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One of a very few marked gravesites along the Oregon Trail. John D. Henderson died of thirst August 9, 1852, just east of current day Vale, OR within a half-mile mile of the Malheur River.



**From the Office of
the President**

I've always wanted to say that. It implies a great deal of power and control but as we all know the reality is a lot of responsibility and hard work, most often accomplished by a cadre (that's you) of willing and able members. Please accept my grateful thanks for your contributions – past and continued. A special thanks to some of our Board and Committee members who have recently made the difficult decision to step down from their positions. Linda Colton has resigned from her position as Education Chairman but tells me she will still be available at the Hood River Family History Center and will help out with programs as needed. She showed this with some very

good input at the recent Tech-Fest in August. Teddy Parkinson has stepped down from her position as Membership Chairman and tells me she hopes to remain involved as needed – and we do need her. Finally, Billie Stevens has made the decision to step down as Publicity Chairman at the end of the year. She also has assured me she will come to meetings as she is able and help out where needed. Each one of these volunteers expressed concerns about what would happen with their position as they left it. That's a real plus for the health of our organization. Again, a warm thank you to each of you from all of us.

To fill in the rest of the picture, Darrell Hill volunteered to fill Teddy's unfinished term as Board

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Getting Acquainted

Georga Foster

Georga was born in John Day Oregon, the heart of Grant County. Oregon born, Oregon raised! I Spent my early childhood in Grant County and Lincoln County Oregon and moved to The Dalles in 1964.

I Attended Chenoweth schools and graduated from Wahtonka High School, as did my husband of 40 years and two sons.

I work full time for BiMart Corp. and will celebrate my 20th year there this year.

I became "totally emerged" in genealogy about 10 years ago when my mother's cousin showed me his research book.

When I first got a computer in 1995 (it was for the kid you know) there wasn't much out there and genealogy didn't appeal to me at all. I thought to myself , "Who would want to do that?" Little did I know that it would become a passionate undertaking.

My mother's grandmother and grandfather were one of the founding citizens of Gilliam County Oregon. They arrived in Oregon in 1882; it was Wasco County then. Mom was born on a wheat ranch, along with her two sisters on Beecher Flat near Mayville. They have Irish-French roots. My father was Greek and Swiss French, coming from a family that emigrated from Switzerland in 1888 and settled in Tacoma, Washington. His natural father was Greek and immigrated in 1902.

I am now enjoying 3 beautiful grandchildren and in my spare time I do.....you guessed it.....genealogy!

Georga's Newest Research Site

I recently joined the Swiss Anabaptist Genealogical Assn. The organization is worldwide with emphasis on Mennonite / Amish heritage. The link to the website is <http://www.omii.org/> and they have huge databases for research purposes for their members. Dues are \$11.75 a year. Some data bases are derived from Swiss archives that have been translated from French and German. Some contain 500, 000 names. Anyone with Swiss-French heritage may want to consider becoming a member. They have a yearly meeting which is held in a different state each year. The site runs like rootsweb where members can upload their data to the site. Everyone can collaborate too. - Georga

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Member and Membership Chairman. He was officially appointed at the September Board meeting. Also at the September Board meeting, the Board voted to combine the Education and Program Chairman positions under present Program Chairman and Board member Georga Foster. If you have an interest in filling the last year of Billie's term please contact me.

Another thank you goes to Program Chairman, Georga Foster and our Technical Chairman, Mark Adams for putting on our first Tech Fest in August. The turnout for the session was great - but in spite of Dufur Threshing Bee and a variety of other summer activities they hosted eleven (11) members armed with computers and questions for a day of increasing computer awareness and skill. Everyone I talked to learned new things and had fun.

Here is an update on the William Dick Library Shelf List Project. The

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#8. Grandfather

The Oregon Trail

By Shirley M. Larsen
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Preparing for the adventure of a lifetime, many families loaded up all of their worldly possessions and headed out west along the Oregon Trail. Each spring, thousands of travelers, once they had reached Independence, Missouri, camped for days or sometimes weeks preparing for their journey out across the plains. Many small towns sprang up to accommodate them, ready with supplies and blacksmiths to get their wagons ready.

A family of four would need over one thousand pounds of food to sustain them on the 2000 mile journey. Food that included flour, sugar, bacon and coffee.

