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## From the President's Desk



My first year of service as President of Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society has come to an end and I am looking forward to another year in this position with the same slate of officers and committee chairpersons. My thanks to all of you who made this year successful.

We have kept you up to date as the year unfolded but of recent note is the decision to apply for federal 501(c)3 non-profit status and to update the looks of the publications we have for sale. The first will increase our fund raising ability and allow us to apply for grants as needed. The second has allowed us to include copyright and other relevant information, to correct some compiling errors, and in one case to add many pages of actual obituaries. This job is more than half complete and the retired display copies are available to the members at the cost of the new copies (about half price) at the January meeting. If you did not receive this information please contact me and I will send it to you.

Thanks to Helen Dixon, we have had a year of very interesting programs. Those who attended in December will agree that even when we don't have a speaker we can have a good time and come away with a wealth of information. A few highlights of the Christmas sharing this past week included a burned brick that Bob Long retrieved from his great-grandfather's farm in Missouri; several pieces of finished linen from Mary Watts' family heirloom collection; and a letter from Renee Briggs' father, written to his sister, describing his trip as a GI to Hitler's mountain retreat in Germany at the end of World War II. Everyone who attended had an interesting story to tell and left with new research ideas. This not only gave us a window into each other's family

lore, but with a little thought will allow us to follow some different paths in our own research. Every story was a point of discussion and some reminded us how time sensitive some of our research can be, from Rose Denslinger's trip to Oklahoma to visit an aunt just month's before she died, to Lorna Elliott's family DNA quest. Bob described his family's migration patterns, not only to the west but back to Missouri, and then back to Oregon, as well as his penchant for picking up "treasures" on his trips to family sites. Mary's sharing allowed us to actually feel and touch vintage linen cloth and to examine expert hand stitching, as well as give us a new view of what could be included in a bride's dowry. Her great-grandfather was a flax weaver, and her grandmother's dowry included "linen cloth for life." Renee's treasure trove of letters from her father to his family was the impetus for a research book on his war service, which she shared with us.

Sometimes we tend to get stuck in a "tunnel vision" view of what participation in an organization means. We cannot operate without those hard working members who spend hundreds of hours each year making things happen for the rest of the group, but participation doesn't stop there. It is also those members who come to the meetings, share their research, tell their stories, quietly help other people, bring in new members, and most importantly, keep coming back. My thanks to all of you. Here are some 2009 opportunities to volunteer:

March 14 – Spring Workshop  
May 16 – The Dalles Pioneer Cemetery Clean-Up  
September 19 – Historic The Dalles Days  
October – Genealogy Display – The Dalles Library

**Sandy Bisset**  
President, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society

## Happy New Year

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**SOCIETY SURNAME LIST**

The surname list is compiled by Surname, Date, Place of Birth and Death of ancestors done on a pedigree chart and turned into Rose Denslinger, 541-296-4140. If you need blank pedigree charts to fill out, contact Rose. [denslinger@gorge.net](mailto:denslinger@gorge.net)



When submitting your pedigree chart, there should be a year(s) and an area (county and state) associated with the surname. If these are unknown when you submit a pedigree chart, we count back 20 years from the birth of the first descendent. That date will be used with a question mark. The same area as the birth of the first child will be used for the area.

The compiled Surname Lists are on the shelves of the Genealogy cases in The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library. New charts will be filed in the Additions Section.

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**Welcome New Member**  
Opal Myhres

**New Library Book Donations**

Our Society recently purchased the Index to "Umatilla County Miscellaneous Records" published 2007. We have donated this book to The Dalles/Wasco County Library in The Dalles.

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Anne Ward has donated two books to the Library. "The Kendrick Kindred" vol 1. by Guy Dyson and Ancient Days to Louisiana & Oklahoma by Guy Dyson.

**Musical Scores Sought by  
Hood River Museum**

The History Museum of Hood River County is looking for the original orchestra and vocal scores (sets and individual parts) for the opera "Bridge of the Gods". This was first performed in Hood River in 1951, and resurrecting the production for a statewide tour during the statehood sesquicentennial is being considered. If your museum or historical society has scores for this opera, contact Connie Nice at The History Museum at 541-386-6772.

