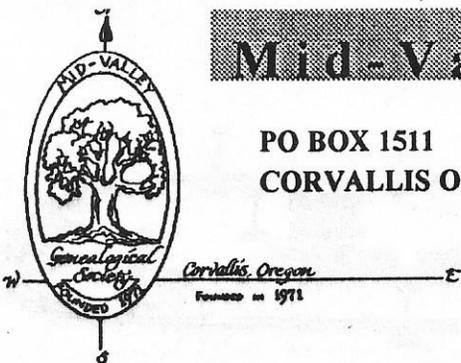


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TODAYS MEETING

Jim Russell will give a rundown on the available items and programs at the Family History Center on Harrison Blvd.

Next month we will have group discussions on the various area that we are studying. Check the newsletter section on Monthly Sharing and see what group you would fit. This will be done more than once so you can visit your other groups at a later time.

CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP

The meeting for June will be a potluck lunch at the Albany Public Library on June 21st from 12:30 to 3:30.

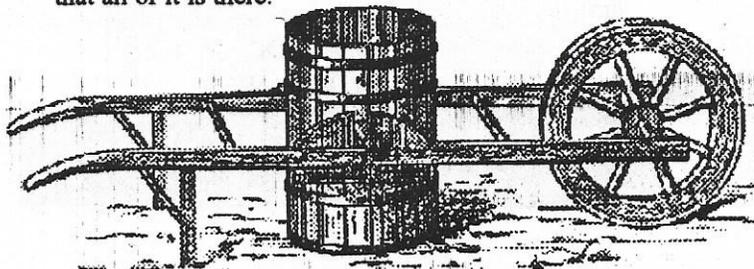
The Canadian Interest Group is for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials 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.

LABELS

Please keep saving the labels, and bring them into the library. There is a plastic box in the library to store them in.

NOTE: All you need to bring in is the UPC Symbol. Be careful to cut a little extra package around the Symbol so that all of it is there.

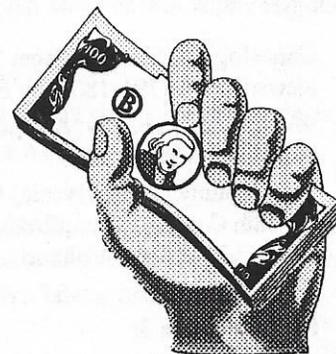


ODDS AND ENDS

The Library is open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 pm. Librarians are on hand to help you with your questions. You may check out and return books on Tuesday. We need volunteers for Tuesdays.

Remember our number at the OSU thriftshop is 492.

If you don't already belong to the Benton County Historical Society, why not consider joining? Contact a board member to find out what it is about.



DUES

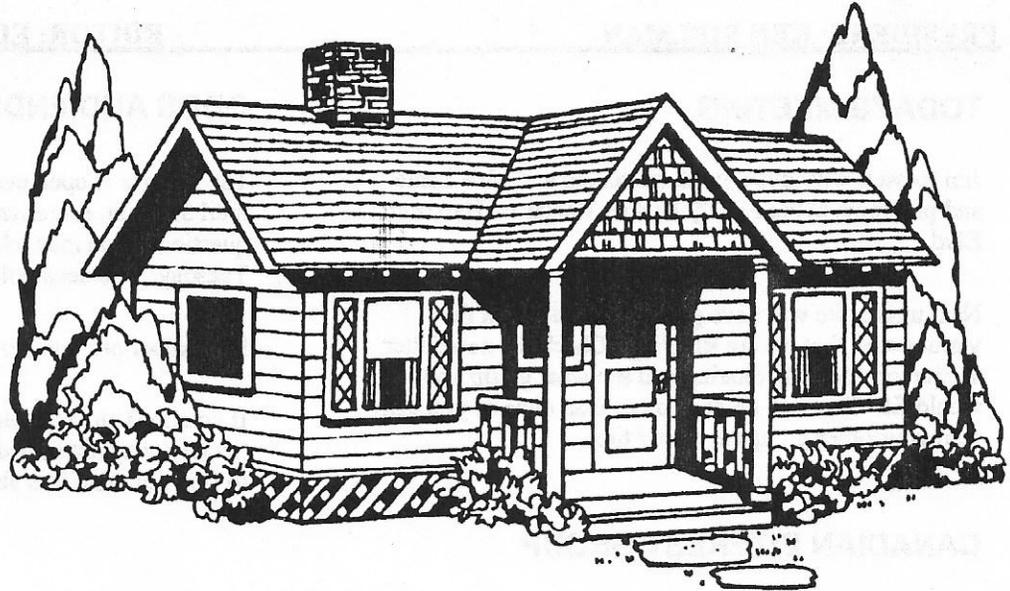
It is that time again. Your annual dues may be paid starting with the September meeting. The membership chair and Treasurer would like to get this job done before the first of the year.

