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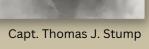
Steamer "Spokane" 1870 Snake River

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy April! Looking forward to some warm days. Winter seems to be hanging on for us in the Northwest.My husband is the garden person and he's getting a little grumpy with mother nature. I for one have been super busy with my volunteer position at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center Library. A new year brought queries and personal visits to the library from researchers as far away as the United Kingdom! Researchers are acting early to plan family history vacations and visits.

My own family genealogy took a good turn as I have met my 5th cousin once removed! Sounds so far away but she lives in Colorado. My fathers Girod tree has taken on a new branches. Swiss immigrants who immigrated from Champoz, Switzerland. On my mothers side the Shaw family has also gained a new branches in Texas and Missouri.

I hope everyone is making progress in their search for new limbs of discovery. There is an abundant amount of new records and places to research out there and most of them are free.

Also, please watch the dates for ou<mark>r pro</mark>grams a<mark>nd m</mark>eetings. some mid-week programs are being planned.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Members and Friends,

What a great program line up we had this last fall and winter! and we will continue to bring you guest speakers and quality presentations this year too. We have reached out to other genealogical societies in Oregon and Washington to share our programs and presentations with them. Our historical publications have been made digital also so we can make purchasing easier and more accessible to societies and researchers.

We will be having our first in person meeting and program May 27, 2023 at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in the board room. Meeting begins at at 11:00 am. All members are welcome to bring a guest and it is open to the general public. A \$1.00 donation per person to offset room rent is appreciated. We will be re introducing ourselves and touring the library, discussing what is new at the museum.

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center

The Discovery Center needs volunteers. There is a place for you! The museum offers a great volunteering experience with a beautiful landscape, historical and cultural atmosphere and a great staff. Currently, volunteers are need in the library, collections and if you have a food service business the Basalt Cafe is available. Also needed is a experienced Internet technology person that can work with onsite servers and software. Please contact Laura Matzer, Executive Director, laura@gorgediscovery.org; Office: 541.296.8600 ext. 245



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Timeless Tombstones ~

Sons of Union Veterans Headstone Project - Baker Camp Graves Registration Program

Starting in about 2000 the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War began making an effort nationally to identify the final resting places of all Civil War veterans, primarily Union, but they also work with their Brothers in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. After all, they were all Americans.

Here in Oregon the program really started with the beginning of Camp Baker in the fall of 2004. Since that time we have identified over 1,300 Union veterans and approximately a dozen Confederate. It is estimated there are between 15,000 and 20,000 Civil War veterans buried in Oregon. The brothers of Baker Camp No. 6 are systematically surveying every cemetery in the entire state. With help from The Genealogical Forum of Oregon, other genealogical societies, historical groups, cemeteries and the general public we are continuing to add to the listings. These listings are shared with The Genealogical Forum of Oregon and placed on the SUVCW National Graves Registration Database. Whenever a veteran's unmarked grave is found, or one that is in jeopardy of being lost, we work with the cemetery, mortuary, family or interested parties to acquire a marker from the Veterans Administration. We then get the stone set or do it ourselves and schedule a dedication ceremony with Co. B, 71st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, SVR. We honor the veteran with a modified 1890 Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) burial ceremony that includes musket salute and taps.

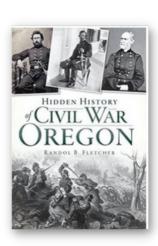
For more information on this program, including assistance on getting a marker for the unmarked resting place of a Civil War veteran, please contact our Camp Graves Registration Officer at graves@suvoregon.org.

Baker Camp Graves Registration - https://www.suvpnw.org/baker-camp-graves-registration-program

Further noted, the camp is actively researching the last known Civil War veterans buried in their respective counties in Oregon.

Recently presenting a program to the Lincoln County Genealogical Society, Randy Fletcher, Civil War historian, re-enactor, author of the book "Hidden History of Civil War Oregon".

"Many Oregonians think of the Civil War as a faraway event or something that happens when the Ducks and the Beavers tangle. Few know that the state raised two Union regiments or that more than ten thousand Union and Confederate veterans made their way to Oregon after the war. In fact, the Beaver State has impressive Civil War ties, including the battle death of Senator Edward Baker, the Long Tom Rebellion in Eugene and famous figures like U.S. Marshal Virgil Earp. Join Civil War enthusiast Randol B. Fletcher as he explores the tales behind the monuments and graves that dot today's landscape and unearths the Hidden History of Civil War Oregon".





Have a timeless tombstone you would like to share? Send your photos and story to gorgegenealogical@gmail.com

Whats happening in our Libraries and Societies???