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**Photos & Stories Wanted**

Do you have an old family photo and/or a story that you would like to share? We would love to see your photos and hear about your family history. Scan your photo and include a caption about the photo or write a short history about the photo subjects. Your photo / story can be about people, places, or objects, such as an old family keepsake. Check out Rose Denslinger's contribution this month on page 5 and Georga Foster's contribution on page 9. Send photos & stories to [lrbiggs@gorge.net](mailto:lrbiggs@gorge.net)

## RESOURCE CENTERS

### **The Dalles-Wasco County Library**

c/o Lorna Elliott  
722 Court Street  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Phone: 541-296-2815

#### Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday & Monday: Closed



### **The Family History Centers**

#### **The Dalles FHC**

1504 East 15th Street  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
West Entrance, basement  
Phone: 541-298-5815 Director: Chris Knowland  
Hours:  
Tuesday, Wed., Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### **Goldendale FHC**

North Columbus Avenue & McKinley  
c/o Ed Hoyle  
P.O. Box 109  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
Phone: 509-773-3824  
Hours:  
Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday Only: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### **Hood River FHC**

18th and May, Hood River, OR  
c/o Noretta Hornbeck  
Phone: 541-386-3539  
Hours:  
Tuesday, Wed., Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### **Stevenson FHC**

Maple Way and Loop Rd., Stevenson, WA  
c/o Emerline Andrews  
Phone: 509-427-5927  
Hours:  
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **William G. Dick Library**

The Discovery Center & Wasco County  
Historical Museum

5000 Discovery Road  
The Dalles, OR 97058

Phone: 541-296-8600, x. 219

Hours: M-W-F: 11 to 3, and by appointment

E-mail: [library@gorgediscovery.org](mailto:library@gorgediscovery.org)

### **Dufur Historical Society**

P.O. Box 462  
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### **Maupin Library**

P.O. Box 328  
Maupin, OR 97037  
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[SWCLibrary@centurytel.net](mailto:SWCLibrary@centurytel.net)

### **Wamic Community Historical Society**

P.O. Box 806  
Wamic, OR 97063

#### ***Returned Check Policy***

In the unfortunate event that a check that was written to the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society for any reason, is returned unpaid by a bank then the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will use all means necessary to collect payment of the check. A \$20.00 returned check fee will be charged for each item returned from a bank regardless of the reason it was returned. This fee will be charged each time that an item is returned.

Checks returned for non-sufficient funds or uncollected funds will be represented to the bank after we receive it. Checks returned because of stopped payment, account closed, or refer to maker can NOT be re-deposited. The amount of the check plus any applicable returned check fees will become immediately due and payable by the account holder.

Any returned check item that is not paid promptly will be referred to a collection agency for further action. Returned check items must be paid in cash or cashier's check. The Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will not accept a personal check to pay returned check items (this includes returned check fees).

Those who have any questions regarding returned checks or have had a check returned to the Society are encouraged to contact us as soon as possible. (Telephone: 509-767-2316)



## Raymond 'Ray' Dixon

Raymond Arnold "Ray" Dixon passed away at his home on Dec. 17, 2008, at the age of 85.

Ray was born March 4, 1923, in Vale, Ore., to Sylvester Fuller and Lula Candace (Smith) Dixon, the second of two boys. He didn't spend much time in Eastern Oregon because his family moved out West and lived in The Dalles. Ray attended school in The Dalles and graduated from The Dalles High School in 1941.

Not long after graduation Ray enlisted in the Navy and served our country proudly in the Pacific theater and was also stationed stateside at Farragut Naval Base in Northern Idaho and also Alaska. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

On Feb. 15, 1948, Ray married Helen Lorraine Martin and to this union were blessed three children: Gloria, Marcia and Steven.

Ray went to work for PP & L (Pacific Power & Light) in 1946 and worked 40 years for the company before retiring in 1986. He served in many capacities and his career took him and his family throughout the Pacific Northwest living in The Dalles, Bend, Grandview and Portland, and 15 years in Wyoming.

Ray enjoyed movies, dancing and reading westerns — as a matter of fact, he has read all of Louis L'Amour's books at least twice. He didn't like gardening or yard work; the only grass he wanted to deal with was that on a golf course — Ray was an avid golfer.

He was a member of the Odell Lions Club and the Elks Lodge of Rawlins, Wyo. Of all of his hobbies and interests over the years his greatest passion and love was his family.