Again this year the dues are \$9.00 for a family and \$6.00 for a single membership. Make checks payable to Mid-Valley Genealogical Society (MVGS). Give them to the treasurer at the meeting or mail them to PO Box 1511, Corvallis OR 97339

Please get your dues paid early this year.

ARCHIVAL STORAGE SUPPLIES

The older members will probably remember when Danel kept Archival Storage supplies. We are trying to talk her into doing this service again. If you would like to have the supplies available at our meetings, please let her know.



NEW BOOKS

- 1173 Genealogical Abstracts from Tennessee Newspapers, 1791-1808, by Eddlemon.
- 1174 Welsh Family History; A Guide to Research, edited by John Rowlands, etc.
- 1175 York County (Pennsylvania) Church Records of the 18th Century. Compiled by Marlene Bates and Edward F. Wright Volume 1.
- 1176 Same, Volume 2.
- 1177 Same, Volume 3.
- 1178 An Irish RUDD Family, 1760-1988; Progeny of Gordon Arthur Rudd and Alice Wellwood. By Norman N. Rudd. Gift of author.
- GER German-English; Englis-German Dictionary. Paperback. Gift of Damaris Reynolds.
- VF A List of Christian Names; Their Derivatives, Nicknames, and Equivalentents in Several Foreign Languages. Gift of Pat Coolican.

On Order:

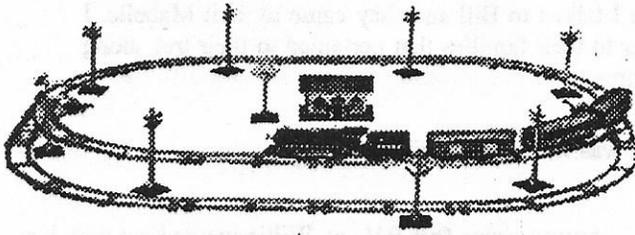
- 1179 Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy - NORTH CAROLINA - by William Wade Hinshaw.
- 1180 A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England, 1620-1675. by John Farmer.

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



LIBRARY CHECK OUT

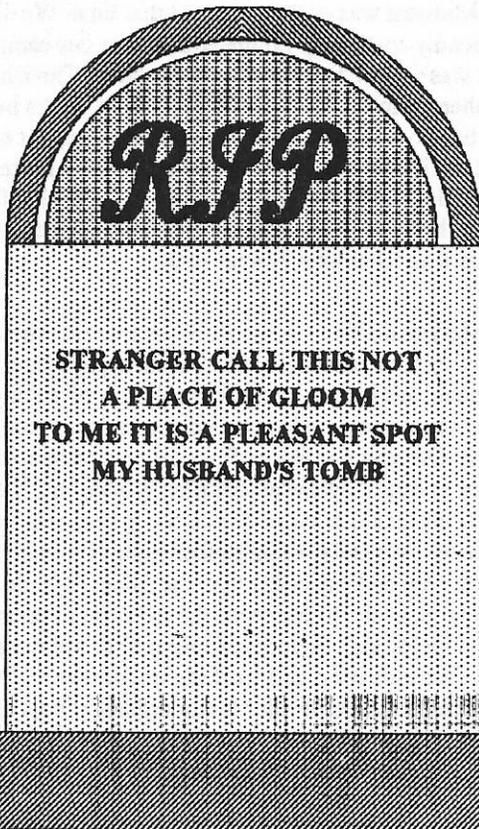
A question has been brought up about how many books can be checked out at one time.

You may check out five (5) books on one membership. That means that a family can check out only five books no matter how many people are listed on the membership.

With the changes in meeting and program location, the library will be closed before 12:00 noon when we start the business meeting in the church.

If enough of you answered that you wanted to change the sequence of our meeting, program and study times, then the library hours will probably not start till 12:00 noon.

Our Librarian will have to come up with new rules for the board to review if this takes place.



BEATITUDES OF A FAMILY GENEALOGIST

by Wilma Mauk

Blessed are the great grandfathers,
who saved embarkation and citizenship papers,
for they tell when they came.

Blessed are the great grandmothers,
who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters,
for these tell the story of their time.

Blessed are grandfathers,
who filed every legal document
for this provided the proof.

Blessed are grandmothers,
who preserved family Bibles and diaries,
for this is our heritage.

Blessed are fathers,
who elected officials that answer letters of inquiry
for to some - the only link to the past.

Blessed are mothers,
who relate family tradition and legend to the family,
for one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are relatives,
who fill in family sheets with extra dates,
for to them we owe the family history.

Blessed is any family,
whose member strives for the preservation of records,
for theirs is a labour of love

Blessed are the children,
who will never say,
"Grandma, you have told me that old story twice
today."