If they left too soon, the animals would never make it. They had to wait for the grass to grow so that the animals would have something to graze on along the way.

But when it was time to go, everyone was anxious to get started and they all seemed to want to leave at the same time. You can imagine a major traffic jam in the middle of the 1800's with wagons and horses.

Many had overloaded their wagons and soon realized that they would have to start throwing things out. The trail was literally littered with debris and scavengers from nearby settlements would sometimes haul away wagon loads full of flour, bacon, family treasures and even cast iron stoves.

Our adventure starts here. Eli and Catherine (Boldman) Rose

prepared an ox team outfit about 1860 and headed their little train across the plains and traveled toward the setting sun for nearly nine months. (Catherine was the daughter of Peter and Cynthia (Wikoff) Boldman.)

They started out with their three small children, Mary Jane, Lewis and John Douglas. While they journeyed through Indiana, Lewis got very sick and died and was buried in a little mound in a small country graveyard. This was a terrible loss to the family, but they continued on.

Eli and Catherine's daughter, Mary Jane, was very proud of the fact that she had walked all the way from Ohio to Oregon, a distance of 2000 miles, a fact that she had related to her grandchildren in later years. They had always remembered that she had a heavy tapestry hanging on the wall depicting the wagon train heading out across the plain. It was dated 1857, the year that Mary Jane was born.

In 1868, at the insistence of his sister, Catherine, John Boldman and his wife Mary Jane (Shively) headed out from Ohio and first settled in Kansas. Along the way their daughter Louisa got married to a man named James Russell. She had vivid recollections of their journey out across the plains. They were in Nebraska for awhile and in 1880, the families packed up again and made the three month covered wagon trip to Southeastern Washington and finally settled in Dayton. Louisa's brother Stephen's most memorable experience was meeting the Jesse James gang along the way.

John and Mary Jane's other son John Peter Boldman married a girl named Anna. They removed to Arizona and raised a family there. He later came back to Dayton and after Anna died, he remarried while his children remained in Arizona.

Catherine's brother, Lewis and his wife, Harriet (Hazelbaker) Boldman, had gone as far as Indiana with their children in tow. Harriet's three brothers, too, had gone along for the trip. Two of Lewis's boys, William and Samuel had moved on to Dayton along with their families and they remained in the Columbia and Walla Walla county areas of Washington.

Lewis and Harriet went their separate ways sometime around 1907 while in Indiana. He went back to live with his brother in Portsmouth and she went to Dayton to live with son, Sam. The families grew and branched out to different parts of the country, some even going back to the places where they were born.

From *Kindred Spirits ~ The Boldman Quest*
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Interesting Oregon Histories

By Darrel Hill

If you are interested in the history of Oregon you might try the following documents found on the internet.

1. **The History of Wasco County, Oregon** by William H. McNeal. This book was originally published in 1953 and has been re-edited and re-printed by his descendant.

This book is somewhat hard to read in places but contains a host of historical information about Wasco County, City of The Dalles and the people living there.

The book is sold at www.QuintenPublications.com or type in the name of the book at your search engine and it should get you to other places it can be found.

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2. **An Illustrated History of Central Oregon** and was published by the Western Historical Publishing Company, Spokane, WA, 1905.

This book contains histories of Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook, Lake and Klamath counties. Hood River County was still part of Wasco County at the time.

The Wasco County book is divided into three parts, Historical Information, Biographical Information, and Portraits. You can print any portions of the book that you wish just remember that Wasco and Hood river Counties were all one at the time.

This book is filled with a lot of history and the Biographical names and photo's can be accessed by clicking on the item or person you want to see.

This book is very well done and easy to select the chapters, bio's and pictures you want.

This book is found by typing the name of the book in your search engine or at www.homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~westklic/anihoco.html.

3. A couple of other books about Oregon History can be found at "Google Books". There is a two volume set titled **The Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, titled History of Oregon**, Volume 1 with dates from 1834 – 1848, and Volume 2 with dates from 1848 – 1888.

These books are contained as PDF document files and both are in excess of 400 pages each. You can download the files to your computer and read them or print them into books.

They are filled with Oregon history as it occurred and are quite complete.

