finished this week. The cars is running past here now, the engine is naimed Lt. General Graint. We are left to gard the road. We have very hard deauty to perform here. If you would like to know how the country looks around Richmond, all you have to do is to go up on Hells Plains, that is a fare spasement only the country is a little more hilly around Richmond. All the rest of Verginery that I have seen is very hansom.

Our Regement is building enterechments, the Rebles Prisners say the Rebles didnt think the Union arney would get so near to Richmond as they have. They had such confidence in the Confedecery that they put in all of their crops, the wheat and oats is jest heading out and the corn is knee high. The soldiers burn the fences so you see it makes good feed for Uncle Sam's horses and mules.

I stopped in a Rebles house with the Cornel and he ask the woman where her husban was, and she told him that he was in Richmond. She seemed to be very frindly and gave us some water and said she hoped the war would come to a close soon, she said it was very rong to fight on eather side. Oscar, I think the war will close this summer: I hope so for soldering is everything but pleasant.

Oscar, I don't want you to send me any more money, for there is no chance to spend it if I had ever so much, but I want you to send me some postage stamps and write all the particulars about the amount of wool and how the crops looks and when you sell the wool, give my share to Mother and I will furnish half of the money to hier the grain cut and the binding part I think you can get away with it. If you get crowded for help the women can help, it will be no disgrace to work a few days in the harvest.

We have to work hard all day and come in at night, I find that there is nothing to eat until we draw rations tomorrow or next day and perhaps be called out on picket and have to stay until the next day noon. Oscar, my advice is never to enlist, if you are drafted, go to Canada or any place else but never come in the army. If I ever come home I think I shall be perty apt to stay there. You must write me as soon as you get this letter and be sure to send the stamps, for I write a good many letters. From your Brother,

George

Mother how do you do this morning, I hope well. Mother how I long to see you and the loveing ones at home, but may God protect me Mother as he ever does the right and allso perlong your days and strength and give you good health are the Constance prayers of your son. Mother pray for me that I may devote my day's in the service of the Lord, and return safe home. Mother, I hope that what I have wrote will not make you feel bad, for prehaps after Richmond is taken we will have some more supleys. I hadn't ought to complain for the men at the front fighting every day needs the rations more than I do. Goodby Mother for the present I hope to see you all soon. I wish I could see little Jennie and have a romp with her, I bet we would have a good time. Tell her to go to school every day and learn to write so if I have to stay here three years, she can write to me. Tell her if she will get so she can write me a letter I will send her 20 dollars. Mother keep up good courage and we will all be home again.

Your Loveing Son,

George Currier

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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

Membership Information

President	Gene Kelsey	753-8410
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2nd Vice Pres	Judy Beals	928-1749
Secretary	Leila Crawford	929-5935
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb	929-5715
Librarian	Jean Grube	758-7618
Membership	Danell Aukerman	752-6425
Newsletter Editor	Ed Stratton	929-6141

Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar year. Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next 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.

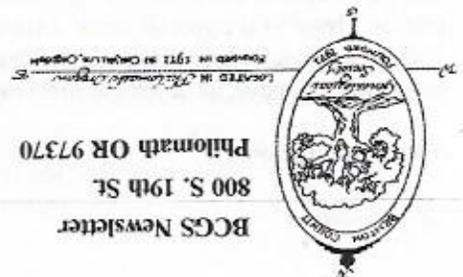
Our Library, in the museum annex, is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when program is over until 3:00 p.m.. If we can keep enough volunteer librarians, it will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Members in good standing may check out and return books any time the library is open.

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