



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

### Program 11 October

The program for the November meeting is Roger Berger from Albany speaking on the "Amish People from Lancaster County, PA and their Roots."



### Reunion

On August 3rd this year, The Allphin/McClain families celebrated 150 years since they came down the Oregon Trail. They celebrated at The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in the Oregon City area. This is the Abernathy Green where William Allphin and William McClain came to stake out adjoining claims in the mid Willamette Valley.

If you have any questions on this family or their descendants, contact member Esther Forsyth, a member of the family. They are looking for the music to their reunion song written by Delores Cloer in July 1931. It has three verses and a chorus. Each has four lines. Probably one of the old folk songs.

### Christmas Auction and Raffle

We will have the annual auction and raffle at next months meeting. So far we have the three major prizes for the raffle. Danell will give three hours of research time on the internet. We also have a Hand Patched Throw, and John Martching has made a wooden clock. If you have an item you would like to bring contact Damaris Reynolds or Lee Rudisill.

There will be more on this at the meeting and in next month's newsletter

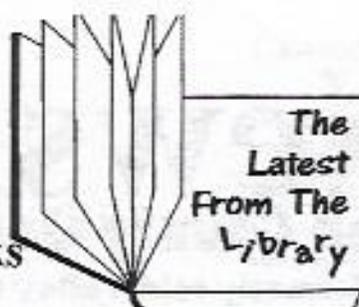


### Thought for Today

If you discover a gravestone which reads like "12th day of the First Month", that person was probably a Quaker. The Quaker religion does not allow the worship of any pagan gods. As 10 months of the calendar are named for pagan gods, Quakers cannot use the actual month by name. They must refer to the month by number.

From Branches and Twigs, Fall 1997

## New BCGS Library Books



Index to Tennessee Wills & Administrations, 1779-1861  
Obituaries; excerpts from The Corvallis Times, 1894 through 1898\*  
Birth Announcements; excerpts from the Corvallis Times, 1894 through 1898\*  
Old Rail Fence Corners; Frontier Tales Told by Minnesota Pioneers  
A History of Cornwall, Connecticut, by Edward Starr  
The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut, by Stiles, Vol 2  
Women's History in Minnesota; A Survey of Published Sources and Dissertations  
Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815, by Dollarhide  
St. Lawrence County (New York); Past & Present. Gift of Gene Kelsey  
Microfiche - AGLL. 1860 Oregon Census, Aancrum to Zunwalt  
Microfiche - AGLL. 1870 Oregon Census, Abbe to Zylen  
Guide to the Historical Records of Oklahoma, by Koplowitz  
Genealogical Research in Ohio, by Sperry  
Tennessee Genealogical Records, by Edythe Rucker Whitley  
7,000 Hudson-Mohawk Valley (NY) Vital Records, 1808-1850, by Bowman  
Marriage and Death Notices from Seneca County, New York, Newspapers, 1817-1885, by Mary S. & Edward F. Jackson  
Huguenot Genealogical Research, by Franklin (REF) Gift of Damaris Reynolds

\* Gifts of the Benton County Historical Society (excerpted by Betty Vogel)

## The American Family Immigration History Center

The Ellis Island Foundation is undertaking a new project of creating an electronic database containing information in the ships' manifests from 1892-1924, representing all 17 million immigrants. This project will take several years and they are now inviting donations to become a Charter Founder of the History Center. This will be a \$15 million project and they have \$6 million to date. Contributors will have their name entered in the Register of Charter Founders which will be placed in the Immigration History Center at the time of its dedication, then kept on permanent display.

Contributions, which are tax deductible, should be sent to the Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation Inc., PO Box 5200, New York NY 10164-2880.

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## Address

Gene Newcomb had a lot of trouble finding the name and address for the Sexton of The Mount Union Cemetery. Here it is for posterity. More info, contact Gene.

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Lebanon OR 97355  
541 258-8135  
e\_mail degammon@juno.com



## Bits and Pieces

### VETERANS RECORDS DISCOVERED!

The Veterans Administration has discovered some 10 million duplicates of 20th century military records thought to have been destroyed in their 1973 fire. If you have been told the records you need were burned in that fire, you may want to write again to:

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS, GSA 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, Mo 63132

### PENSION FILES FOUND!

Over a hundred boxes of pension records were recently found at the National Archives. They date back to the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Seminole War, and were never indexed or microfilmed. The files are arranged by account number and are being published in American Genealogy Magazine by Datatrace System, POB 1587 Stephenville, TX 76401

### PHOTOGRAPHS OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

It may be possible to find a photograph of your Civil War Ancestor! There are over 80,000 photographs of Civil War soldiers stored at the U. S. Army Military History Institute. It's at Carlisle Barracks, PA. You can write to Carlisle and ask them to check the files. Give the soldier's name, rank, unit and dates of birth and death. They will check their files and send up to 10 photocopies of a photograph, if found. You will be notified if a picture exists and told the fee for making copies. More photos are being added to the collection all the time. In fact, if you have a photograph of a Civil War soldier, this is the place to send it for posterity. Carlisle will take good care of your photo, copy it, then return the original along with a complimentary 8x10 reproduction for your trouble. Write to the U.S. Army Military History Institute Attention: Reference Activity, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008.

In addition to Carlisle, two other major sources for Civil War photographs can be checked.

The National Archives (Still Picture Branch of the Special Archives). Call for details at 202-501-5455

The Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division at 202-707-6395.

### NEW TOOL FOR SCOTTISH ANCESTRY

The Family History (FHC) has a new research tool for families of Scottish ancestry. The Old Parochial Registers Index for Scotland is now available. The Index contains 10.5 million names that are listed in the Church of Scotland parish registers covering the period from 1500's to 1854. The use of this index is very similar to the IGL. The FHC has a free

Resource Guide that will explain the use of this program and what can be gleaned from the contents. This collection is an excellent source of information for names, dates, and places of births and marriages. Visit your local Family History Center (LDS Church) to use this new powerful index.

From the quarterly journal of the Kentucky Genealogical Society

## New Members

Each month the new members will be listed here.  
If we have no new members during the month, that will be noted also.

Gary P. Beck Corvallis OR  
Wilma J. Deme Eddyville OR  
Wanda J. Leach Philomath OR  
16 members renewed.

### Membership Information

President	Gene Kelsey	753-8410
1st Vice Pres	Ken Bielman	758-3769
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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