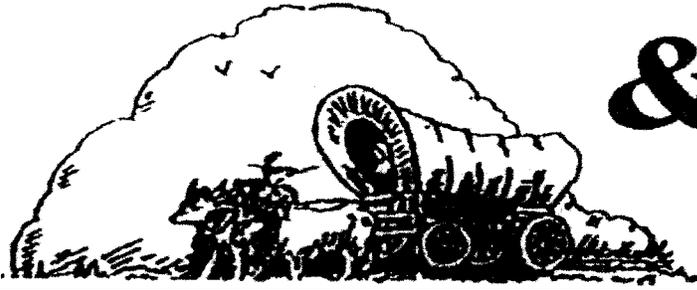


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An open letter to all Oregonians:

No one knows Oregon as well as you and your neighbors. On behalf of Governor Ted Kulongoski, we invite you to share your story about what it means to be an Oregonian. The sesquicentennial “Oregon Stories” project is a personal invitation to you and your family, friends, community, school, tribe, or company to contribute your favorite stories about life in Oregon, and then share these stories throughout the state.

All Oregon stories are yours to tell—you can write them, sing them, sew them, photograph them, film them, or paint them.

What does an “Oregon Story” look like? Here is just one example—read how Mr. Ralph Beebe and his family worked in Malheur County to “Live the Oregon Dream”:

Our team stumbled along the gravel road, my father holding the right-side horse's bit, guiding the wagon against the blinding dust storm. The robust Malheur County winds loved the soft dirt where sagebrush and cheat grass had been, and blew with gusty, dusty pleasure that winter day in 1939.

My dad and brothers had spent months grubbing the brush, leveling, corrugating, planting, scaring away jackrabbits whose homes were being invaded, and convincing the water to abandon gopher holes for the irrigation rows.

As renter farmers my parents had lived in 21 houses their first 20 years of marriage. Now they were upgrading to a cement floored 18' x 28' basement house on our homestead nine miles south of Adrian, which our seven family members shared the first year with the teacher of the newly built Ridgeview Grade School.

Hard times, yes, but my parents lived there for 40 years and persuaded the soil to yield a decent living.



My eldest brother, David, still lives on that now productive farm. Thanks, FDR and Congress for the New Deal, the Owyhee Dam and the irrigation ditches. Thanks, USA and Oregon, for giving us the chance to make our dreams come true.

What is your “Oregon Story?”

Oregon 150 will take the best stories from every region and share them statewide through radio, television, online and print “Oregon Minutes.” As a lasting legacy, all of these Oregon Stories will become part of the Oregon State Archives.

On our website (www.oregon150.org), you will find a tool kit of ideas to help guide you in the process of setting down your Oregon Story and sharing it with Oregon 150. Use this as a guide but remember—the Governor wants you to tell us what you think is most important for others to understand about your Oregon *in your own way*. Feel free to use the style that best suits you while still meeting Oregon 150's submission guidelines.

We are all Oregonians, and we all have an “Oregon Story” to tell. We can't wait to receive your stories so that the Governor can share them with all of our Oregonian neighbors!

Sincerely,
The Oregon 150 Board of Directors

Oregon Story Toolkit (PDF)
http://www.oregon150.org/Toolkit/Web_Toolkit.pdf

Oregon Story Submission Form (PDF)
http://www.oregon150.org/Toolkit/Web_SubmitStory_Form.pdf

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**C/O The Dalles Wasco County Library
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The Society meets on second Saturday of the month, Sept-June at 1:00 p.m. at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, OR. (unless announced otherwise). Officers meeting at 11:00 a.m. No host lunch and regular meeting will open at 1:00 p.m.

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Condolences to Mary Watts with the passing of her mother Marie Watts, 102.
Get well wishes to Phyllis Mohagen
Welcome new member Katherine Larson
Congratulations to our new officers for 2008

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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.



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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The Dalles-Wasco County Library

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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.

