



# NewsLetter

## Benton County Genealogical Society

formerly Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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## WELCOME BACK MEMBERS

### Program 14 September 96

The September Program will be "What I did, genealogically this summer".

For October, we have tentatively set one of the Videos on how to do genealogy. If it is as good as the last one we will have a good program.



### New Members this Year

New members since the June meeting are; Charlotte BLANK, Barbara & Thaine BULLOCK, Joanne FRIEZE, Don GRABE, Teri GREENE, Sharon HARR, Valarie KAUFFMAN, John & Sandra POTTER, David QUAY, Deborah SNELLING.

Welcome to our Society.

### Research Warning

Pat Coolican sent in an article on possible scams by researchers. The page will be in the Library, but the general feeling of the article is that sometimes you put your trust in a researcher and get nothing in return.

There are two examples of either fraud or at least very poor service. Read the articles. Let the buyer beware.

### Thanks Volunteers

Jean Grube wants to give a very large thank you to all of the members that showed up to do the Library inventory this year. Our Society lives by the volunteer work from our members.

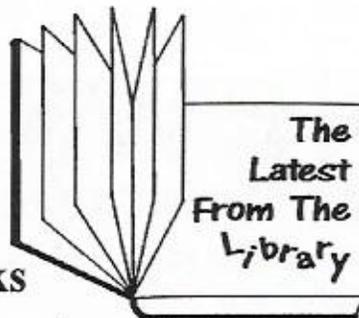
### Garage Sale

Even though the annual Timberhill garage sale was scheduled a week before our first meeting, we participated successfully, netting about \$190.00.

Thanks go to our members for their generous donations and to Jean and Joe Grube, Judy Beals, Shirley Hill, Joy Read, Joanne Phillips, Lee Rudisill, Becky Kiger, and Pat Coolican for help in pricing and selling.

### Thought for Today

Some of our ancestors got their names in the newspapers only three times: when they were too young to read, when they were too dazed to read, or when they were too dead to read.



## New BCGS Library Books

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- Early Oregon Atlas {G.Newcomb}
- Genealogical Forum of Oregon Membership Directory
- Locations in Oregon and Southern Washington for Genealogical research
- Chase County [KS] Historical Sketches, V.3 {K.Bielman}
- Willamette Landings; Ghost Towns of the River {Joy Read}
- The Overland Trail {Joy Read}
- Genealogies of Goeken Families {Gift}
- Family Group Sheets; Barber/Judd/Read {Gift}
- Tracing Your Roots, by Consumer Guide {Gift}
- Mount Auburn [MA Cemetery] Biographies {D. Reynolds}
- Vital Records of Holden, MA to 1840 {D. Reynolds}
- Some Flagg Families of America, by Reynolds {D. Reynolds}
- Genealogical & Local History Books in Print. 5th ed. Family History Volume
- Genealogical Research in England's Public Record Office
- Index to the Roll of Honor [Civil War Burials]
- The Center; a Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Capital Area
- Port Arrivals and Immigrants to the City of Boston 1715-1716 & 1762-1769
- The Kelly Family; Thomas Kelly (1742-1808) 3 Vols. {Dr. Philip King}
- Elias Kelly (1780-1856), Life, Ancestry & Family of Son Tolbert. {Dr. King}
- Tennessee Civil War Veterans' Questionnaires - 5 Vols.

## Will Terminology

The following glossary of probate terms is a handy tool to have on hand when you're researching wills:

- ABSTRACT. . . . . Summary of essential facts contained in a document or record.
- ADMINISTRATION. . . . Process by which an estate is settled.
- CODICIL. . . . . Addition to or subtraction from a will.
- DECEDENT. . . . . The deceased.
- EXECUTOR. . . . . Person named by the testator to carry out the provisions of a will.
- GOODS AND CHATTELS. . . . . Personal property, as distinguished from real property.
- HEIR-AT-LAW. . . . . Person designated by law to succeed to the estate of an intestate.
- HOLOGRAPHIC WILL. . . . Will written entirely in the handwriting of the testator.
- INTESTATE. . . . . One who dies without having a valid will.
- LEGATEE. . . . . One to whom personal property is given by will.
- NON-CUPATIVE WILL. . . . Oral will declared by the testator before witnesses and later reduced to writing.
- PROBATE. . . . . Act or process of proving a will ; the process by which the estate of a decedent is settled.
- TESTATOR. . . . . One who executes a will.