These books can be accessed at www.google.com and then search in the Google Books pages. You can also enter Google Books in your search engine and access them.

And just as a side note, Google has a site called "Google Books" and has a host of books of all types that they have digitized. Most of the books can be viewed at that site.

Deschutes Book Goes Electronic

The Des Chutes Historical Museum is now selling electronic copies of "A History of the Deschutes Country". Originally published in 1985 by the Deschutes County Historical Society, which operates the museum, the book has been out of print for several years.

When initially published 25 years ago, many photographs were borrowed from families to be included in the book, then returned to the families, making it difficult if not impossible to reassemble the pieces for a reprint. A member of the historical society suggested scanning the book instead, which was completed by a University of Oregon student intern. The book now comes on a CD as an Adobe PDF file, which will open on any computer with Adobe Acrobat, a program most computers have and is available to download for free.

"What is even better is that the PDF is searchable, which is extremely handy when looking for certain information. Using the find feature, you simply type the word or words you are seeking and the computer will look for those words inside the pages," said historical society executive director Kelly Cannon-Miller. For more information, visit the museum or its website at www.deschuteshistory.org or

call 541-389-1813. From Oregon Heritage News June 9, 2010 – Submitted by Sandy Bisset

From Pope County Historical Society/ Pope County Museum - Glenwood, Minnesota

" This holiday season, as you send out your annual Christmas letter please send a copy to the museum. Or better yet, drop it off in person! We'll place it in your family file as a record of what you and your family did in 2009. Imagine, years from now, how pleased your future family historian will be to find such a treasure in your file!

Your family Christmas letter provides a great addition to our history files and an inside view of your family. As researchers look back in the files they appreciate those families who took an active part in documenting their own history."

Submitted by Mary Davis

Wanted: Program Speakers for 2011 Meetings

Georga Foster is looking for people willing to commit to giving a program at one of our winter or spring meetings. Did you have a neat time at a family reunion this summer? Or finally break that brick wall that's been stymieing you? Or discover a new location or source type you hadn't come across in your previous research efforts? If so, take some time to put your notes together and then contact Georga and commit to a date.

<http://obituarieshelp.org/>

A website designed to offer resources for obituaries, funerals and genealogy search. Articles on how to word obituaries and express sympathy.

#7. & #10. Me

to a man whose breath is polluted and vitals are being gnawed out by alcohol.

From The Dalles, OR Weekly Mountaineer – Dec. 25, 1868
Submitted by Lorna Elliott

A Wife's Commandments

Thou shalt have no other wife but me nor shalt thou in thy sleep dream of other women.

Thou shalt not take unto thy house any beautiful, sly, brazen image of a servant girl to make love to when my back is turned, for I am a jealous wife.

Honor thy wife's father and mother – wear a smile when they meet thee.

Thou shalt not be behind thy neighbor but outshine him in dressing thy wife and babies.

Thou shalt let thy wife have the last word in every row.

Thou shalt not get drunk, or go to bed with thy boots on.

Thou shalt not say nice words to other ladies in my presence, nor praise them in our privacy – Remember, I am a jealous wife.

Thou shalt not stay out after nine o'clock at night, nor snore at my side, nor kick in thy sleep.

Remember, oh thou Benedict, these commandments and keep them holy, for they are the law and gospel.

From The Dalles, OR Weekly Mountaineer July 27, 1872
Submitted by Lorna Elliott
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books have been inventoried from the card catalog by library staff and currently a protocol is being put together for processing things like duplicate copies, pamphlets, and missing books. A database is being roughed out and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. Hopefully within the month it will be ready for our involvement. The Discovery Center uses a program called File

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Here is our library display that VP Fred Henschell and wife Cindy put together. It includes some personal family artifacts that he thought would add to the interest. It will have to be modified to fit other display opportunities but the key components are done and can be arranged to fit any available space. Great Job, Fred! Thanks for the effort. (See Fred's thoughts about the effort on page 9.)

### Rules to be followed by Matrimonial Candidates

The following rules will teach young women how to avoid the catching of a bad husband:

1. Never marry for wealth. A woman's life consisteth not in those things that she possesseth.
2. Never marry a fob, or one who struts about, dandy-like, in kid gloves, cane and rings on his fingers. Beware!; there is a trap.
3. Never marry a niggard, or close-fisted, mean, sordid man, who saves every penny, or spends it grudgingly. Take care lest he stints you to death.
4. Never marry a stranger, or one whose character is not known or tested. Some women jump right into the fire with their eyes wide open.