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Goldendale, WA 98620
Phone: 509-773-3824
Hours:
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Thursday Only: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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c/o Noretta Hornbeck
Phone: 541-386-3539
Hours:
Tuesday, Wed., Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Phone: 509-427-5927
Hours:
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Thursday: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Historical Museum
5000 Discovery Road
The Dalles, OR 97058

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Hours: M-W-F: 11 to 3, and by appointment
E-mail: library@gorgediscovery.org

Dufur Historical Society

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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)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi. I'm Sandy Bisset. I have just accepted the responsibility of being your Society president for the next calendar year. I have the privilege of working with a slate of seasoned officers – Helen Dixon, Vice-President, Rose Denslinger, Secretary, and Karen Polehn, Treasurer. I am still in the process of figuring out the standing committees and would like to particularly thank Historian, Donna Holycross. She not only created a society scrapbook, but collected and organized all of the Tales and Trails newsletters. We can thank Mary Watts for the contribution and are currently working on a plan to make them accessible. [See related article] We will publish a list of all committee chairmen in the next issue but I would like to introduce member Glenna McCargar, who has agreed to take over as the Publicity Chairman. This year we are hoping to share the workload between more people and will be contacting many of you to help out. If you would like to volunteer to work on a committee or have ideas for programs, changes, or whatever, let me know at 541-298-1240 or wildflowers@gorge.net.

On a more seasonal note, I stood by my artificial Christmas tree and watched it snow yesterday, thinking of those years of Christmases over my lifetime and the changes that have ensued. I visualized the twelve foot fir trees that we cut in the woods out of Eugene, brought home strapped to the top of the '37 Chevy sedan, and how my father carpentered on the porch to build a base that would hold it upright. I remembered the grand entrance, when we collectively held our breath to see if the top would brush the ceiling. Once it was in place he would bring in extra branches and the brace and bit to fill in spots that needed some fullness. This was his ritual and we all stayed out of the way as he continued to string those big colored lights in just the right pattern, plugged them in and started switching out colors for the right effect. My mother stayed out of the way but my sister and I were always right there waiting for our turn to put on the decorations. I didn't understand then that some of the ornaments I carelessly dropped from the top of the ladder were heirlooms and couldn't be replaced. Dad continued to supervise and once the decorations were in place the box of *rain* was opened. What many called lead tinsel was carefully hung over newspaper folds from the previous year and reused until it was only fit to make fishing sinkers. Several pieces were laid individually on each branch. It took a long time to learn to do it perfectly but when the tree was finally finished it was a wonder to behold. Friends, relatives, and neighbors came from far and wide to see that year's tree and drink Tom & Jerrys.

Will your grandchildren know what Christmas was like when you were a child? Write it down and share it. Journaling is a painless way to write your memories. Just write down what comes to mind without having to worry about came before or after. Don't you wish your grandparents had kept a journal?

I'll close with a special thank you to outgoing co-presidents Renee Briggs and Dennis Radford, Vice-president Helen Dickson, Secretary Mary Watts, and Treasurer Karen Polehn who guided us through a successful 2007. Renee will continue with the newsletter, Dennis will work on a new education program, and Mary will also take on a new position. We are looking forward to a good genealogy year.

Sandy Bisset

Woman of Distinction

Congratulations to CGGS member Shirley Karr, who is shown above accepting her "Women of Distinction Award" November 9, 2007 at the Soroptimist International of Hood River. A buffet luncheon was held at the Hood River Inn.

The "Women of Distinction Award" honors women who have made outstanding achievement in their professional, business or volunteer activities. Three women received the "Women of Distinction Awards" this day. They are: Shirley Karr, Barbara Young and Avalon Totten-Denton. The woman in the photo (on the left) giving the award was June Knudson, SIHR President.



What is a Soroptimist? The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that is what they strive to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best: be that full time, part time employed, retired or stay at home providers; working to help other women to be their bests. *Submitted by Sandra Ihrig*

New Genealogy Books at the Library

1. The People of Ireland 1600-1699 Part I by David Dobson
2. German Immigrants - Lists of Passengers Bound from Bremen to New York 1863-1867 -- Compiled by Gary Zimmerman & Marion Wolfert.
3. German Immigrants - Lists of Passengers Bound from Bremen to New York 1855-1862 -- Compiled by Gary Zimmerman & Marion Wolfert.
4. The French and Indian War from Scottish Sources by David Dobson
5. Earliest Tennessee Land Records and Earliest Tennessee Land History by Irene M. Griffey, CG
6. Early Nineteenth-Century German Settlers In Ohio (Mainly Cincinnati and Environs) Kentucky and Other States, Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4A: Surnames A—J 4B: K—Z 4C: Appendices By Clifford Neal Smith
7. A Sandhill Century, I & II -- A History of the People in Cherry County, Nebr. 1985 & 1986



