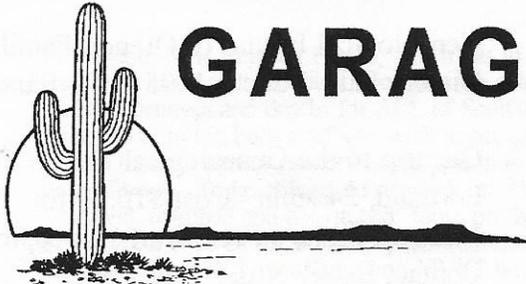


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Today's Program

Today we will be viewing the third of the new videos we received on beginning genealogy. This one covers the use of military, land, and vital records. We received three video tapes of over an hour in length each. Today will be the last of the series.

Next month we have the annual June meeting and potluck. The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. and then we will begin the setup during the normal program time at 11:00 a.m. Unless we have a hundred people show up the potluck will be at the annex.

No meetings during July and August. September is our annual "What I did Genealogically this Summer".

Miscellaneous

A good way to get copies of material in journals or books not available locally is to write to Historical Genealogy Dept., Allen County Public Library, Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270.

They will photo copy anything if you send them the precise information, that is name of book or periodical, date, page number, etc. They will search books if they are indexed. As of October 1994, the fee was \$5.00 per request (which could be for 2 or 3 items), plus twenty cents a page copied. They will bill you.

Have you looked in our library at Munsell 'Index to American Genealogies' and Jacobus 'Index to Genealogical Periodicals'? Both are filed under US. Also the FHL has microfiche of PERSI which is up to date indexing of surname genealogical information.

Bits And Pieces

Thanks to Laura Crosier and all of the members that brought their Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels, we now have \$25.11 more in our book fund. Thanks to all of you. Lets see if we can better this amount next year.



New Books

The following are the new books as of the of May 1995.

- #1223 A Surname Guide to Massachusetts Town Histories.
- #1224 Marriage Records of Ross County, OH, 1798-1849.
- #1225 Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor. Rev. Ed.
- #1226 The Goshenhoppen Registers, 1741-1819.
- #1227 Oregon in the Philippines (Spanish Wars & Philippine Insurrection)
- #1228 Genealogies of Some Old Families of Concord, MA.
- #1229 Chicago Ancestor File, 1974-1984 (Chicago Genealogical Society)
- #1230 Index to Vols. I-XXI of the Chicago Genealogist.
- #1231 to #1234 Vital Records from Chicago Newspapers, 1845 to 1848
- #1235 Massachusetts Militia Companies and Officers in the Lexington Alarm.
- #1236 South Dakota Report & Historical Collections, Vol. XXIII (Pioneer Women)
- #1237 County by County in Ohio Genealogy.
- #1238 The Basic Researcher's Guide to Homesteads & Other Federal Land Records.
- #1239 Austin (TX) Colony Pioneers.
- #1240 Contra Costa County, California, State Census, 1852
- #1241 Early New Englanders and Kin.
- #1242 Nova Scotia Immigrants to 1867.
- #1243 Carolina Families, a Bibliography of Books.
- #1244 Ohio Families, a Bibliography of Books.
- #1245 Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, 1840 and Beyond, Vol. I.
- #1246 Mayflower Families, Vol. Six, Stephen Hopkins.
- #1247 Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records (Hartford), V.1, 1635-1700.
- #1248 Same, V.2, 1700-1729.
- #1249 Same, V.3, 1729-1750.
- #1250 Families of Ancient New Haven, Vols. I-III in one.
- #1251 Families of Ancient New Haven, Vols. IV-VI in one.
- #1252 Families of Ancient New Haven, Vols. VII-VIII in one.
- #1253VF Researching Masonic Records.
- #1254 History of the Town of Townsend, Middlesex Co., MA.
- #1255 History of New Haven Co., (CT) Vol. 1 Wallingford.

Various Coming Events

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada will be held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. Dates are May 19 to 21 1995, speaker will be Dr. Janice Potter MacKinnon. Further info, Richard Mackey, 113-16335 14th Ave., White Rock, BC, V4A 1H2, Canada.

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

Our trip to the Genealogical Forum in Portland, 24 June. Cost \$10.00 for Van and Library Fee. Limit 15 people. Contact Becky Kiger.

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

November 4, 1995. Everton Workshop, Eugene.

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Saturday May 27th
at Jean Grube's,
2020 NW 23rd
Street. Support
this effort to raise
money for books
by donating "treasures",
by helping,
or by BUYING!
Bring donations to
the meeting or drop
them off at Jean's.

More Scotland

Your editor received the following letter in April. It came from Moira Valenzuela, one of our members that has given us articles before.

I am Scottish and enjoyed Janice Barclay's articles in the Newsletter. Having used the facilities at both Register House and New Register House, perhaps I can be of some assistance to future genealogists who wish to do some research, in person, in my hometown.

