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*"Searching back in time to discover,  
preserve, and share our heritage."*



G.A.R. Convention Parade 1898 - The Dalles  
Womans Relief Corp

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**Independence**  
**Day**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GEORGA FOSTER



Dear Members and Friends,

Do keep positive that we will be able to be together again soon. I hope this finds everyone healthy and well. I hope everyone is taking advantage of the free database's and webinars.

MyHeritage is offering a 75% off for renewing your annual complete subscription.

<https://www.myheritage.com> . GFO has 2 online/live seminars scheduled for July and August.  
<https://gfo.org/learn/seminars.html> .

Just a reminder that the Discovery Center riverfront trails are open and the museum has provided a portable restroom and washing station for your visit. At times its has been busy so be cautious of bicycle traffic and keep with social distancing. They provide great exercise an relaxation. Enjoy the gorge's river views and you might even see some wildlife. To your continued good health and hope to see you soon.

Happy Trails,

*Georga*

## SOCIETY NEWS

There is not much to report on , we have been hunkered down since February. I do hear from a few members who are engaged in their family research and also a lot of reading. If there is someone out there that would like to recommend a good book, speak out. We will pass along the information to our newsletter readers. Our newsletter exchange partners are still active, half have not resumed publications. Feel free to pass our newsletter along to whomever is interested. We share our publication with 36 other societies, libraries and museum organizations. If you have a research story to tell, pass it on. We would love to hear your adventure. Hope to see you soon.



## NGS Monthly

Methodology, News, and Views

Free access to The NGS Monthly is available through July 30 for nonmembers and is a wealth of information normally only available to paid members.

<https://ngsmoonthly.ngsgenealogy.org/>

*Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors. – Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## Timeless Tombstones

### ~Isabella "Belle" Burger~

One of the only a few Civil War nurses still alive in Oregon in 1909, Belle T. Hood Burger passed away while gathering wood in her yard on January 26, 1909. Belle, was born in Indiana in 1848, first marrying George W. Derickson in 1860 in Indiana and then Joseph Burger in the Dalles in 1884. Belle's brothers were all war veterans. William Hood, Robert B. Hood, Josephus Hood and James T. "Pope" Hood served in the Indian and Civil War at various locations. Josephus served in the 1st Regiment, Washington Infantry, James T. served in the 43rd Indiana Infantry, Co. I, imprisoned for 10 months, blind but never recovering, James resided with Belle and her brothers for the extent of his life. He is buried in The Dalles IOOF Cemetery. William Hood, 2nd California Cavalry, Co. M, died in a disabled veterans home in Danville, Indiana in 1915. Josephus Hood's death is unknown. Robert B. Hood, Indiana 25th Infantry Regiment, Co. G., resided in The Dalles and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery. Belle was a very active member of the Woman's Relief Corp, G.W. Nesmith Post G.A.R., The Dalles, Oregon and served as treasurer for many years. Her headstone depicts her loyalty to the organization.

**Mrs. Belle Berger.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
The Dalles, Or., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Belle Berger, 66 years of age, died of heart failure at her home in this city early yesterday morning. Mrs. Berger stepped out of the house and expired before medical attention could be secured. She was a pioneer of Oregon, was a member of the Fort Dalles Historical Society, and treasurer of the local Woman's Relief corps. She was one of the two remaining civil war army nurses living in this city. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon, and interment will be in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

**James T. Hood, Veteran, Dies.**  
THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The death of James T. Hood, for 35 years a resident of this city, occurred at his home Sunday. He was born in Indiana in 1845, and at the age of 16, when the Civil War broke out, enlisted as a private in Company I, Forty-third Indiana Volunteers, receiving an honorable discharge at Indianapolis, June 14, 1865. During his war service he was taken prisoner at Tyler, Tex., and was in prison for 10 months, never recovering from its effects. He had been nearly blind for the past 30 years and an invalid for 18. The local G. A. R. took charge of the funeral services held Monday, and burial was in the G. A. R. cemetery.



Have a timeless tombstone you would like to share?  
Send your photos and story to [georga.foster@gmail.com](mailto:georga.foster@gmail.com)

## Woman's Relief Corp

The Woman's Relief Corps was founded in 1883 as an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The GAR was founded in 1866 at the end of the Civil War as a way to offer assistance and support to the soldiers who fought in that difficult war. It soon became clear that the women in their lives had been affected by the war as well.