#2. Grandmother

5. Never marry a dope or a drone, or one who drawls and draggle through life, one foot after the other, and lets things take their chances.

6. Never marry a man who treats his mother or sister unkindly or indifferently. Such treatment is a sure indication of meanness and wickedness.

7. Never on any account, marry a gamb'er [*sic*] a profane person, one who in the least speaks lightly of God or religion. Such a man can never make a good husband.

8. Never marry a sloven, a man who is negligent of his person or dress, and is filthy in his habits. The external appearance is an index to the heart.

9. Shun the rake as a snake, a viper, a very demon.

10. Finally, never marry a man who is addicted to the use of ardent spirits. Depend upon it, you are bertter off alone, than you would be were you tied

[The following is excerpted from an article published in *Pacific Northwest* in May 2001.]

## Bluebirds and Bloodlines

Written by Richard Seven

Photos by Harley Soltes

If you've ever heard of Bickleton at



all it's because of bluebirds. Late each winter, around Valentine's Day, the tiny bright males show up and stake claims to white-and-blue birdhouses hammered into trees or topping fence posts that line the surrounding two-lane roads. Females usually arrive in March, and by late April, they're matched up and making families. Through late spring and summer the Bickleton countryside is awash with flits of blue.

The North American Bluebird Society honored Bickleton in 1983 and the town has used the nickname "bluebird capital of the world" ever since. It's not the type of town that capitalizes, though. The tavern, which opened in 1882 and survived two fires that razed every other pioneer building in town, is known as the Bluebird Inn and serves up a humongous "Bluebird Burger." But that's about the extent of bluebird commerce in Bickleton.

THERE ARE TWO memorials in Bickleton.

One is set on the corner of a vacant lot along main street, the very spot

where Charles N. Bickle settled more than a century ago. It was erected by one of his relatives and tells the essential story: He was one of 20 children and father to 16. He managed a trading post and livery stable and also served as the area's first postmaster, carrying mail for two years between Goldendale and Bickleton. The town was named after him in 1879, but he's buried in Prosser. The other memorial is a 4-foot-high, blue-and-white bluebird-house-shaped marker in front of the post office, saluting Jess and Elva Brinkerhoff for "bringing the bluebirds back to Bickleton."

Highland wheatfields are ideal for bluebirds, and Bickleton sits at 3,000 feet, about as high as the summit of Snoqualmie Pass. But the area lacks the dead trees and rotting fence posts that bluebirds favor for their nests. Many of the trees have long since been logged to make room for crops. Without help, bluebirds get out-muscled by tougher, more aggressive birds such as starlings and English sparrows.

When the Brinkerhoffs of Richland were camping in the Bickleton countryside in the mid-'60s they somehow were able to notice what they did not see. There were hardly any bluebirds where there should have been many.

Jess hammered a one-gallon tin can to a tree that very moment, and over the next two decades he and Elva built and installed more than 2,000 wood bluebird houses over a 150-square-mile swath surrounding Bickleton. It was the ornithological equivalent of "build it and they will come." And they did in a flurry. Mostly, Mountain Bluebirds come, but red-breasted Western Bluebirds inhabit the area, too.

"We got a monument to a guy who's been gone forever and a monument to birds," says one Bickleton old-timer. "How about one to people who keep this place going?"

IF THERE IS such a monument to Bickleton's staying power and rural eccentricity, it's the Whoop-n-Holler Museum a few miles south of town. There, on Lawrence and Ada Ruth Whitmore's family farm, sits a cache of community history and odd memorabilia.

A collection of ancient farm equipment is spread across the rolling bunchgrass fields, and inside a large shed you'll find a couple dozen of Lawrence's classics: Model T's, Studebakers, a horse-drawn hearse on sled runners. He acquired them in trade, by buying real cheap or by rescuing them from the wrecking yard before restoring and polishing them to museum quality.

