

NewsLetter

Benton County Genealogical Society

formerly Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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ENJOY THE SPRING FLOWERS

Program 11 May 96

This month the program will be the next video tape of the series of beginners classes we started last year. Today's program will be on Naturalization Records.

After April's program, on Archival Storage, Danell gave the profits of these sales to the Computer Fund. This amounted to \$35.85. Way to go Danell.

Notes

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

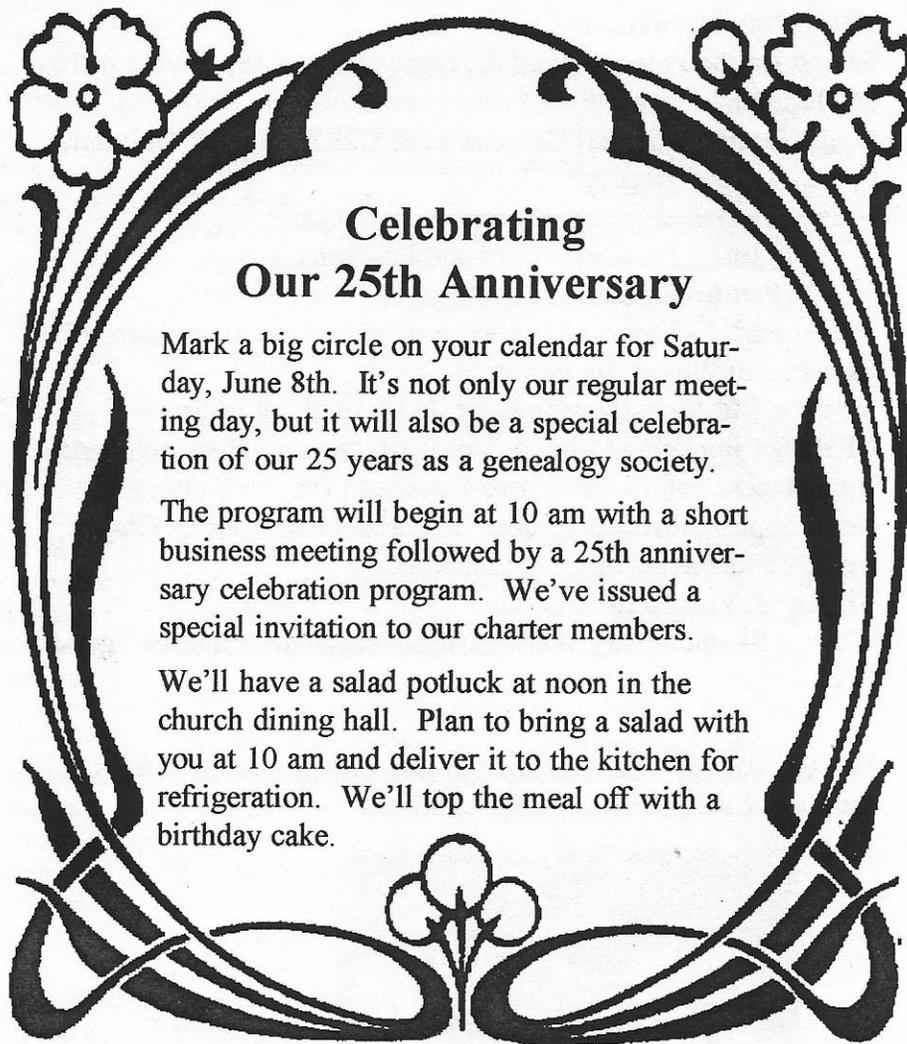
The book list is available for \$2.00 each, while they last, in the Library.

Get Well, Gene

Gene Kelsey, our 1st VP, had 5 bypass heart surgery last Sunday. He seems to be doing well. Get well soon friend.

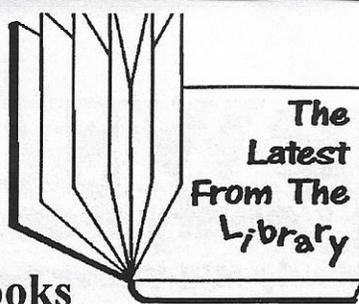
New Members this Year

This month we have one new member and four returning. The new member is Barbara Mollahan of Corvallis. Welcome Barbara.



Thought for Today

While at a family reunion, I met my grandmother's only son's only sister's husband's grandfather-in-law's wife. What is she to me?
from Jean Grube Answer on page 2.