## Various Coming Events

Coming in 1996 on your PBS TV Station. They will be showing a ten part series on **Ancestors** starting in September. We're still checking on it. Meanwhile check out "The West" starting the 15th of September.

G C O 1996 Statewide Conference. Oct 4-6 at the Quality Inn in Salem. Early registration \$85, late \$95, and \$45 per day at the door. See forms in Library.

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.



Workshops and Seminars

The Mid-Valley Genealogical Society sponsored several workshop, and the first was a big one! This workshop, held May 17 and 18, 1974, was advertised:

"Arlene Eakle and Nancy Poolman at LBCC

"An advanced workshop in three parts:

"Friday evening: Solving American Pedigrees - Migrational Patterns.

"Saturday morning: How to Find Birth, Marriage and Death Dates Prior to 1900.

"Saturday afternoon: Solving American Pedigrees - Land, Probate, Court and Tax Records.

"From the Genealogical Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah"

With little money in the treasury, the members arranged with Linn-Benton Community College for space for the workshop and personally provided transportation from Portland and in-home housing for the presenters. We can assume the housing included breakfast, and maybe other meals, too.

Subsequent events were far easier to arrange, as they were one-session meetings. On May 10, 1974, Ron Bremer was the speaker. In April 1981 the Society held a Research Session. On May 9, 1988 Leland Metzler from Heritage Quest spoke. On November 4, 1989, Ron Bremer spoke; on March 15, 1990, Leland Metzler of Heritage Quest returned. And on May 16, 1994, Ron Bremer again came, with the Benton Historical Society as cosponsor.

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We close this series with a quotation from a speech by Mrs. Esther Ervine, possibly made at the September, 1971, organizational meeting, and preserved on page 5 of the first Historical book.

"WHY GENEALOGY?"

Some take up genealogy purely as a hobby with all the incident benefits of a hobby. Some take up the subject as a means to preserve precious records for their patriotic organizations. Still others find genealogy an interesting sideline to the study of history and many more look upon it as an integral part of the doctrine of their church. But the urge which drives some more than others is that of a solver of puzzles. The genealogist becomes a master detective with an almost impossible problem to solve. An immense jigsaw puzzle lies in front of him, each piece of which must be painstakingly located before fitted into place.

But even deeper and more vital comes the realization, after a study of his family tree, that not only are the chromosomes of these ancestors passed on from generation to generation but their every word and deed, their very emotions have had some effect on their descendants. The genealogist can show the importance of the individual man in his present life and his responsibility to the future. The genealogist can prove his own immortality. No less a man than Daniel Webster has said, "Those who do not consider themselves as a link connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world."

The genealogist must be both tolerant and democratic. Tolerant of those on his tree who have "slipped" for he can see how circumstances molded their fates. Democratic, because he becomes aware that in the last analysis all peoples came from the same source. The genealogist may point with pride to some one illustrious name on his family tree, but he feels a great deal prouder of the hundred unassuming, hard-working, God-fearing people who never got their name on the printed page. The genealogist desires to breath life into the history of his own family.

Virginia E. Hoeyc, Historian - 29 May 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.

## 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.

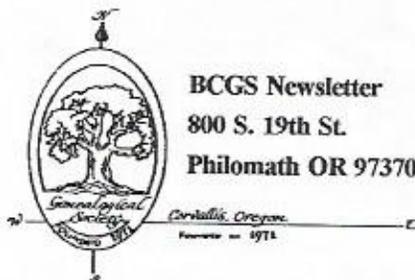
Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Mary Hamlin is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

## 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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## 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.

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