They had taken up the work formerly done by men on their farms and in their businesses. Some of them had pulled up stakes and followed the soldiers to provide assistance and nursing. Many of their sons and husbands had been buried on far-flung battlefields. Lives had been profoundly changed.

As the memory of the Civil War began to recede, these organizations continued to thrive throughout the U.S. as patriotic organizations that created and carried out programs and projects related to Memorial Day, celebrated for the first time in 1868. While the GAR was folded into another organization in the mid-1900s, the Woman's Relief Corps is still active. Unlike its counterpart the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereditary factors do not constitute membership. Any female over 13 years old may become a member.

<https://womansreliefcorps.org/>

## Woman's Relief Corp - G.W.Nesmith Post - The Dalles, Oregon

This post was started in 1888 and the names below are the outstanding officers from 1892 - 1910.

Belle Berger	Anne Urquhart
Jennie Russell	Mary Frazer
Myrtle Gifford	Alice Varney
Ella Grimes	Josephine Forward
Blanche Patterson	Jessie McArthur
Sarah Bunch	Carrie Brownell
Emma Reese	Anna Stubling
Mary Nichols	Cornella Ford
Elsie Kelsey	Eunice Johnson
Ollie Stephens	Jennie Akin
Ella Paddock	Florence Morton
Edna Learned	June Vice
Mary Meyers	Julia Chandler
Mattie Barnett	Lavina Lemison
? Hix	Millie McDonald
Elizabeth Joles	Susie Phillips
Mamie Briggs	Della Phirmon
Josephine Hill	Vella Lewis

*"Persistence is the secret to success"*

# WARM SPRING INDIANS - FRIENDS OF OREGON PIONEERS

The Sunday Oregonian July 3, 1910

## Oregon's Native American Veterans - Warm Springs Honoring the Indian Scouts and the Government Scouts

Warm Springs Indians served the army in campaigns against the Paiutes, as they did in 1873 against the Modocs in southern Oregon and northern California. Warm Springs newspaper *Spilyay tymoo* honors its tribal veterans in issue published November 9, 1995. This newspaper is part of the University of Oregon Historical Newspaper project and issues from 1976 to current are available for viewing.

<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn93050507/1995-11-09/ed-1/seq-3/>

- Government Scout's  
Modoc War
- Mushin-pia
  - Sam Poosh-ty
  - Histu
  - Wup-powush
  - Tkoo
  - Stah-lika
  - Peter Hall
  - Jim Yahtin
  - Em-min
  - Joe Sidwalter
  - Frank Sidwalter
  - Waheneka
  - Ike Owhi
  - Jim Winishut
  - James Polk
  - Albert Kuckup
  - Jake Thomas
  - Donald McKay
  - Stook-sle (Woman)
  - Wa-bigia
  - Lambson Miller
  - Wa-shu-lumsh
  - Ta-wash
  - Daniel Katchia
  - Dick Ya-la-sa-wit
  - Pipeshire
  - Tulux
  - Washumpsh
  - Se-la-tsi
  - Capolus
  - John Sowakia
  - Jack Pitt
  - Skitus
  - Shwa-kooksh
  - Wum-ka-ta
  - Pinouse
  - Sa-pus-tia
  - An-shike
  - Seymoure
  - Wa-sah-na-kee
  - Alex Swan
  - Sim-you
  - Winnier
  - I-puk-pul
  - Kee-yak-ka-kun
  - Kish-towash
  - Nena Patt
  - Schoolie
  - Lamot

**The Modoc War.**  
**The Troops Move on the Lava Beds !**  
**Desperate Fighting.**  
**The Modocs in a Tight Place !**

Major-General Commanding.  
San Francisco, April 15.—The following dispatch received :  
Headquarters, Camp South, )  
Tule Lake, April 14. )  
Lieutenant Sherwood, of the Twenty-first Infantry, died at 1 o'clock to-day of wounds received on the 11th, while receiving a flag of truce from the Indians.  
Seventy-two Warm Springs Indians under Donald McKay arrived at camp east of the Modoc position last night. The army will close on the Indians' position to-morrow and endeavor to cut off all escape. No effort will be spared to make the punishment of the Indians severe. If possible no Indian shall boast that he or his ancestors murdered General Canby.  
ALVAN C. GILLEM.