Although there is never a good time to lose a loved one the holiday season definitely complicates Ray's passing. He always loved Christmas as it was a time that family gathered together; and may you gather strength in the below poem:

Ray is survived and will be dearly missed by his wife of 60 years, Helen, at their home in Odell, Ore.; three children, Gloria (and Jim) Dilley, of LaPine, Ore., Marcia Dixon, of El Mirage, Ariz., and Steven (and Sharie) Dixon, of Bozeman, Mont.; grandchildren Eric Charles Schick, Adam Charles Schick and Jacob Conklin; step-grandchildren Shannon Dilley, Amy Conrad, Jack Levich, Nicole Levich-Kelsey and Douglas Dixon; four great-grandchildren; numerous other distant family and many friends.

In addition to his parents Ray was preceded in death by his brother, Leon.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation in his name and sent in care of Anderson's.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals, Receptions, Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; (541) 386-1000. Please visit [www.andersontributecenter.com](http://www.andersontributecenter.com) to sign the family guest book.

## Phyllis Irene Mohagen

Phyllis, age 88, died on December 26, 2008 at Columbia Basin Nursing Home in The Dalles, OR where she had been a resident for more than a year after breaking her hip in a fall.

She was born October 1, 1920 in Fresno, CA to Joseph and Clella (Mauk) Connell.

While she was a young girl, her parents divorced and Phyllis was sent to live with her Grandmother in Iowa. She graduated from Knoxville (Iowa) High School in 1939. Before graduating Phyllis wrote an essay on the Diphtheria epidemic and won the essay contest. She was invited to a Des Moines, IA radio station to be interviewed and to read her essay on the radio. The announcer/interviewer was Ronald Reagan before he went on to Hollywood and later to Washington DC.

Phyllis went on to secretarial school, attending Capitol City Commercial College in Des Moines.

During World War II she moved to Los Angeles, CA to stay with an Aunt and Uncle, and went to work for Douglas Aircraft as a Secretary.

While attending a Church dance in 1947 she met Einar Mohagen. They began to date and then married on July 31, 1948. The couple resided in Whittier, CA. Two children were born to this union; son Keller and daughter Randi.

By the early 1950's the family packed up and moved to Hood River, OR where Einar would be working as a Dental Technician. A few years later they moved to The Dalles where Einar would have his own practice.

Phyllis went to work as an Office Manager for the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Her office was upstairs in The Dalles Post office.

After retiring, Phyllis and Einar enjoyed traveling. Their travels took them to the British Isles, Russia, Finland, Norway, Portugal, France, and Germany and throughout Europe. They also traveled to the Panama Canal, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, and a cruise and train trip through Alaska.

Phyllis enjoyed people and had many friends. An interest in Genealogy had her joining the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society where she always had a good time.

In July of 2008 Phyllis and Einar celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Josephine. She is survived by her husband Einar, son Keller of Hood River, daughter Randi & husband Jim Abblitt and three grandchildren; Bryon, Reid, and Audrey, all of Tigard, OR, and a sister; Dolores Giles of Reno, NV.

At her request there will not be a service. Her cremated remains will be interred at the IOOF Mausoleum in The Dalles.



# George T. Bull Family

By Rose Denslinger

Born in Knox County Kentucky on August 30, 1845, George T. Bull was the son of John T. Bull and Matilda Head. From Kentucky, the family moved to Linn County, Missouri where they set about farming until the Civil War. George, a boy of 15 and his Father John enlisted. George joined Company F of the 25<sup>th</sup>. Missouri Volunteer Infantry at St. Catherine's, Missouri. He soon was transferred to Captain B.R. Tanner Company D 1st Regiment



of Engineers Missouri Volunteers on April 2, 1863. He served throughout the Civil War and was discharged July 22, 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky. His military record described him as 5' 11 1/2 " tall with brown hair and brown eyes and a fair completion. He had a small blue birthmark on his left arm below the elbow. He was 18 years old when discharged. His Father John also returned safely from the war to live the remainder of his life in Missouri.

George made his way to Sullivan County, Missouri where he met and married Mary Elizabeth Harris on August 24, 1865. Mary was the daughter of Samuel Cornelius Harris and Ester Baker. Mary's grandfather, Rev. R.M. Baker preformed the marriage ceremony.