One of his grandfathers settled the land they live on and another, Frank Churchill, was known around Bickleton as "the snake charmer" because he had a way with rattlers. There's a grainy old photograph in the Whitmore house showing him holding onto and wrapped up by 13 rattlesnakes. He never got bit and was known to bust up poker games by taking off his hat and letting the snakes inside slither out. Churchill was also a moonshiner, which may explain his courage. Another building on the Whitmore property is called the "treasure house" and contains a smorgasbord of curiosities. Leg irons worn by prisoners from a Walla Walla chain gang. Rattlesnake skins and petrified tarantulas. A 1959 electric lunch pail (with instructions). Art made from plant and tree roots. Pack saddles. The first bathtub Lawrence and Ada ever owned. A pump organ on which Ada Ruth, without prompting, will sit down at and play "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

The most curious item of all is contained in a glass display case, next to an old ring with a pill

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compartment. It's the false teeth that once rested inside the mouth of Lawrence's great-grandmother.

Not far from the treasure house is an 1896 one-room schoolhouse. It has a chain of tiny desks with dusty textbooks, a pot-bellied stove and confiscated sling shots hanging behind the teacher's station. To enhance the visitors' experience, Ada Ruth had Lawrence rip off wood sheathing someone had nailed over the walls to keep out drafts.

"My wife likes to use French words like, 'we,'" said Lawrence, who is 73, tall, burly and gravel-voiced. He motioned toward the walls inside the schoolhouse. "Guess who did all the 'we' on this."

Not that Ada Ruth is a slacker. The closest thing Bickleton has to a historical society is the shelving in her house. In various rooms she has stored dozens of binders and boxes filled with clippings, photographs, letters, government records. They tell stories of fires, schools, poor farms, sheep herding, eccentric hermits, ranches, the post office, the Bickleton gas station (it has none now) and the pioneer picnic.

She has the scoop on the daring robbery of the Bickleton Bank in 1917, in which the banker got locked in the safe, and the town's last murder - in 1879. Actually, the murder was in Cleveland, a tinier town to the west.

Ada Ruth co-authored a picture book of the area's history, which looks at the various settlements around the hub of Bickleton, like Glade, Bluelight and her hometown of Dot. She's also in proud

possession of a book that lists the first 50 years of Klickitat County marriage licenses.



Ada Ruth Whitmore and her husband, Lawrence, maintain the Whoop-N-Holler Museum, known for its eclectic collection - including the false teeth once worn by Lawrence's great-grandmother, who died in 1917.

Her most exhaustive work, though, concerns the dead. For 31 years, she has dug through records, sent letters and made phone calls in an effort to determine just who is in each grave within the area's nine pioneer cemeteries. Once she's found the identity, she works to get at least a concrete marker in place. Sometimes she pesters the families, sometimes the community chips in, sometimes she and Lawrence just buy them. Over the past two decades, more than 200 markers have been laid thanks to her.

"I just think people shouldn't be forgotten," she said.

Lawrence is renovating the large storage bay of an ice-cream truck parked on their property, turning it into an office where Ada Ruth can keep her mounds of historic papers. All those records will be more secure in there, they reason, if or when fire sweeps across the bunchgrass.

THE TOWN TAVERN holds special significance, and not just because it serves beer.

It's the oldest building and, in fact, claims to be the oldest tavern in the state. People are proud of the pool table that takes up a third of its floor space because it's old - a 1903 Brunswick. They're proud of the oil-plank wood floor because it's original. Only a small, rectangular patch has been replaced.

Bickleton folks say that's because a former owner, 400-pound Lyle "Skinny" Mains, wore it out by sitting in the same spot for so long playing poker.



Kent Kammenzind stays warm by the Bluebird Tavern's woodstove while trying to ruin Sue Collins' shot on a 1903 Brunswick table.

The tavern has stayed in business since 1882, but has gone through 17 sets of owners and several atmospheres. It used to double as a barber shop. It used to be a social club in which hats weren't allowed. There were times, not all that long ago, when women couldn't enter and couldn't call and disturb card games, either, because there was no phone. Now it's a no-smoking joint (except for an enclosed side cardroom), and a place where kids can buy candy. It serves good food and closes at 8 on weeknights.

Bickleton lost a lot of its history between 1937 and 1947. The 1937 fire wiped out one side of downtown. A second fire razed the other. There used to be a butcher shop, bank, funeral parlor, meat market, hotel, gas station, movie theater and blacksmith shop, but they're gone now.