Photographer Thomas Houseworth 1829-1915 - Denver Library Digital Collections

### Donald McKay -Scout

Donald McKay was born in 1836 in Oregon Territory to fur trader Thomas McKay and She-Who-Rides-Like The Wind Umatilla, a Cayuse woman from the Umatilla tribe. In 1852, McKay worked as a translator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Army. In 1872, during the Modoc War, the U.S. Army issued McKay with a temporary commission as captain to lead the Warm Springs Indian Scouts. McKay, met with "Captain Jack" Kintpuash, of the Modoc band, to negotiate an end to the standoff. In the summer of 1873 the war ended with the defeat of the Modoc and the execution of Captain Jack. In 1892, Donald McKay and his family settled on the Umatilla Indian Reservation where McKay resumed his work as a translator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. McKay died on April 19, 1899 in Pendleton, Oregon and is buried at Saint Andrews Mission Cemetery.]



Warm Springs Scouts -California Digital Library  
<https://digitallibrary.californiahistoricalsociety.org/object/1935>  
Eadward Muybridge 1830- 1904

Sources:  
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<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn93050507/1995-11-09/ed-1/seq-3/>  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odva/Resources/Pages/Tribal-Veterans.aspx>  
A Guide to the Indian Tribes of the Pacific Northwest -By Robert H. Ruby  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald\\_McKay\\_\(scout\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_McKay_(scout))

## I.R.A Project Queries

Last winter we began a project to help members solve their dead end research and used crowdsourcing from the society to help solve them. There were seven participants and a few members did find some additional information and positive results. Here were the queries and if you can help jump in! Please contact the respective members for questions.

**Mary Peterson** - b. 1850 Sweden - Wife of Charles ' Charlie" Haentzschel (Henchell). Lived in San Francisco around 1900. Records lost in the San Francisco earthquake. Immigration - naturalization - birth?? Burial at Colma Cemetery, San Francisco, died in 1884.

Fred Henchell - henchell@highprairie.us

**Otto Theodore Lippert** -b. Holland, died 1942, Agate, Colorado. German and Norweigan records, Holland birth records, Otto's parents???. Wife, Annie Laidig.

Sherri Johnson - sherrijohnson8@gmail.com

**Clarence and Edna Johnson Koehler** - New York, New Jersey , Clarence b. 1903, N.Y.C. , Edna's parents?? b. 1904 ?

Susan Rowe - srowe133@gmail.com

**Benajah H. Williams** - Mohawk Valley, Colony of N. Y. , Esqueszen Township, Ontario, Canada - b. 1755, d. 1851

Lynn Winters - lwinters@hughes.net

**Issac Roberts** - b. 1799 PA, Warren, Ohio, Peeb Co., Ohio, 1819, wife - Christina Banta. Quaker records needed, parents??

Bev Juris - arbev@gorge.net

**Mary Shaw - Rebecca Shaw** - 1777 - 1800 , Washington County Virginia, possibly Tennessee . Parents??

Georga Foster - georga.foster@gmail.com

## Are you a S.N.O.B ??

Oregon born have a special membership, The Society Of Native Oregon Born or S.N.O B. was founded in the late 1970s by the Oregon-born James Cloutier when he learned that more than half the state's residents had not been born there. He developed a logo for the organization and began selling memberships, which included a certificate, a membership card, and a decal. More than 5,000 Oregonians signed up, including Governor Vic Atiyeh. After Cloutier's mother revealed that she had actually been born in Washington, he created an honorary membership category for people who had lived in Oregon at least 50 years. Although the group was intended to be humorous, people took it seriously and would hold annual picnics at Champoeg State Park. James Cloutier is a photographer, author and artist. He is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Portland and the University of Oregon and lives in Eugene. His photo collection can be found on Oregon Digital at <https://bit.ly/3csLSZf>, or you can connect to his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/jamescloutierartist> . He still is producing art and photography masterpieces for numerous organizations including the Oregon Historical Society Quarterly.

T-shirt (s) _____	No. _____
B.S. _____	Issue date _____
B.B. _____ (Office use)	
	
<b>APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP</b>	
<i>The Society of Native Oregon Born, or SNOB is a society for individuals born in Oregon and those individuals who, by virtue of their long standing residency in this state (50 years or more) are duly considered to be native Oregonians.</i>	
Applicant's full and correct name _____ <small>If family membership, complete separate application for each member</small>	
Address _____ <small>Street, Rural route or P.O. Box      City      State      Zip      Telephone</small>	
Place of birth _____      Date of birth _____	
Preference: Mossback (Western Oregon) _____      Bunchgrass (Eastern Oregon) _____	
1st generation Oregonian _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ 5th _____ <small>Begin with first ancestor born in Oregon</small> Naturalized _____	
Name of person completing application if different from above _____	
Address _____	Signature _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	date _____
Telephone _____	(over)

## Oregon Genealogy

### Oregon Genealogy Network

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Oregon Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 600 members and growing. It is a vital resource for your genealogy questions and is a very informative source for researching. The network consists of amateur as well as researchers well versed in helping you answer your family history questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state.