REGIONAL HISTORY FORUM

The 2008 Regional History Forum programs at the Old Wasco County Courthouse will be held the four Saturdays in February at 1:30 PM. Details will be available later. Topics for this year's programs are:

- Feb. 2nd. - The Old Klickitat Bottling Works – Sandy Bisset
- Feb. 9th. - Growing Up on Warm Springs Reservation – Mary Schlick
- Feb. 16th. - Radio Stations of the Area – Roger Nichols
- Feb. 28th. - The Dalles-Celilo Canal – Jerry Tanquist



REMEMBERING CELILO FALLS

The Winter 2007 issue of Oregon Historical Society Quarterly, which has just come out, is a special issue entitled *Remembering Celilo Falls*. It contains over two hundred pages of articles, photographs, and oral histories covering this area from ancient to modern times. It is well worth adding to your local history collection. It can be purchased from Oregon Historical Society or your local bookstore, Klindts in The Dalles or Waucoma in Hood River.

KLINDTS BOOKSELLERS

Did you know that *Klindts Booksellers* is the oldest continuously operating bookstore in Oregon. It was opened in 1870 by Iver Nichelsen and has been in its current location since 1893. Paul, Gus, and Edna Weigelt bought it in 1927 and sold it to Philip and Linda Klindt in 1981. The bookstore is located at 315 East 2nd Street, The Dalles and at <http://www.klindtsbooks.com> where they sell new and used books, specializing in Northwest titles.

WANTED

CGGS needs back issues of *Tails and Trails* to add to our library. You can contribute them or loan them for copying.

Contact Donna at 541-298-2865.

We are looking for the missing ones listed and anything prior to 1989.

January 1989 May 1990 January 1991

November 1992

(There were 2 separate issues listed as October)

June 1993

(There were 2 separate issues listed as May)

November 1993 February 1994

May 1996 December 1998

WANTED

CGGS needs someone with a scanner and the time to scan back issues of *Tails and Trails*. This would be a volunteer effort and could result in the back issues being available to members at home for a nominal fee. Contact Sandy at wildflowers@gorge.net or 541-298-1240.

Raffle Winners

- 1st place -- Afghan ----- Diane Bungum
- 2nd place -- large water color ----- Joan Walker
- 3rd place -- small water color ----- Rose Denslinger



Many thanks to Alene Thille for her donation of the beautiful afghan that she crocheted, and to Mary Watts for her donation of the two beautiful water colors she painted. They are both very creative and talented. Thanks also to the entire CGGS membership who sold and bought raffle tickets. All the proceeds have been added to the Pioneer Cemetery Monument Project. The drawing was held at our December meeting.

OVER THE RIVER, THROUGH THE WOODS, AND ON THE WEB

with Sandy Bisset
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SMART SEARCHING ON THE INTERNET



In searching the internet there are some things you need to remember, especially if you are used to searching genealogy or other research sites. I don't think it matters which search engine you use (I prefer Google) but you need to remember that the search mechanism does exactly what you tell it to do. It will not do a soundex search, nor will it do a ranked search. It will search for an exact match. On occasion, if you misspell a common word that is in its database it will ask you if you meant an alternate spelling. Try this by searching for *ardvark*. Google will ask you if you meant *aardvark*. The first search will bring up all of the entries that are misspelled and when you click on the corrected spelling you will get a different list. Sometimes both are useful to you. In the upper right hand corner it will tell you how many entries it brought up. If the number is huge you probably need to find a different search term – unless you are killing time.