Now, downtown Bickleton has the tavern, an automotive garage, the fire hall and the two-story International Order of Oddfellows building on one side of main street, the cafe, a tiny post office and

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Grange Hall on the other. The Presbyterian Church sits about 50 yards off main-street and the K-12 school is a half-mile up the road heading east.

Main-street Bickleton is a lonely place between when the cafe serves breakfast and the Bluebird pours beers. By late morning, the road through Bickleton is populated by dirty pickups and napping dogs. Most of the activity is in the auto shop, where John Jensen repairs station wagons, fire trucks, tractors and school buses.



The little Klickitat County town of Bickleton is known for its bluebirds but revels in old things, like the tavern that has been operating since 1882.

Next door is the H.O. Wilson hardware store. H.O. "Dick" Wilson's family has owned the business since 1937. He's turned it over to his son, Cory, to run, but he still works there on occasion, such as when Cory makes fuel deliveries.

Cash is rarely involved in transactions at the hardware store; almost every family and business in

town has a booklet bearing its name. When someone buys something, the charge is written in the appropriate book. At the end of the month, bills go out.



Each regular customer of the town hardware store gets his or her own account book - Bickleton's version of the credit card - where purchases and returns are tallied.

Wilson was chatting with old friend Tom Juris around the store's woodstove when a farmer walked in and silently handed him a package of sandpaper. A return. No explanation or negotiation. Wilson opened the customer's book and crossed off the charge.

"Now see how easy that is?" he said. "If I used a computer it would be spitting out paper for the next 10 minutes."

A few minutes later, Wilson's 94-year-old father-in-law walked in, looking to replace the head of his electric razor. Wilson not only had the part, but installed it.

Bluebirds are the most famous regular visitors to Bickleton, but they aren't the most meaningful ones. Many natives return the second weekend in June for the annual pioneer picnic and rodeo, which has happened every year since 1910.

The celebration revolves around the big rodeo, but it features the town's 1905 Herschell-Spillman carousel, with wooden horses that rock instead of bob. The town bought the attraction from a Portland-area amusement park in 1928.

#9. Cousin

Before electricity came to the community in the late '40s, they used a tractor engine to power it.

Those horses are valuable to Bickleton, not because collectors and thieves are interested, but because everyone who grew up there has, sometime in the past seven decades, ridden them. You see, while the bluebirds arrive with style and paint the pale countryside, they move on when the cold winds stream in from the foothills. Those horses stay. And when they're up and running, they move the Bickleton way, round and round, slow and steady.



Delma Wilson checks on the carousel horses locked in a vault in a secret location in the Bickleton area.

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Submitted by Renee Briggs

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Maker which is compatible with Access or Excel. We will use our own laptops and work at our own convenience. Please contact me if you would like to participate in this winter project. ~ Sandy



## The 2010 Library Display

By Fred Henschell

Earlier this year I volunteered to create The Dalles Library display for the month of September. I must admit that I had never seen a prior display. So I went and looked at the display case and started planning. My goals were to provide a display that would be visually interesting, stimulate interest in the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society and be somewhat educational. I wanted to incorporate pictures and objects with some written text; add some color and a little “bling” to attract attention.

I enlisted wife Cynthia to provide professional help with the graphics. The banner like picture across the top incorporated some of our ancestors: My grand dad, a great uncle or two, Cindy’s great aunt, A Chinese immigrant who is the father of one of my wife’s best friends. Plus we incorporated a lot of pictures of people to illustrate the multi-ethnic, multi-racial aspect of genealogical study and research. Some of the objects are special to me and speak for my “northern European, mutt origin” – English, Irish, Scot, German, Swede. Anyway, creating the display was fun. Hopefully we can find a volunteer for next year that will come up with a new and different idea.

### The Elusive Ancestor

I went searching for an ancestor, I cannot find him still. He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will. He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.