New BCGS Library Books

Families of Early Hartford, CT (CT)

Centralia [Washington]; The First Fifty Years; 1845-1900*

Centralia's First Century; 1845-1955*

List of Freemen of Massachusetts, 1630-1691, by Paige.# Early

Generations of the Founders of Old Dunstable, by Stearns#

Vermont Marriages, Vol I#

Directory of Ancestral Heads of New England Families,
1620-1700, by Holmes#

Search for the Passengers of the Mary & John; 1630, Vols 8, 14,
16, 17, 18#

Osage County [Kansas] Cemeteries & Old Soldiers & Obituaries,
by Bayless and Herzog^

Videos by Genealogist's Video Research Guide:

Part 5 - Passenger Lists and Passports

Part 6 - Naturalization Records

Part 7 - Federal Land Records and National Archives Maps

Research in Illinois, by Elliott. +

Index to Old Wars Pension Files, 1815-1926, by White

NEHGS Circulating Catalog, Vol II, History and Research Aids

Vital Records of Three Burned Counties [VA], by Fisher#

Genealogical Abstracts of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church,
Vol I, 1836 and beyond, by Eddlemon

Video: A Visit to Ellis Island

When a Revolutionary War Pensioner's Claim Cannot be Found
(VF)

*Gift of Audrey Theurer, #Gift of Damaris Reynolds, +Gift of
Kathleen Coan, ^Gift of Mary Hamlin



Get your pressure checked

Various Coming Events

Linn County Gene Soc. is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Back to Basics". Final date of three, May 18. See flyer in Library.

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.

Garage Sale

A reminder for all members. The date for the Garage sale will be 18 May 1996. It will be held at Jean Grube's house. Bring your items to the Library, Damaris Reynolds or to Jean.

My Eyes

For those of you that don't know, I had a bout with blood pressure that got out of control. It caused a leak into my left eye and that caused some trouble with the optic nerve.

The blood pressure is now under control and my eye seems to be healing. I'll know for sure on the 11th of June. For all those that offered to help me with my computer work, thanks.

Ed Stratton, Editor

Answer.

My Grandmother

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - PART 4 -

On page three in the first Mid-Valley Genealogical Society History Book we find a news release that tells of the meeting held 9 October 1971, when the group became official. It reads, in part:

"A group of people interested in Genealogy, who have been meeting with members of the 'End of the Trail Researchers', some writers and publishers who have been issuing a quarterly bulletin of early Oregon statistics, have formed an organization, probably to be named the 'Mid-valley Genealogical Society' in order to plan programs, and help others interested in researching their family history."

The article goes on to say that Erma Brown of Salem, a Certified Genealogist, had been sending publications for their study, that the Library showed interest by bringing a book display to the meeting, and that attendees brought personal material. The program, the selection of officers, the intent of the group to cooperate with the County Historical Society, and Charter membership information were reported. The article ends with:

"It was voted to continue to hold the meetings in the Elizabeth Ritchie room of the Public Library, on the second Saturday of each month, with the workshop starting at 11 a.m. and the program at 2 p.m."

The meetings were held at the Corvallis Library for nearly ten years, through May 1981. The June meeting was held at the Meadow Park Mobile Estates Recreation Room. Except for November, which was cancelled because of flooding, meetings were held from September 1981 through February 1982 but there is no record of the place of meeting for those months, as no newspaper publicity was saved.

It was about this time the Library was experiencing growing pains, and needed the Ritchie Room space for library use. The March, 1982, meeting was held in the First Christian Church. We had the use of two rooms at most meetings, and our books, and refreshment equipment, which had been brought from the Library, were stored in a large cabinet built by member Vernon Stryker.

The meetings were advertised to start with a Workshop, at 11:00 am, on the featured States and Countries of the month, the business meeting at 1:00 pm and the Program at 2:00. Many months a Beginner's Class would be announced for 10:00 am, led, according to the publicity by Elizabeth Akin, though others assisted in this service.

The Society continued meeting at the Christian Church through September 1991, when negotiations with the Benton County Historical Society for library space in one room of the Annex, the former Parsonage for the Philomath United Methodist Church, and the use of the building on second Saturdays for regular meetings was completed.

The change of meeting place from the Church in Corvallis to the Historical Society Annex did not seem to detract from attendance, as it remained about the same as formerly. But in early 1994 the group was made aware that the number of people at the business meetings exceeded the number of persons allowed in the building by safety regulations. By May 1994 the group obtained the use of a room in the Philomath United Methodist Church for Business Meeting and Program at 1:00 and 2:00 pm. It soon became apparent that to switch the morning and afternoon activities would be advantageous, so that change was put into effect in January 1995.

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.

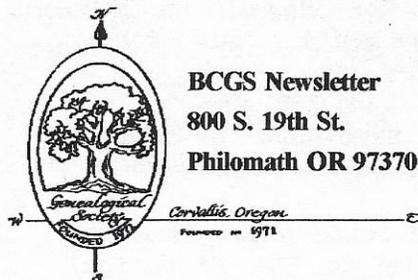
If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and let's see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

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	745-3048
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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