In the 1870's George and Mary with their children, William, Franklin and Susan Melinda moved west. They came by boat around the horn to San Francisco where they then made the rest of the journey to Washington Territory by train. George took his bounty claim several miles from what is now Brush Prairie, Washington. He started farming, and raising what they needed for food and some to sell. He logged the land and put in a prune orchard. He put to use the engineering skills he had learned while

serving in the Civil War and built the first logging railroad in the area (at Sara, WA) to take his logs to the river to be placed on barges and shipped to a saw mill. He soon decided to set up his own saw mill and send the lumber by rail to the river to be shipped to the settlements up & down the river. It is not clear when and why he changed the family name to Turnbull. On the Washington Territory census of 1870 the family was listed as Bull, and on the 1872 Veterans census he was listed as George T. Bull, but by the 1880 census he and Mary and 10 children were all listed as Turnbull.

He later built a saw mill and had a logging operation in Mist, Oregon. Eventually they had 13 children. There was a need for a school so George built the first school on the edge of their land, so the children did not have too far to walk to school.

George was a member of the Mt. Hood Masonic Lodge of Vancouver and the family belonged to and attended the Brush Prairie Christian Church.

Mary died November 18, 1920 at age 78, and is buried at Wilson Bridge Cemetery in Brush Prairie, Washington. George then moved in with his youngest daughter, Rosa Maude and her husband Ulysses S. Grant Farley and family. He was then working as a watchman at a large mill.

On the March 24, 1924 he applied for a pension from the military. A monthly check of \$72.00 was finally approved in September 1928.

George died at the veterans Hospital in Portland, Oregon on July 24, 1930. He was buried next to Mary and 3 of their children at Wilson Bridge Cemetery in Brush Prairie, Washington. The children had a headstone but George & Mary did not. In 2005 we applied for and received a head stone with both their names and dates from the Veterans Dept. George & Mary were the parents of Susan Melinda who is the Grandmother of my husband, John H. Denslinger, Jr.

*Mist, Oregon --- George is 4<sup>th</sup> man from right*



# The Sesquicentennial Oregon Encyclopedia

Oregon 150 official project partners Portland State University (PSU) and the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) have joined forces to create the on-line Oregon Encyclopedia of History and Culture, a free resource for anyone with access to the worldwide web at [www.oregonencyclopedia.org](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org) with updated entries, photographs, and opportunities for community involvement. *The Oregon Encyclopedia* reveals a new face of Oregon that will "open the minds" of anyone interested in finding out about Oregon history and culture. When the encyclopedia is complete in 2009, it will include:

- \* Nearly 3,000 entries with over 200 essays on Oregon subjects
- \* Coverage of significant people, events, places, institutions, and more in Oregon, from 10,000 years ago to the present
- \* Essays and entries on ethnic groups and communities throughout Oregon's history
- \* Entries on art, architecture, literature, performing arts, music, and popular culture
- \* Hundreds of images, documents, and maps
- \* Essays that add new perspective to issues and events
- \* Special sections for teachers and students

The project brings together three senior editors, an experienced editorial staff, and twenty-five specialists from across the state. All entries and essays will be written by knowledgeable authors, reviewed by experts, and authorized by editors and fact-checkers to ensure accuracy. The web site will grow each week until the end of Oregon's sesquicentennial in 2009, providing new entries and resources and describing ways for all Oregonians to contribute.

*The Oregon Encyclopedia* is currently traveling throughout the state collecting topics through community meetings, with special attention given to smaller communities. Encyclopedia editors and staff want to involve as many communities as possible and invite all Oregonians to share their local knowledge and ideas with the project. Working with libraries, historical societies, and museums, these community meetings will provide lists of topics and information that will make *The Oregon Encyclopedia* a truly comprehensive and unique resource.

Topics collected so far range from times long ago, such as the mastodon found in Tualatin's Fred Meyer parking lot, to recent events, such as Astoria's severe winter storm of December 2007 that literally cut off all access to their community and almost completely demolished their urban forest. Other topics raised focus specifically on diversity and culture, such as the relationships between the Native American, Hispanic, and ranching communities in Madras. Visit the events page of

[www.oregonencyclopedia.org](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org) to view the full community meeting calendar listing.

The Statehood Sesquicentennial edition is only the beginning of *The Oregon Encyclopedia*. Oregon's history and culture are dynamic, and the encyclopedia is designed to expand and grow after the Sesquicentennial, as new material is developed and new web-based features are created. Through its web site and in communities and classrooms across the state, *The Oregon Encyclopedia* will be the authoritative and creative resource on all things Oregon, a substantive and lasting recognition of the state's sesquicentennial.

