

NewsLetter

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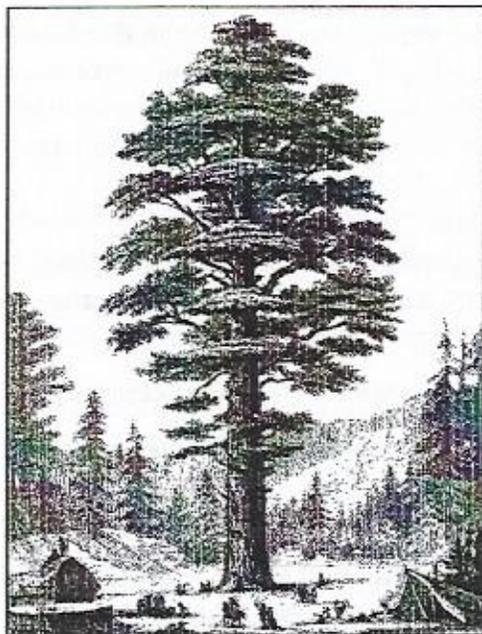
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FALL IS IN THE AIR

Program 16 October 96

For October, we will have the Videos Federal Land Records and National Archives Maps. We currently have one more of the series that will be shown at a later date.

For November we will have the discussion groups. The areas have not been set yet. One will be on computers.



Charter Member Dies

Clara Lyndall Jans died 22 Sept 1996 at Corvallis Manor Nursing Home. She was 99. We will have a complete obit next month.

New Computer

from CH2M Hill's Monday memorandum of 16 Sep 96

Top Ten Signs It's Time to Get a New Computer

10. Still using The FLOPPY floppy disk
9. Can't get replacement vacuum tubes
8. Th damnd kybord bgins to brak
7. You have to have the stained glass version of "windows"
6. Serial port not fast enough for your new external 300 baud modem
5. Your favorite punch-card outlet just went out of business
4. A guy offered you 25 cents for your old one at a yard sale
3. That burning smell when you reboot
2. You don't have enough memory to install Pong
1. Your friend's calculator can play more cool games than your computer!

New Census

The Family History Center now has the index to the 1881 England census on microfische.

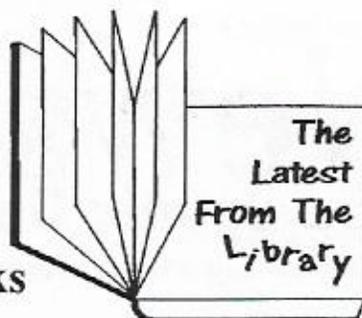
Pat Coolican

Thought for Today

You can lie about your age,
But you can't fool
A flight of stairs.

Shelf List Addition

We will have the shelf list additions available in the Library at a cost of \$0.50. These cover 1996 to date.



New BCGS Library Books

Births From the Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties, Virginia, 1720-1798

The Almanac of American History, by Schlesinger

Recollections of Homesteading in St. Andrews, WA by Jessie Davidson
Culley Gift of Kathleen Coan

A Century of Population Growth Gift of Jean B. Grube

The Great Migration Begins, by Anderson Vol III, P-W

Southern Massachusetts Cemetery Collection by Salisbury*

The Ruggles Family of England and America by Ruggles*

Charles City County, Virginia; Wills and Deeds 1725-1832, Vol 2, by Weisiger*

Early Missouri Ancestry From Newspapers 1808 - 1822 Vol I and 1823-1832
Vol 2, by Stanley and Wilson*

Early Missouri Marriages in the News, 1820-1853, by Stanley and Wilson*

Field Family of Deerfield, Massachusetts (VF)*

Batchelder --Batcheller, by Chandler(VF)*

Historic Context Statement, City of Corvallis During the Great Depression
and Second World War, 1930-1945, by Gallagher. Gift of Betty Swan.

*Gifts of Damaris Reynolds

Various Coming Events

Coming in 1997 on your PBS TV Station. They will be showing a ten part series on **Ancestors** starting in January 97. See Web Sites below:

Linn CO Gene Soc. workshop on intermediate Genealogy. Four Saturdays beginning on 12 Oct thru 2 Nov 1996. Contact them, see Dan Froehlich for info.

Page Three Article

The article on page three was given to me by our president. Although I don't know where it came from, so I can give it credit, it is worth the reading. Thanks to whoever printed it.

Ed

Web Sites

Several of our members, on the internet, have asked me for addresses of Web Pages that could be beneficial to their genealogical research. I have logged into several of these sites and will give you four of them today.