If you enter multiple words the first entries will probably include those words used together if they are commonly used together, but will be incomplete. *John Smith* will find all of the *John* entries in the universe that also have *Smith* in the entry. To minimize this use quotation marks, "John Smith" which the computer then sees as a phrase instead of two words. Of course the downside is that it will not pick up "Smith, John" or "John Q. Smith." To eliminate having to use quotation marks or other boolean connectors click on **Advanced Search** and you can tailor the search to your needs. I had problems searching for *Urray*, a parish in the Scottish Highlands. The search engine kept bringing up *Murray* which of course had Urray as part of the word. I did an advanced search telling the computer to search for Urray, and to not search for Murray, which solved my problem. You really need to play with these options to make your searching more fruitful and less frustrating. Many researchers feel that advanced search mode is adequate but if you access <http://www.google.com/help/cheatsheet.html> you can

print a great guide that helps you fit your searches to your needs.

When I first started searching for the croft where the Bisset family resided my only resource was an 1841 census transcription which listed the address as Ardnacrack, a misspelling of Ardnagrask. Nothing came up and I wasn't sure why. I generalized the search to Scotland (country), Ross and Cromarty (county), Urray (parish) and found a book of parish locations within another research tool called **Google Books**.

<http://books.google.com/> This is one of several internet book resources which allows you to print or download either an entire volume or a snippet including your search term. The difference is whether or not the book is currently under copyright. If it is not available in its entirety, you are directed to resources where you can access it in a library or a bookstore. Another excellent resource is **Project Gutenberg**

<http://www.gutenberg.org/catalog/>. Do a search on *Online Books* and see what's out there. Most of these sites have good search capability with keyword searches that are more flexible and familiar. You will be surprised when you plug in your family or location name.

Remember to record that wonderful new resource you find. It is easy to put a website address in your *Favorites Folder* but if you do it compulsively you may find you have created a mess. It is best to organize your favorites into file categories for easy access. I recommend you also write down the website names in a notebook in case of a computer glitch. Many people record their resources within online genealogy sites. This can be problematic if the site goes down and I don't recommend it. This is a topic for another time. Enjoy learning new computer skills and finding new resources. If this column led you to a new resource, let us know so we can share it in the next newsletter.

THE END



EPIDEMICS THROUGH THE AGES

Epidemics have always had a great influence on people -- and thus influencing, as well, the genealogists trying to trace them. Many cases of people disappearing from records can be traced to dying during an epidemic or moving away from the affected area. Some of the major epidemics in the United States are listed below:

1657 Boston: Measles
1687 Boston: Measles
1690 New York: Yellow Fever
1713 Boston: Measles
1729 Boston: Measles
1732-33 Worldwide: Influenza
1738 South Carolina: Smallpox
1739-40 Boston: Measles
1747 Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania & South Carolina: Measles
1759 North America (areas inhabited by white people): Measles
1761-61 North America & West Indies: Influenza
1772 North America: Measles
1775 North America (especially hard in New England): Epidemic (unknown)
1775-76 Worldwide: Influenza
1781-82 Worldwide: Influenza (one of worst flu epidemics)
1788 Philadelphia & New York: Measles
1793 Vermont: Influenza and a "putrid fever"
1793 Virginia: Influenza (kills 500 people in 5 counties in 4 weeks)
1793 Philadelphia: Yellow fever (one of worst)
1783 Delaware (Dover): "extremely fatal" bilious disorder
1793 Pennsylvania (Harrisburg & Middletown): many unexplained deaths
1794 Philadelphia: Yellow fever
1796-97 Philadelphia: Yellow Fever
1798 Philadelphia: Yellow Fever (one of worst)
1803 New York: Yellow Fever
1820-23 Nationwide: "fever" (starts on Schuylkill River, PA & spreads)
1831-32 Nationwide: Asiatic Cholera (brought by

English emigrants)
1832 New York & other major cities: Cholera
1837 Philadelphia: Typhus
1841 Nationwide: Yellow Fever (especially severe in South)
1847 New Orleans: Yellow Fever
1847-48 Worldwide: Influenza
1848-49 North America: Cholera
1850 Nationwide: Yellow Fever
1850-51 North America: Influenza
1852 Nationwide: Yellow Fever (New Orleans: 8,000 die in summer)
1855 Nationwide (many parts): Yellow Fever
1857-59 Worldwide: Influenza (one of disease's greatest epidemics)
1860-61 Pennsylvania: Smallpox
1865-73 Philadelphia, New York, Boston, New Orleans, Baltimore, Memphis, & Washington D.C.: a series of recurring epidemics of Smallpox, Cholera, Typhus, Typhoid, Scarlet Fever & Yellow Fever
1873-75 North America & Europe: Influenza
1878 New Orleans: Yellow Fever (last great epidemic of disease)
1885 Plymouth, PA: Typhoid
1886: Jacksonville, FL: Yellow Fever
1918 Worldwide: Influenza (high point year)
More people hospitalized in World War I from Influenza than wounds. US Army training camps became death camps --with 80 percent death rate in some camps.

