



NewsLetter

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SUMMER VACATION PLANNING

Program 10 May

May is Daniel Froehlich speaking on Germany research.

June is our potluck lunch.

Garage Sale

Our garage sale on 3 May netted us \$300.85. There are still a few items left to go to the OSU Thrift Shop, and some saved for this fall's garage sale. Special thanks to Joe and Jean Grube for "hosting" the sale.

Pat Coolican

Beginners Class

It sure is nice to be wanted. There were 10 people left over when the beginners class was full on 5 April.

Something had to be done, so the board decided to have another beginners class. As of the last day of April, there are already 16 students signed up for the next class, on 17 May. That means that there are still 4 spaces open, if any members should like to have the class, let us know.

Ed

Remember Way Back

Pat Coolican sent me a page by Tom Klopfer from *The Anthracite Idiom*. Will run them for a while.

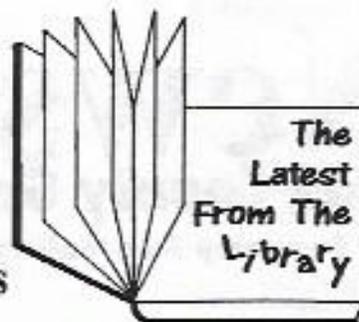
Collecting chinaware found in the oatmeal cartons.

Books for Sale

Here is the list of books that we have for sale from Edith Hughes. They will be here, at the meeting, check them out on Saturday. After Saturday they will be posted on the internet for sale.

1. Bloxham: Key to the Parochial Registers of Scotland; Brigham Young University Press, 1970. 463 pages \$8.00
2. MacPhail, JRN: Highland Papers, Vol II (out of print) Heritage Classics reprint of 1916 work. 375 pages \$10.00
3. Schreiner - Yantis: Genealogical & Local History Books in Print, Third Ed., 1981 \$5.00 (current edition is 5th or 6th)
4. DAR Patriot Index Centennial Edition 1990: 3 Vols, brand new. Retail price \$75.00, member only price \$50.00.





New BCGS Library Books

- Alphabetical Index to Ulster Emigration to Philadelphia, 1803-1850, by Adams THAYER; extracted from History of Weymouth, MA.
Gift of Jan Barton
- Atlas of State of Ohio, 1868. Gift of John Chapman
- Local Census Holdings 1522-1930 in the British Isles*
- Militia Lists and Musters, 1757-1876, British Isles*
- The German Research Connection, by Riemer
- Genealogies of Virginia Families, from Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. 5 volumes. Gift of Edith Hughes
- Lords of Themselves; History of Eastern Lincoln Cty, OR, by Hodges#
- Thirty-one Years in Baker County, by Hiatt#
- The Streets We Live On, #2, by Clarke (Polk Cty, OR).
Gift of the Crosiars
- Polk County, OR, Place Names, by Clarke. Gift of the Crosiars
- Connecticut Sources for Family Historians and Genealogists,
by Kip Sperry*
- Directory of Massachusetts Place Names, by Davis*
- Minnesota Genealogical Reference Guide by Warren*
- Guide to Minnesota State Census Microfilm*
- Mark Phinney's W.P.A. Interviews of Benton County Pioneers and Their Descendants. 3 Vols.
- Index to Mark Phinney's Interviews by BCGS members.
- How to Trace Your Ancestors to Europe, by Law#
- Genealogical Handbook of German Research, by Jensen. Vol 1

*Gifts of Damaris Reynolds

#Gifts of Irene Harding

Web Sites

Lee Rudisill sent me a copy of AntiqueWeek with an article on Genealogy Week. One of the web locations they listed was Mike Rice's helplist.

<http://www.concentric.net/~Mikeric/helplist.shtml>

Under Oregon/Benton there was our own Ken Bielman. It seems to be the starting of a fantastic page if it pans out the way he envisions it. When you get to the home page, print it out. Study the rules and follow them. Usage is free and so you don't ask for the moon, when all you need is a small piece of cheese. Be sure to bookmark or favorite this URL.