The Ancestors page, on PBS. Excellent hot links!! <http://kbyuwww.byu.edu/anctext.html>

The Ellen Payne Odom Library. This is from the **Family Tree** Newsletter from Moultrie Georgia. We have some copies in the library. Check in through **The Family Tree** at;
<http://www.teleport.com/~binder/famtree.shtml>

Beyond Germanna. Germanna refers to the location in Virginia where Lt. Gov. Spotswood settled families of Germans in a five-sided palisaded fort in 1714. We have their newsletter courtesy of BCHM / Don Kabler.
<http://www.wp.com/germanna>

Oregon State Archives. If from **Pioneer.net**, click on **Our Government** Hot Link. Follow the trail. From other servers, <http://www.or.gov/> to **Oregon online Government**, then cursor down to **Oregon State Archives.** You can go straight there at <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/>

Good Surfin' Ed

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE WORLD

by Dr. Brian and Shauna Moench of "In Your Face Greeting Cards"

(ED. NOTE: This is required reading. It puts the world picture in focus and answers many questions about how things happened.)

In the beginning the universe was a cold dark place with nothing in it, kind of like the Museum of Bowling. Then there was a big bang and everybody came running to see what happened, which was dumb because everyone knows when the universe is being created you don't look directly at it. When the smoke cleared we had planets, dinosaurs, and attorneys.

Civilization didn't really get underway until the Neanderthal period when some of the apes evolved into teenagers. Then malls were built and a consumer-based economy was born. At this point the only consumer item available was rocks so the only business were Rock of the Month Clubs. This allowed early teenagers to buy rocks at only 8 cents a piece but then obligated them to buy all the others that were sent in the mail every month for the next century. Eventually Rock of the Month Clubs evolved into rock groups which are as primitive today as they were 50,000 years ago and are still the basis of our economy.

In the typical Neanderthal village you had hunters, gatherers and sports fans who drank beer and watched the hunting and gathering. The hunters meanwhile developed pot bellies and formed the NRA and the gatherers invented subsidies so everyone would have to pay them for not gathering. One day someone turned around and said, "What happened to the dinosaurs and where did all these pigeons come from?" Of course now we know that dinosaurs evolved into birds and attorneys into lizards. Cartoonists did not evolve until the Cro-Magnon Period when people realized they needed to make fun of each other.

After that came Egyptians who were good at math and built stuff. Scientists today still don't know how many Lego sets it took to build the Pyramids. Rambo II however made a major boner by taking on Moses who was the greatest rebounder in Israelite history. The Egyptians ended up losing the Middle Eastern finals to the twelve tribes of Israel in double overtime in the Red Sea. Moses was voted the most valuable prophet and given keys to a brand new golden calf.

Then came the Greeks with Socrates Bailey, Buzz Plato and Homer Simpson. The Greeks invented tragedy, fraternities and the Olympics. The first Olympic participants were butt naked but that proved a problem in identifying teammates. Skins and shirts were invented about 200 years later and shortly thereafter Nike signed its first superstar athlete, Oedipus "Tragic" Johnson, to a seven year contract.

Next came the Trojans who invented horses and condoms, a thousand of which were launched to kidnap someone named Helen. Of course this is just mythology which is a bunch of wild stories made up by the leaders to explain their immoral behavior. Congress currently provides this function in our society. The Romans invented parties, later known as orgies, which when added to the Greek fraternity system launched higher education and our modern universities.

Hundreds of years passed by when nothing much happened except for the Dark Ages, the Renaissance, the Industrial Revolution and the discovery of smooth peanut butter.

Comedy began to flourish under the futile system in Europe when many of the surfs needed entertainment after a hard day at the beach. The original purpose of the Crusades was to introduce stand-up comedy to the Byzantine Empire, but somehow the vision got lost and they started slaughtering everybody. The first greeting cards were written by King Arthur during the Crusades. Even today some of his timeless messages are still found on Hallmark cards like, "Having a wonderful time annihilating the Turks, wish you were here."

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.

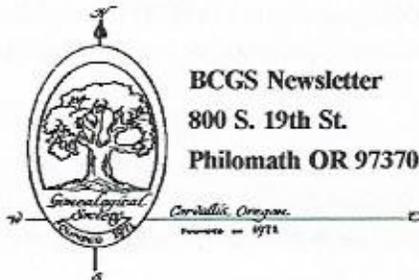
If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and let's see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

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	Lella 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 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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