Source: The South Bend, IN Area
Genealogical Society, April 1996

You can kiss your family and friends good-bye and put miles between you, but at the same time you carry them with you in your heart, your mind, your stomach, because you do not just live in a world but a world lives in you.

~Frederick Buechner

"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow-deep, to know our heritage - to know who we are and where we have come from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum. An emptiness. And the most disquieting loneliness." -- Alex Haley

Commemorative Motifs, Mourning Images, and Memento Mori -The Symbols

Anchor	Hope, seaman.	Garland	Victory over death.
Angels	Rebirth, resurrection, protection, judgment, wisdom, mercy, Divine love.	Grim Reaper	Inevitability of Death.
Ankh	Eternal life, peace, truth.	Gun	Military service.
Arch	Victory in death, being rejoined with partner in heaven.	Hair, Flowing	Penitence.
Arrow	Mortality.	Hands Clapsed	Farewell, hope of meeting in eternity.
Beehive	Domestic virtues, education, faith, abundance in the Promised Land, piety.	Harp	Hope.
Bell	Mourning.	Heart, Pierced by Sword	Virgin Mary, Christ, repentance.
Bird	Eternal life, winged soul, spirituality.	Heart, Flaming	Religious fervor.
Book	The Divine word or one's accomplishments.	Heart	Love, devotion, sorrow, joy, mortality.
Broken or Draped column	Early death, grief.	Helmet	Military service, strength, protection.
Burning Flame	Life or resurrection.	Horseshoe	Protection against evil.
Butterfly	Resurrection.	Hourglass	Swift passage of time, temperance.
Caterpillar	Life, metamorphosis.	HIS	Eternity (Christian symbol: "In His Service" or "In this sign conquer") Commonly used in Celtic crosses.
Celtic Cross	Faith and eternity.	Isis	Rebirth, the Virgin Mary.
Chain With Three Links	Trinity, faith, Odd Fellows.	Ivy	Fidelity, attachment, undying affection, eternal life.
Column	Noble life.	Lamb	Innocence (specially on a child's grave), Resurrection.
Conch Shell	Wisdom, reincarnation.	Laurel Leaves	Triumph.
Cross	Faith, resurrection.	Lily	Purity, sometimes chastity.
Crown	Glory of life after death.	Lily of the Valley	Rebirth, Virgin Mary.
Crown upon Skull	Triumph of death.	Lion	Courage, bravery, strength.
Cup or Chalice	The Sacrament.	Lotus	Purity, resurrection, perfect beauty, spiritual revelation.
Cypress	Hope.	Masonic Compass and Set Square	Freemasons, uprightness, judgment.
Dolphin	Resurrection, salvation, bearer of souls across water to heaven.	Memento mori	Symbol of death and reminder of mortality.
Door	Entrance to heaven.	Menorah	Divine wisdom.
Dove	Love, purity, resurrection, the Holy Spirit.	Mistletoe	Immortality.
Drapery or Pall	Mourning or mortality.	Moon	Death, rebirth, victory, sorrow of the crucifixion.
Eagle	Courage, faith, generosity, contemplation, military.	Mother and Child	Charity, love.
Eye	Humility.	Myrtle	Undying love, peace.
Eye of Ra/Horus	Sun/Moon, Life/Death, protection against evil.	Naked Figure	Truth, purity, innocence.
Female Figure	Sorrow, grief.	Oak	Strength of faith and virtue, endurance.
Finger Pointing Downward	Calling the earth to witness.	Obelisk	Rebirth, connection between earth and heaven.
Finger Pointing Upward	Pathway to heaven, heavenly reward.	Olive Branch	Peace, forgiveness, humanity.
Fish	Faith, life, spiritual nourishment.	Open Gates	Afterlife, the soul entering heaven.
Flag	Military, patriotism.	Orb	Faith.
Fleur de lys	Perfection, light, life, royalty.	Owl	Wisdom, solitude, a warning of impending death.
Flower (general)	Life's frailty, immortality.		
Flying Bird	Rebirth.		
Frog	Worldly pleasure, sin.		