First of all, New Register House, which sits to the left of Register House and is behind wrought iron gates, has all of the births, marriages and deaths for ALL of Scotland, back to, I think, 1847 in big books. If you wish to see parish records or census tapes in New Register House, you must reserve a chair in the library. To be able to do research in either the 'Hatched, matched and dispatched' room on the ground floor, or reserve a chair in the library, upstairs on the first floor, as the floors are called over there, you MUST be at the New Register House before it even opens in the morning, to assure yourself a place close enough to the front of the line to be sure you will be able to get one of the few passes for either room that will be available. Both will cost you, but you will find that it is cheaper to take a week reservation and guarantee your free coming and going for the length of time. My sister and I took library passes, which does double duty and allows you access to the birth, marriage and death room on the ground floor as well as the library. She worked the library while I worked the downstairs, then we switched over. We also had some place to keep our belongings when we were downstairs.

The personnel in the library are MOST knowledgeable and helpful. There is always someone available to answer any question you might have and give you some pointers, bring you any tapes or books you need in your search.

Down on the ground floor, if you don't know other than the name of the person you are looking for, and hopefully the parents, you start with the birth book looking for that name in the big ledgers. There will be a code that you write down along with the name and date. Then you go to the wall and look up the code. This will give you the location of the birth. When you have two or three names and codes and locations you go to the sign up sheet and put your name down. When a guide is available, he will call your name and you tell him what you are looking for and he will tell you to follow him. To me THAT was when it was most interesting. You follow him up the steps, behind the books to the appropriate floor. He leaves you at a desk while he finds the book that has the certificate you have called for. This will give you the name of the person born as well as the mother and father. This way you find out if you have the correct person. It does not take you long to find out that the same names are used over and over again, by different families with the same surname. Once you have the birth nailed down, you then go to the marriage records and do the same thing, then the death books, until you have all of the dates on a person. You write down the pertinent information, if you do not wish to get a certificate. The guides are most patient and allow you to copy everything you wish, under their watchful eyes of course. If you wish to have a certificate, you tell your guide and he will take the book downstairs and place it on a table. You then go to the

desk with your information and a clerk will assist you, and of course take your money. The certificate(s) will be mailed to you. Do hold on to your receipt until the certificates(s) arrive.

I was picking up my father's death certificate for my records and discovered that on the back it showed a previous marriage for my father that our parents had never mentioned. Needless to say I questioned the gentleman behind the counter. He suggested I find out when my parents were married and then work back from that date, in the marriage books, to find out when my father was married the first time. I did that and found my father's first marriage. Then I went back to the birth books to look for any children with the same last name as mine. By checking out the parents, I sure did eliminate multitudes of Laird children, but finally ended up with two daughters from that marriage. I did not know I had two Half-sisters. Still have not found them, but I do know that the children had been awarded to my father in the divorce, and their mother took off to England with them. Being that was another country, my father, who was in the navy, was not able to search for them and go to court in England etc., etc. and so lost his children. The clerk told me where to go to obtain a copy of my father's divorce. Naturally it was neither New nor Register House, but up on the Royal Mile. Register House of course has all sorts of legal documents and books, going back to, I think, the fourteen hundreds.

At Christmas we received a letter from some friends who have been involved in Scottish Genealogical Society for umpteen years and we met because of a question Bill and I wished to have answered while home on vacation. Anyway, that is neither here nor there, but to get to what I was going to say . . . Shirley wrote that she 'had done a lot of transcriptions for the Mormons this year, a project that is almost complete and will be a terrific aid to research when it is issued on fiche. This is the 1881 census for the U.K. and has all been done by various genealogy societies throughout the country. Each society having the opportunity to 'do' its own area, clever as local people are more likely to get the tricky place-names correct, or have the reference books to check them out. In fact I used their photocopies to make up two book's copies of which were submitted to the library, mentioned in library additions, and a few months later I had the Record Office breathing down my neck for infringement of copyright. I think they were taken aback when I explained I had used the Mormon photocopies, created them for my own research purposes and had given the library a single copy. It would be easy enough to print them out a copy too, but I was annoyed at their aggressive approach. Any member of the public should have the right to see the original records, but you have to pay to see them, and now the old books are deteriorating, no one has access to them at all.

Wow, I sure did digress from the original point of this letter. To get back to it, if you have the name and date of the person for whom you wish to obtain a certificate, all you have to do is go to the New Register House, tell the guard at the desk why you are there and he will point you in the right direction, take a number, wait and then when your number is called, give the clerk the information and if your information is correct he will be able to take your money and, if you will not be able to pick up the certificate, they will mail it to you, even overseas.

I do hope this will help someone on a future search. If you wish to obtain information on anyone in England, you have to go to London. Everything will be available there, probably in roughly the same format as at Edinburgh, and probably at the same prices.

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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	Mary Yoke	752-6126
Treasurer	Ron Edwards	929-3731
Librarian	Jean Grube	758-7618
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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.

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. 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.

More Member Info

The meeting is held 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. Starting at 12:00 and continuing until 3:00 p.m., we have the research time at the Museum annex where our library is situated.

Library 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.