PSU and OHS are the institutional partners for *The Oregon Encyclopedia*. The project is also supported by a collaborative of the state's five cultural partners: the Oregon Arts Council, Oregon Council for the Humanities, Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Historical Society, and the State Historic Preservation Office with funding from the Oregon Cultural Trust. The Oregon Council of Teachers of English, the Oregon University System, the Oregon Heritage Commission, Willamette University, as well as private donors have provided additional support.

## Oregon 1859: A Snapshot in Time

by Janice Marschner

Oregon became the 33rd state in the Union on February 14, 1859. Portland had wooden sidewalks and tamped dirt streets unlit by gaslight until a year later. To the south, gold glittered in streams; towns with names like Echo, Lookingglass, and Quartzville were springing up all over. It is a time to remember-- and revisit--today, 150 years later, with this



detailed and lively guide. Janice Marschner provides all you need to travel through each of Oregon's 19 original counties at the moment of statehood: a map showing each county's 1859 place names and current reference points; the history of native peoples and settlers; early roads and bridges; the first homes, schools, stores, hotels, and churches; biographical sketches of notable individuals throughout the state. Historical photographs show the determined faces of natives and settlers; their oxen and wagons on wide, rough roads; their rafts and ferries on the rivers; and their towns under development. An inspiring, close-up portrait at the moment of statehood, *Oregon 1859* will light the way back for anyone who wants to see Oregon today as it was then.

## "Rendezvous 2009!"

A Northwest History and Heritage Extravaganza, including the 2009 Oregon Heritage Conference, the Pacific Northwest History Conference and the annual meetings of the Northwest Archivists and the Northwest Oral History Association, will take place **April 15-18** in Portland. This will take place at the Holiday Inn at the Portland Airport.

The goal of "Rendezvous 2009!" is to reflect the sharing of ideas, multiplicity of perspectives, and convergence of cultures in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

Attendees will include community leaders, historical societies, museums, historic cemeteries, ethnic organizations, schools, historic preservation commissions, humanities groups, the tourism industry, economic development, history buffs, archaeologists, and professional historians.

The Pacific Northwest History Conference, which is organized annually by the Washington State Historical Society, will be part of the Extravaganza in light of Oregon's statehood sesquicentennial. The Oregon Historical Society will also assist with planning.

Conference information will be updated periodically at <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/OHC/Conference.shtml>

If you are interested in helping with the conference's local arrangements, or have a presentation to make, contact Kyle Jansson at 503-986-0673 or [heritage.info@state.or.us](mailto:heritage.info@state.or.us).

### Oregon150 partners with local groups

Wasco County Historical Society has received designation from Oregon150 as an event partner in next year's statewide sesquicentennial celebration.

The Oregon150 committee, headed by Oregon's first lady, Mary Oberst, is overseeing the year-long celebration of Oregon's 150th anniversary of entry into the union on Feb. 14, 1859.

Local area historic groups and schools will participate during Historic The Dalles Days in September. The Oregon Territorial Express stagecoach run will be following parts of the historic Dalles Military Road. The planned stops for the stagecoach will include schools, to allow students to interact with the stagecoach, mules and drivers, and learn about history in the old west. The event will be a fund-raiser for schools and participating non-profits.

The event will be a fund-raising opportunity for participating schools and non-profits, and to teach an appreciation of our natural, cultural, and social history.

Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of tasks. For information, call Susan Buce at 541-296-3202 or email [buce@charter.net](mailto:buce@charter.net) or visit [www.historicthedallesdays.org](http://www.historicthedallesdays.org) or [www.Oregon150.org](http://www.Oregon150.org)



## Sherman County Cemeteries

A 1965 survey of Sherman County cemeteries was published in Yesterday's Roll Call by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, along with cemetery surveys for Baker and Umatilla counties - <http://www.gfo.org>. A copy is available at the Sherman County Historical Museum - in the research library. Ask a Museum Host.

The Oregon Historic Cemeteries Program of the Oregon Heritage Commission is organizing a statewide burial index.

Some Sherman County residents are updating cemetery records. For more information about local data or how to help, contact Sherry Kaseberg, [sherryk@gorge.net](mailto:sherryk@gorge.net).