Pall Mortality, mourning.
Pansy Remembrance, meditation.
Pick Death, mortality.
Poppies Eternal sleep.
Pyramid Resurrection, eternal life, enlightenment, spiritual attainment.
Rainbow Union, fulfillment of the promise of resurrection.
Ripened Fruit Nourishment of the soul.
Rod or Staff Comfort to the bereaved.
Rooster Awakening, resurrection, courage, vigilance.
Rope Circle Eternity.
Rose Victory, pride, triumphant love, purity.
Scallop Shell Birth, baptism, resurrection, life everlasting, pilgrimage of life.
Scarab Resurrection, transcendence.
Scepter Fortitude.
Scythe Death, cutting life short, the final harvest.
Severed Branch Mortality.
Shamrock Irish descent, Holy Trinity.
Shattered Urn Old age.
Sheaf of Wheat Old age, fruitful life.
Shepherd's Crook Charity.
Skeleton Death, life's brevity.
Skull & Crossed Bones Death, crucifixion.
Skull Transitory nature of earthly life, penitence, mortality.
Sleeping Cherub Innocence (usually on child's grave).
Smoke Vanity, futility of seeking earthly glory.
Snail Laziness, sin.
Snake, Encircled Everlasting life in heaven. (Also called oroboros)
Spade Mortality, Death.
Spider Web Human frailty.
Star Divine guidance.
Star of David Unity, transformation.
Steps, 3 Tiered Faith, Hope and Charity.
Sun Disc, Winged Spirituality, everlasting life.
Sun Rising Renewed life, resurrection.
Sun Setting Death.
Sun Shining Everlasting life.
Swallow Motherhood, spirit of children, consolation.
Sword, Broken Life cut short.
Sword, Inverted Relinquishment of power, victory.
Sword, Sheathed Temperance.
Sword Military.

Swords, Crossed Life lost in battle.
Tablets of the Decalogue Containing the text from Exodus and Deuteronomy given to Moses on Mount Sinai as a symbol of the Old Covenant.
Tetragrammaton Four Hebrew letters Y, H, W, H spelling the true name of God, reminder of God's omnipresence.
Thistle Scottish descent, earthly sorrow, defiance.
Torch, Inverted Life extinguished.
Torch Immortality, purification, truth, wisdom.
Tree Life, knowledge, the fall of man through sin, human fruition or frailty.
Tree Sprouting Life everlasting.tree
Stump Life interrupted.
Tree Trunk Brevity of life, number of broken branches can indicate deceased family members buried at that site.
Tree Trunk, Leaning Short interrupted life, mourning.
Triangle Holy Trinity.
Triquetra (3 interlocking circles or triangles) Eternity, Trinity, popular motif on Celtic crosses.
Trumpet Announcement of the resurrection or the soul's entrance into heaven.
Urn Immortality, penitence, death of the body and its return to dust in the final resting-place.
Violet Humility.
Weeping Willow Mourning, grief, lamentation, sorrow.
Wheat Body of Christ.
Wheel Cycle of life, enlightenment, spiritual power.
Winged Face Effigy of the deceased soul, the soul in flight.
Winged Hourglass Fleetness of life, mortality.
Winged Skull Flight of the soul from mortal man.
Wreath Victory.
Wreath, of Roses Heavenly joy and bliss.
Wreath on Skull Victory of death over life.
Yin Yang Circle Harmony, balance, birth and death



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January 12, 2008

Dennis Radford will talk about his genealogy research while on a recent trip to Iowa.

February 9, 2008

General meeting to be held at the Wasco County Original Courthouse to coincide with their February lecture series. (420 West 2nd Place - The Dalles, Oregon)

March 8, 2008

Renee Briggs will talk about her recent 11 week cross country tour and genealogy research trip.