From Dick Eastman's Newsletter -

There are two contradictory "facts" floating around among genealogy societies, points that I hear discussed at almost all the genealogy conferences and meetings that I attend:

Fact #1: Genealogy is more popular today than ever before. It is the second or third or fourth most popular topic on the Web, depending upon whose sources you care to cite.

Fact #2: Attendance at all genealogy venues is down. The average attendance at genealogy conferences is declining. (Note that I wrote "average." There are some notable exceptions.) Membership in genealogy societies is also declining. Finally, the number of visitors to most major genealogy libraries reportedly is declining.

Is it just me, or does anyone else see a contradiction in these two "facts?" If interest in genealogy is growing, why aren't we seeing more and more people at conferences, libraries, and society meetings?

I would like to offer some possible solutions to this quandary.

In the past few years, I have attended dozens genealogy conferences in four different countries. I have also worked in genealogy society booths at two different non-genealogy events, one with a few thousand attendees and another with more than one million attendees.

Over the past 40 years I have attended more than 150 regional, national, and international genealogy conferences and have visited several dozen genealogy societies. I have seen some ideas that worked well, some that did not work so well, and a few that totally fizzled. I am not sure if I am an expert in the topic of shrinking attendance, but a few observations stand out in my mind.

First of all, genealogy societies need to grow in order to succeed. To be sure, some societies have existed for years with a more or less stable number of members, or even with declining membership numbers. However, the societies that seem to succeed in producing new services and publications are those that are growing. Constant growth means new people joining with new ideas and invigorated interest levels. Newcomers soon gain experience and then become the "movers and shakers" within the genealogy community. Those who have been around for a number of years, conversing with the same people time after time, tend to settle in and enjoy the social aspects of the local society, but they do not strike out with new ideas and new energy levels. The genealogy societies with declining memberships rarely produce new and innovative products and services.

Next, when we (the long-term the members of genealogy societies) go to genealogy conventions to advertise our services and products, we are "preaching to the choir." Who goes to genealogy conventions? The long-time genealogists who already know about our products and services! Yes, the attendees at genealogy conferences typically are those who have been researching their family trees for some time. They probably already know about your society and made a determination some time ago whether or not to join. The bigger the conference and the more people attracted, the truer this seems to be.

For instance, I have attended 32 of the last 34 annual national conferences of the U.S. National Genealogical Society. I have also attended a number of other national, international, and larger regional conferences. You know who I saw at recent conferences? Mostly the same people that I saw the previous year and the years before. Some of those faces look very familiar; in many cases I think I have been seeing the same faces for 34 years! These are the people who already know about the services of your society. Exhibiting at national and local genealogical conferences may be a desirable thing, but it does not attract many new members! What we need is new blood. We need those mysterious people who are buying the software and surfing the web's genealogy pages and newsgroups. These people are in "stealth" mode; we know they are lurking out there someplace, but we have difficulty locating them. We need to attract these people to both local and national genealogy conferences. If they could become "hooked" at the conferences, I bet a significant number of them would join local and ethnic genealogy societies. Yes, they could energize societies as we watch membership begin to increase.

So, how do we find and interest these people? We (the old-time members of the societies) have to go to the potential newcomers. We cannot wait for them to come to us. We cannot go to genealogy conferences that keep attracting the same crowd and expect our membership numbers to grow as a result. We have to seek out the potential newcomers wherever they are. And I assure you that is not at genealogy conferences. (Con't pg5)

Some years ago I spent several days working in a genealogy society's booth at the Eastern States Exposition, an event locally referred to as "The Big E." This Exposition is similar to a state fair, except that it covers all six New England states. It was an eye-opening experience. More than one million people attended this 17-day event, and an estimated 750,000 of those people walked by the genealogy booth where I worked. To be sure, not all of the attendees stopped to talk, but thousands did. Yes, thousands. I think we (the society) talked with more people at this one 17-day event than we do the rest of the year at all the genealogy events combined.

Talking with the general public is a fascinating experience. To be sure, the conversations mostly were at an introductory level since most of these people had no idea who their great-grandparents were. We had a high-speed Internet connection in the booth and spent many hours looking at Social Security Death Index records, as well as a variety of Web sites in addition to our own. We handed out blank pedigree charts by the thousands, along with some advertising materials.

Not all of these people went home and started looking up their family trees that evening or the next day; but, a significant number did. I also believe that we planted many "genealogy seeds" that may not sprout for months or perhaps years. What we did do well is that we got many of these people to start thinking about their family heritage, people who would not have started that thought process if we only exhibited at genealogy events. I believe that some number of these people will join a genealogy society in the coming weeks, months, and years. Admittedly, I do not have an accurate yardstick to measure the success of our efforts at this non-genealogy event. All I have is intuition and some one-on-one feedback from individuals. Yet every staff member and volunteer who worked in the genealogy boot at this event has expressed satisfaction with our efforts and believes that we "did good."