Sherman County Cemeteries:

1. Daugherty Family Cemetery: on private property, no access.
2. DeMoss Springs Cemetery: on private property, no access.
3. Emigrant Springs Cemetery
4. Grass Valley Cemetery: City of Grass Valley
5. Kent IOOF Cemetery
6. Michigan Cemetery
7. Moro Cemetery & Old Baptist Cemetery: City of Moro
8. Rose / Rose Hill Cemetery
9. Rufus Pioneer Cemetery
10. Sunrise Cemetery: Wasco Cemetery Association
11. The Observer/Wilcox Cemetery N of Kent; on private property, no access
12. Wasco Methodist Cemetery

## ON THE WEB

### City Directories

City directories are a very useful tool in genealogical research. The Oregon State Library has a large collection of Oregon city and county directories and a new search is available. By going to the webpage for the OSL, <http://oregon.gov/OSL/> and clicking on Online Catalog, you can enter city directories as a keyword. Some of the earliest are Portland, 1887-1889 (almost all of Portland's are there), Albany 1878, and The Dalles 1908-09. Most large cities in Oregon are represented and you can search the catalog from home.

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### Donation Land Claims Index Online

Donation Land Claims were granted to settlers of the Oregon Territory who arrived prior to 1853. The files contain considerable genealogical data. Originals of these are located in the National Archives in Washington DC. The GFO has copies on microfilm and we can copy the entire claim file for you. Use our index of claim holders found on our web page, [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org) to determine the office and claim number.

The cost is \$10 for the first ten pages and 50¢ for each additional page. You may request paper copies or a CD. If you'd like paper copies and a CD, please add \$1. To determine the cost for your file, please email [gforesearch@yahoo.com](mailto:gforesearch@yahoo.com) or phone the GFO at 503-963-1932 (leave a message for Loretta). We need the index information and your phone or email. Order a copy of a Donation Land Claim by sending your return address, index information, and the total cost (see above) to:

Donation Land Claim Lookup  
Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.  
PO Box 42567  
Portland, OR 97242-0567

### Copyright Guide

Are you constantly wondering whether a document or photograph is protected by a copyright? While consulting an attorney is one way of figuring things out, an online guide has been developed that gives simplified information on copyright. It can be found at <http://librarycopyright.net/digitalslider/>

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### Historic Sites Database Now Online

The State Historic Preservation Office has made its master database of historic buildings and sites in Oregon available online. There are almost 45,000 records in the database, including National Register properties, survey and inventory records, and so forth. Here's the link: <http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/>

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### New Internet Resource

The State of Arizona has put all their viewable birth and death certificates online at—

<http://genealogy.az.gov/index.htm> This site includes all birth certificates issued at least 75 years ago and deaths 50 years ago or more. It is really a wonderful site by the State of Arizona and a lot faster than the mail. The search engine will search for the parents' names as well as the person the certificate is issued to and is very easy to use.

[Texas Death Certificates 1890-1976 from FamilySearch Record Search](http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=0) (free) includes scanned images of the death certificates; FamilySearch Record Search is a pilot program so there may be errors, missing data or occasional downtime

<http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=0>

### New York Newspapers

This is a strange but informative website that allows searching of over 7,486,000 historical newspapers in the State of New York. The site is easy to use and if you click on FAQ\_HELP\_INDEX and follow the instructions there is a list of newspaper titles and dates. As always, if you are searching for newspapers in another state, use this as an idea of what is out there and go searching. There are lots of resources available online. Just google "historical newspapers and list the area or state of interest. See what pops up.

[www.fultonhistory.com](http://www.fultonhistory.com)

### Oregon Pioneer Resources at Oregon State Library

Volunteers at the Oregon State Library, Evelin Gatlin and Sandy Graham, have completed a project that provides a bibliography of resources on Oregon emigrant resources available at the Oregon State Library. It can be viewed at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/OregonTrailBibliography.pdf>

Also see Stephenie Flora's site:

[www.oregonpioneers.com/ortrail.htm](http://www.oregonpioneers.com/ortrail.htm)

### Google Street View

Street View provides 360° horizontal and 290° vertical panoramic street-level views and allows users to view parts of some regions of the world at ground level. When it was launched on May 25, 2007, only five American cities were included. It has since expanded to thousands of locations in the United States, France, Italy, Spain, Australia, New Zealand and Japan, and includes a variety of urban and rural areas. Google has stated that its ultimate goal is to provide street views of the entire world.

<http://maps.google.com/help/maps/streetview/>



## Then and Now



*Girod House in the Ruston area of Tacoma, WA - 1908*

Georgia's Great Grandparents, Charles and Emma Girod purchased this house on April 8, 1901.