He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census. He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame. And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name. His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list Of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed. And no one else in this world is searching for this man. So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can. I’m told he’s buried in a plot; with a tombstone he was blessed, But the weather took the engraving, and some vandals took the rest. He died before the county clerks decided to keep records. No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts. To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans, Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

By Merrell Kenworthy

From the May 2010 newsletter of the Prairie Pioneer Genealogical Society, Grand Island, NE and July 2010 Newsletter of the Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Genealogical Society, Lincoln, NE

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historical boundaries displayed against a background of the modern county network). Supplementing the polygons and maps for each state are chronologies, commentary on historical problems, long and short metadata documents, and a bibliography. The Newberry Library is the copyright holder; all files of the Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries are free for use under an Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 2.5 Creative Commons License. Queries should be addressed to [scholl@newberry.org](mailto:scholl@newberry.org). The Website for the Atlas is [publications.newberry.org/ahcbp](http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp).

Submitted by Sandy Bisset

## Upcoming Events

**October 9, 2010**  
**1:00 The Discovery Center**  
*Visit William Dick and The Dalles/Wasco Co. Libraries*

**October 23, 2010**  
**9-4:30 Nordic Museum**  
**3014 Northwest 67<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Seattle, WA**  
**Seattle Gen. Soc. Fall Seminar**  
 “On the Move” –Roads, Rails, Ships and Trails

**October 23, 2010**  
**1-5 Mid-Columbia Library 1620**  
**South Union St. Kennewick, WA**  
 Accessing Resources

**Saturday, November 6, 2010**  
**9-4 CCGS Library Annex**  
**715 Grand Blvd**  
**Vancouver, WA 98661**  
 Finding Your Ancestors along The Oregon Trail

**November 6, 2010**  
**All Day-Bellevue Stake, 14536**  
**Main St., Bellevue, WA**  
**Family History Expo 10**  
 Free – for info call 425-454-2690

**November 13, 2010**  
**1:00 The Discovery Center**  
**Tech Workshop II**  
 Bring your laptop.

**November 20, 2010**  
**9:00 to 4:00 Milwaukee Stake**  
**Family History Fair; 8331 Cason**  
**Road, Gladstone, OR 97027**  
<http://milwaukiestakefhc.blogspot.com>  
 Free classes and lunch

**December 11, 2010**  
**1:00 The Discovery Center**  
 Annual Sharing of holiday traditions and goodies. Decoration Exchange <\$5 or handmade

**Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources**

**Family History Centers**

**The Dalles FHC**

1504 East 15<sup>th</sup> St  
West Entrance, basement  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Phone: 541-298- 5815  
Director: Chris Knowland  
Open: Tue., Wed., Thur.  
10:30 a.m to 8:30 p.m.

**Goldendale FHC**

N. Columbus Ave. & McKinley  
P.O. Box 109  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
Phone: 509-773-3824  
Director Ed Hoyle  
Open: Tue., Wed. 10:00 – 4:00  
Thur. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Hood River FHC**

18<sup>th</sup> & May St.  
Hood River, OR 97031  
Phone: 541-386-3539  
Director: Noretta Hornbeck  
Open: Tue., Wed., Thur.  
10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Stevenson FHC**

Maple Way & Loop Rd.  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
Phone 509-427-5927  
Director: Emerline Andrews  
Open: Wed. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m  
Thur. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Libraries**

***The Dalles – Wasco County***

722 Court Street  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Phone: 541-296-2815  
Hours: Tue. & Wed. 11:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Thur. & Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

***William G. Dick***

The Discovery Ctr. & Wasco Co. Museum  
5000 Discovery Road  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Phone: 541-296-8600 ext. 219  
Hours: M-W-F 11-3 or by appointment  
E-Mail: [library@gorgediscovery.org](mailto:library@gorgediscovery.org)

***Maupin***

P.O. Box 462  
Maupin, OR 97037  
Phone: 541-395-2208  
E-Mail: [SWCLibrary@centurytel.net](mailto:SWCLibrary@centurytel.net)

***Hood River County***

601 State Street  
Hood River, OR 97031  
Phone: 541-386-2535  
Hours: Tue.-Wed. 10:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Thur.-Fri. 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sat. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

***Fort Vancouver Regional***

**Goldendale**

131 W. Burgen St.  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
Phone: 509-773-4487  
Hours: Tue.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**White Salmon Valley**

5 Town & Country Square  
White Salmon, WA 98672  
Phone: 509-493-1132  
Hours: Tue. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. – Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Stevenson**