Found at the Haldimand Museum, Cayuga, Ont. From the St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly, Dec. 1969.

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OREGON TRAIL JOURNEY

Bill and Moira Valenzuela have been members of our society for several years. This summer they were here in Oregon for quite some time. During that time I talked to Bill and they came to visit Mabelle. I asked Bill if I could reprint part of their year end letter to their families that pertained to their trek along the Oregon Trail. He said of course, so here is their journey.

Thanks folks, this will be enjoyed by a lot of people. It was written by Moira.

...In August we followed The Oregon Trail, (note: the three words are always capitalized that way on brochures and maps). We hadn't even arrived at the start of The Trail, when we got a taste of modern pioneer life.

Driving along Interstate 70, in Indiana, we suddenly found ourselves at the end of a seven mile long traffic jam. A creek up ahead had overflowed and flooded the highway, two feet deep. We all left the highway at the next exit, on to U.S. 40, and a thirty mile, three and a half hour detour. We made it to that highway, just in time to be hit by a cloudburst of biblical proportions. Our back lights shorted out...just when we were the first vehicle in line to make a left turn.... with a policeman directing the traffic from the middle of the street. He must have had other things on his mind, because we got through our turn with no problems and no back lights.

We followed our progress by listening to a local radio station. It was probably the most traffic through these towns since the Interstate was built, because there was an awful lot of people sitting on their porches, watching, like we were part of a parade, which I suppose we were. A semi-truck was in front of us through these small towns, which is not a bad thing, normally...helps to keep traffic out of your way...but, the bad thing about a semi in front of you, is that you can't see far enough ahead. We discovered, at an intersection, that we were in a left turn lane, when we wanted to go straight through. Do you know how far a short person has to lean out the passenger side of a motor home, when trying to get the attention of the truck driver in the next lane, to let him know you want to get into his lane? Well, finally, with waving arms and open doors, I managed to get his attention and he courteously let us pull through. Of course it might not have been courtesy, he sure was laughing hard enough at my gyrations.

We rounded a curve, and had just started driving down the entrance ramp, on to Interstate 70, when we heard the man on the radio announce he had received a call from the State police to say the Interstate was now open!!! As soon as we saw a "camping" sign we pulled off at the next exit, got our blown fuse replaced, and called it a day.

The next day we found the start of The Trail in Independence, MO, and commemorated the event with appropriate camera shots. We decided that, as we were in Independence, we should go check out the courthouse where "Give 'em hell", Harry Truman had presided as a judge, and also, after his stint in the White House, kept an office. We not only found the courthouse, but also that there were no parking places for a

twenty-seven foot RV., so Willie jumped out with his camera, while I proceeded to drive around the block. I don't know if you have ever been in downtown Independence MO, but it is one way streets and four way stops. There were two old men sitting on a bench on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse, and, as I came around the block for the third time, I would have given anything to have had my camera ready. Their faces were a study. Luckily Willie was finished taking his pictures and hopped back into the RV, so I didn't have to strain those two old men's credulity any more.

Later that day we were driving through Kansas city, Kansas, during rush hour, when we were once again treated to a cloudburst, of the aforesaid proportions, and, once again, out went our lights. We made our exit at the first "camping" sign invitation, and pulled into a gas station to get our fuse replaced, but the problem was more serious, and the fuse didn't do the trick. We parked for the night. The next day, Willie started calling dealerships to get an appointment to have our wiring fixed. Would you believe the earliest any of them could give us, was TWO MONTHS hence??? Must be they were busy fixing wiring, and such, on cars that were damaged, in the floods, the Midwest was experiencing at that time. We discovered a friendly truck stop up the street from our campground that was willing to try to fix our problem. Three hours later (is there something about threes?) with trucks backed up waiting to be worked on, our problem was not exactly SOLVED, but we did have lights that would take us safely along the highways until we could find a dealer, for further work that was under warranty...That was not until we made it to Mountain Home, Idaho.

In Marysville Kansas on US 36, we found where the first Pony Express station, west of St. Joseph, MO had been located, and a most beautiful sculpture of a Pony Express rider on his pony is located on the highway just out of town. Did you know that Pony Express riders had to be 18 or younger, swear an oath, on a bible that they would not blaspheme, drink or make derogatory remarks about their fellow riders, among other things? The horses got better care and treatment than the riders. Wonder how that would go down today, with the freedom of speech, freedom, or lack thereof, of religion, to say nothing about age discrimination and working conditions? With the maximum age for a rider being eighteen, I guess that shoots holes in the story that Wild Bill Hickok carried the mail. Oh well, I guess that goes in to my "Facts and Myths of The Oregon Trail" file.

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