The deed was found in Emmas French Bible. The cost of this house was a "\$50.00 gold coin"

The Girods moved from the house around 1923 when they moved to Portland, Oregon.

This is the home where Georgia's father was raised.

Georgia's father was George Girod Morris. His parents were Lillian Girod and Socreates George Portias. They were married for a very short time and George was later adopted by Lillian's second husband William D. Morris. George who was born April 29, 1909 was a dentist in The Dalles and passed away on June 13, 2001.

*Contributed by  
Georgia Foster*



*Using Google Street View -Girod House 2008*

# Tips and Tricks: Keyboard Shortcuts I Can't Live Without

By Mary Harrell-Sesniak.

Oh to be better organized and efficient. It wouldn't be a new year without someone trying to work smarter.

And what better way to save time than by learning a few keyboard shortcuts. That doesn't mean you have to forgo your mouse, but keyboarding can save time and avoid the repetitive stress of having your hands leave the keyboard.

In the Windows world, shortcuts are implemented by using function keys, or by pressing CTRL, ALT, or the Windows Key in conjunction with another key. In the Mac domain, they generally work with the Control, Command (Open Apple), and Option keys.

So let's test your knowledge. What is the purpose of these three commands? CTRL+P, CTRL+F, and CTRL+S or Command+P, Command+F, and Command+S. If you answered, print, find, and save, you are only partially correct. Operating systems provide a set of universal shortcuts, but programmers have the ability to overwrite them. And that happens frequently in genealogy. CTRL+S, for example, can be used to cite a source in Family Tree Maker, or to open an individual's file or switch to the next screen in Personal Ancestral File (PAF).

Since each software program has its own shortcuts, open the Help Menu and search for a list. If you can't locate one under "shortcuts," search for keystrokes." Another method is to prowl through menus and note the more common ones listed next to their features.

But some universal shortcuts, such as CTRL+A, CTRL+C, and CTRL+V are rarely over-written. And the same goes for a Mac, which uses the Command Key in place of the CTRL Key.

I use these three commands almost every day: CTRL+A is the universal command to select all (everything on a page). CTRL+C copies everything selected into memory.

CTRL+V pastes the copied selection to where your cursor is located. But why was CTRL+V selected when CTRL+P would make more sense? CTRL+P is generally used as a print shortcut. CTRL+V was chosen since it was adjacent to the C Key, which is used for copying.

One of the more common uses of CTRL+C and CTRL+V is to copy and paste repetitive data, such as

when you wish to cite the same source for multiple members of a family.

Rather than retyping a citation, enter it into the first household member's record and then select and copy it. Then open the source field for another person and use CTRL+V to paste the source. There is no need to recopy the selection. You can continue to use CTRL+V to paste the data until you make another selection.



I also avoid using the mouse to select text. Rather than move my hand from the keyboard to the mouse, I use SHIFT+ a cursor key. Usually I choose SHIFT+Right Arrow to select to the right, but occasionally I select from right to left, or use the up or down arrow keys to select paragraphs.

You can also try SHIFT+Home or SHIFT+End to select from where your cursor is to the beginning or to the end of a line.

I'd like to leave you with one final shortcut. If you have ever worked on your family history at the local coffee shop or on an airplane, prying eyes are an issue. Rather than use your mouse to close your programs, discreetly minimize everything by using the Windows Key+M or Open Apple+M.

There are many, many keyboard shortcuts, and Ray's Windows® Keyboard Shortcuts offers a respectable list for Windows users.

[www.rootsweb.com/~ilcchs/RaysHomepage/keyboard.htm?sssdmh=dm13.159129](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcchs/RaysHomepage/keyboard.htm?sssdmh=dm13.159129)

We'd love to see our Mac users create their own RootsWeb freepage of shortcuts. But until they do, here are some from the Apple website:

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?sssdmh=dm13.159129&artnum=75459>

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## Windows program key combinations

- \* CTRL+C: Copy
- \* CTRL+X: Cut
- \* CTRL+V: Paste
- \* CTRL+Z: Undo
- \* CTRL+B: Bold
- \* CTRL+U: Underline
- \* CTRL+I: Italic

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**February 14, 2009** - To be announced

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Church Records for Genealogists

Evidence analysis; how to break down brick walls

Illustrating Family History When You Have No Photos

Nothing but the Facts - But Where Did You Get Them? Cite Your Sources