120 NW Vancouver Ave.  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
Phone: 509-427-5471  
Hours: Tue.-Wed. 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Thur.-Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Other**

**Dufur Historical Society**

P.O. Box 462  
Dufur, OR 97021  
[dufurhist@ortelco.net](mailto:dufurhist@ortelco.net)

**Wamic Hist. Society**

P.O. Box 806  
Wamic, OR 9706

**Wasco Co. Hist. Society**

300 W. 13<sup>th</sup>  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
541-296-1867

**Klickitat Co. Hist. Society**

127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
509-773-4303

**Sherman Co. Hist. Museum**

200 Dewey St.  
Moro, OR 97039  
541-565-3232

**Hood River Co. Mus.**

300 E. Port Marina. Dr.  
Hood River. OR 97031  
541-386-6722

**Gorge Heritage Mus.**

202 E. Humboldt  
Bingen, WA 98605  
509-493-3228

**Col. Gorge Interpretive Mus.**

990 SW Rock Cr. Dr.  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
509-427-8211

**Fort Dalles Museum**

W 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Garison  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
541-296-4547

**Hutson Museum**

4967 Baseline Dr.  
Parkdale, OR 97041  
541-352-6808

**Cascade Locks Hist. Mus.**


1 NW Portage Rd  
Cascade Locks, OR 97014  
541-374-8535

## SOCIETY SURNAME BOOK

As an aid to researchers visiting our local libraries, our society maintains a book of surnames being researched by our members. The format used is a 5-generation pedigree chart for each member in a 3-ring binder. A browse through the book will quickly determine if there is a member of our society who is researching the same surname(s) as the visiting researcher. The Surname Book is in the Genealogy section of The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library.

A few years ago Rose Denslinger took on the job of updating the book last updated in 1996 by Barbee Hodgkins. As she relates it, "I brought the book Barbee had compiled home and studied it and the method she had used. Then I was planning on going to a meeting in Clark County and knew Leland Meitzler would be there. I took Barbee's book and an idea I had. We found some time to look it over. He added some ideas he had seen used that helped people who were doing research. When I had a question I often would e-mail him and he would send an answer back. I have about 50 members in this volume and hope to pick up about a dozen more from the new members."

When pedigree charts are obtained from those newer members copies of the book will be made to place in all the other libraries we serve in the area.



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### Castle Garden, America's 1<sup>st</sup> Immigration Center

<http://www.castlegarden.org/>

CastleGarden.org is an educational project of The Battery Conservancy. This free site offers access to an extraordinary database of information on 11 million immigrants from 1820 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Over 100 million Americans can trace their ancestors to this early immigration period.

Castle Garden, today known as Castle Clinton National Monument, is the major landmark within The Battery, the 25 acre waterfront park at the tip of Manhattan. From 1855 to 1890, the Castle was America's first official immigration center, a pioneering collaboration of New York State and New York City.

Submitted by Sandy Bisset

#6. Stepmother

### ATLAS OF HISTORICAL COUNTY BOUNDARIES AVAILABLE ONLINE

(From Oregon Heritage News  
07-14-2010)

The Newberry Library is pleased to announce the completion and release of its Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries, a dataset that covers every day-to-day change in the size, shape, location, name, organization, and attachment of each U.S. county and state from the creation of the first county in 1634 through 2000. The data are organized by state and are available online in four versions: viewable, interactive maps (electronic analogues to printed maps) on which the historical lines have been plotted against a background of the modern county network; downloadable shapefiles for use in geographic information systems (GIS); downloadable KMZ files for use with GoogleEarth; downloadable and

printable PDF files (each full-page frame shows a map of a different version of each county, with the

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- 1. Your father's only uncle's brother's wife? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Your aunt's mother's father's wife? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Your mother's nephew's daughter's son? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Your brother's son's sister's mother? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Your sister-in-law's father-in-law's grandson? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Your sister's father's stepson's mother? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Your uncle's father's only grandchild? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Your brother-in-law's wife's grandmother's husband? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Your father's father's daughter's daughter? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. The granddaughter/son of the only son of your mother's mother-in-law? \_\_\_\_\_

(You will find the answers scattered throughout the newsletter; look for # sign and a word.) Submitted by Darrel Hill

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