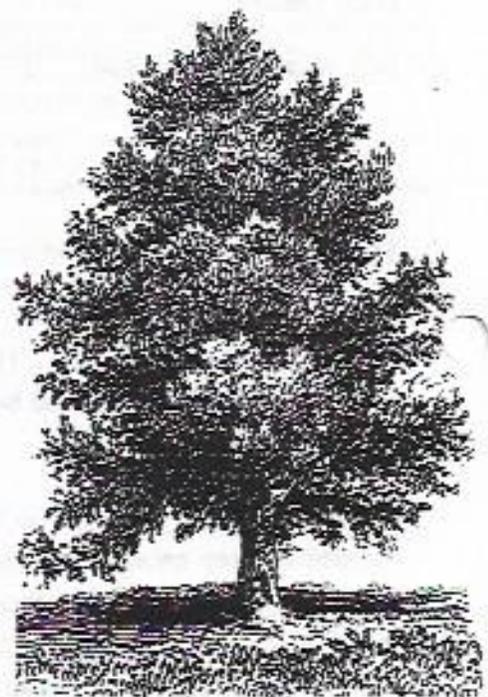
Good Surfin' Ed

Various Coming Events

The Heritage Quest Road Show will be here Friday June 6th 7:00 to 9:30 and Saturday June 7th 9:00 to 4:00 at the Lakeside Center, Mennonite Village, 54th and Columbus, Albany.

Friday evening is open to all, Saturday's all day program is \$25.00. Includes one year subscription or extension to Heritage Quest Magazine.

Check to Rose Anderson, 2755 South Shore Dr. SE, Albany OR 97321.



To All: This info came from the "Brandon Society".

20 WAYS TO AVOID GRIEF IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The following suggestions and recommendations will be helpful to beginners and hopefully will prevent misfortune when learning how to do genealogical research. Many of these tips are "old hat" to experienced genealogists, but it is always worthwhile to remind ourselves of the basics of sound research.

1. **ALWAYS** note the source of any material you photocopy. If the information is from a library book, note the name, author, date, publisher and also the library where you found the book, or photocopy the title page. Occasionally you will find that you need to refer to the book again, or photocopy more information from it.
2. Make photocopies or carbon copies of **ALL** letters you write. This will save you from wondering which of your correspondents' questions you answered already, and which of your questions they have or haven't answered.
3. Don't procrastinate in responding to letters or messages you receive. If you don't have time to write a detailed reply, send your correspondent a quick reply or postcard to acknowledge receipt and give him/her a rough idea of when a reply will be forthcoming. Then be sure to write back as you've promised to.
4. When searching for relatives in records, don't pass over the entries that are almost but not quite right. For example, if you are searching for the marriage of John Brown and Mary Jones in 1850, make a note of the marriage of John Brown and Nancy Smith in 1847; this could be a previous marriage in which the wife died shortly after.
5. When writing to libraries or genealogical/historical societies in your areas of interest, ask them for the names and addresses of out-of-print booksellers in the area. Write to the booksellers and ask if they have any old local histories or family histories pertaining to the area.
6. Don't forget to make frequent backups of your computer disks.
7. Store backup copies of your computer disks and photocopies of your irreplaceable documents in your safety deposit box or someone else's home.
8. Remember that "if it's in print, it ain't necessarily fact." Information in recently published local and family histories is often based on that from older published works. If the older books are incorrect, the erroneous information is simply repeated and further disseminated.
9. The earlier the time period in which you are researching, the less consistent our ancestors were about the spelling of their surnames. Also, many of them were illiterate and could not tell a record keeper how their names should be spelled.
10. Family traditions of close connections to famous figures are usually false, but there may be a more obscure relationship involved. Perhaps the famous person spent a night at your ancestor's country estate instead of (as the legend goes) marrying into the family.

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 lets 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

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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 Henslin 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.

Mailing Label Coding

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S=Single; F=Family; E=Exchange.
Number is last of year; 6=1996.
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