Join today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190997804291208/>

### Oregon History and Genealogy

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Oregon Historical Society  
1200 SW Park Ave.  
Portland, Oregon  
503.222.1741

### Genealogical Forum Of Oregon

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Oregon's premier genealogy library!  
Library, Book Store, classes and more!  
Online classes and events  
<https://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>

### Oregon Genealogical Society

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Oregon Genealogical Society, Inc.  
955 Oak Alley  
Eugene, Oregon 97401  
(541) 345-0399

### OrGenWeb

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Or GenWeb is hosted by USGenWeb and is part of a volunteer group of researchers and genealogists from each state providing free online information to the genealogy community. Started over 20 years ago, USGenWeb has grown into one of the largest free genealogy sites on the internet.  
<http://www.orgenweb.org/index.html>

## Washington Genealogy

### Washington Genealogy Network

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Washington Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 550 members and growing. Like its sister state of Oregon, this site provides researchers a way to find information and answers to your research questions. Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state of Washington.

Join Today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222494824442130/>

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### Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

1901 S. 12th Avenue  
Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

### Washington State Genealogical Society

1901 S. 12th Avenue  
Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

## Local Historical Resources

### Wasco County Historical Society

300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541-296-1867

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### Wasco County Original Courthouse

410 W. 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.4798

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### Wasco County Pioneer Association

vasallee@gmail.com  
541.296.4043

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### Ft Dalles Historical Museum

500 W. 15th and Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.5457

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### Hood River Historical Society

300E Port Marina Drive  
Hood River , Oregon 97031  
info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org  
541.386.6772

## Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

### Family History Centers

The Dalles FHC  
1815 E. 15th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Goldendale FHC  
N. Columbus Ave & McLinley  
P.O. Box 109  
Goldendales, Wa. 98620

Stevenson FHC  
650 NW Gropper Rd.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648

Hood River FHC  
1825 May St.  
Hood river, Oregon 97031

### Libraries

The Dalles Wasco County  
722 Court St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.2815

William G. Dick Library  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600 EX. 219

Hood River County Library  
502 State St.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.2535

### Ft. Vancouver Regional Libraries

Goldendale  
1313 Burgen St.  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4487

White Salmon Valley  
5 Town and Country Square  
Whire Salmon, Wa. 98672  
509.0493.1132

Stevenson  
120 NW Vanciouver Ave.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648  
509.427.5471



### Historical Resources In The Gorge

Fort Dalles Museum  
W. 15th & Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.4547

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600

Wasco County Historical Society  
300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.1867

Museum of Hood River  
300 E. Port Marina Dr.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.6722

Gorge Heritage Museum  
202 E. Humbolt  
Bingen, Wa. 98605  
509.493.3228

Dufur Historical Society  
P.O. Box 462  
Dufur, Or. 97021

Klickitat County Historical Society  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.77.4303

Presby Museum  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4303

Sherman County Historical society  
200 Dewey St.  
Moro, Or. 97039  
541.565.3232

Maryhill Museum  
35 Maryhill Museum Drive,  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620

Original Wasco County Courthouse  
PO Box 839  
410 West 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058252  
(541) 296-4798

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Centrerr  
990 SW Rock Creek Dr.  
Stevenson, Wa. 988648



# Calendar This! Upcoming Programs

(Subject to change)

All general meetings and programs are canceled until further notice. We will update you by email and on our blog page when we can make plans and schedule events.

**September 12,2020 -TBA**

**October 10, 202 - TBA**

**November 14, 2020 - TBA**

We usually leave this spot in the newsletter for events and local gatherings but since the lockdown most events in our community have been canceled. If you need to find something to celebrate or a event to participate in, check out " Holiday Insights". There is a holiday for everyone and some historical facts here too. Who wouldn't want to celebrate National Salami Day!

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/>



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## GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Great Uncle Bertrand didn't have a computer in 1880, so how will you find him on line?

If you have a program or lecture you would like to present or know of someone that does, please contact us.  
We always welcome ideas!

**Coming up!**  
*October*  
NATIONAL  
FAMILY HISTORY  
MONTH



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