Other venues that would seem suitable for a genealogy society's booth would include:

- Any event that celebrates history, such as "Old Time Days"
- Any ethnic heritage events, such as St. Patrick's Day celebrations or Highland Games
- State, county and local agricultural fairs
- Civil War re-enactments
- Revolutionary War re-enactments
- Antique auto shows
- Steam engine and old gasoline engine meets

I am sure that you can add to the above list. You can probably find other potential events within the next year in your vicinity. In short, I would urge you and every other genealogy society member to creatively find new places in which to advertise your society's products and services. While it is good to advertise to genealogists, it is even more important to generate publicity among those who never heard of your organization. In short, you need to advertise to the general public. The only way to do this is to go out and find the general public at the places where the public gathers. It works best if the people you talk to have at least a casual interest in history and/or heritage, such as the people who attend the types of events I listed above.

I am reminded of a very old joke that has been told millions of times. Many years ago, a shoe manufacturer felt they had saturated the U.S., Canadian, and European markets. They already sold millions of pairs of shoes every year but wanted to increase those sales even further. Seeking new markets, they sent a salesman to darkest Africa where there were no shoe manufacturers.

The salesman wired back to the home office, "The people here do not wear shoes. There is no opportunity to sell shoes. I am returning home rather than wasting my time any further."

Undaunted, the home office sent another salesman known to have a unique way of looking at sales situations. A few days later he wired back, "The people here do not wear shoes. The potential market is unlimited! Please send all the shoes you can spare, I am going to stay and make a fortune!"

The joke is an old one but perhaps it does point out that new viewpoints and new approaches are needed. I would suggest that it is time to throw away some of the ideas we have held for years.

How does your genealogy society "sell" its services and products? Are you seeking new members/customers in markets that are already saturated? Or are you seeking opportunities in places where genealogy is unknown? Where are you most likely to find new members?

Has your genealogy or local history society had any success publicizing its efforts and attracting new members via nontraditional methods? If so, would you mind sharing your success stories so that others could benefit from your ideas? (Dick Eastman 1-13-2023)

Public Domain copyrights NOT extended in Canada

It's 2023 and that means that US copyright material have been extended to works published before 1927. (Check with the Stanford Copyright Renewal website)

https://exhibits.stanford.edu/copyrightrenewals. Canada however has extended their copyright laws to 2043. No material or publications will be released under the new Copyright laws.

Internet Archive article published January 17, 2023 by Caralee Adams explains the decision and what it means for historians, educators and family history researchers.

Quoting Ms. Adams:

"Canada's copyright protection for artistic works was extended as 2022 came to a close from life of the author plus 50 years—to life of the author plus 70 years. The change was the result of international trade negotiations in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), requiring Canada to bring its terms closer to that of the U.S.

Once items are in the public domain, they can be republished or repurposed without seeking permission or paying a rights holder. This allows libraries, museums, and archives to use materials freely for research and historical purposes, as well as post online archives of the important documents and creative works. The change in Canada means books, movies, plays, and songs that were previously scheduled to be free from copyright will not be in the public domain until 2043".

You can read the full article Here: https://blog.archive.org/2023/01/17/as-the-us-public-domain-expands-20-year-pause-for-the-canadian-public-domain-begins/

Change of name for the Family History Library

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints **a**s of January 1, 2023 have changed the name of the Family History Center libraries to Family Search Libraries and Family Search Centers. According to Family Search, the name change will better align local centers with FamilySearch's expanding global brand'. FamilySearch is a global brand with free local FamilySearch centers in most countries to help individuals make fun, personal discoveries about themselves and their ancestors," said Steve Rockwood, CEO for FamilySearch International.

Who and What is FamilySearch??

FamilySearch is a nonprofit family history organization dedicated to connecting families across generations. It is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Originally established in 1894 as the Genealogical Society of Utah, today the organization offers genealogical records, education, and software.

FREE records at Ancestry!

Did you know there are millions of FREE records available at Ancestry and you don't have to be a member to utilize them? Sing up for a account and head on over to the card catalog section of Ancestry and enter FREE into the keyword section at the top of the page. Among the gems you will find is the 1940 and 1950 US census records, WWll Draft Registration Records, US Patent Records, Freeman Bureau Records as well as photographs, deed books, parish and church registries.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/catalog/?keyword=free&pg=6&cursor=5|25|126|4

Have you tried Numidant records yet?

What is it? Its been around for a long time but Familysearch has brought to light this great resource. Its the Social Security Numerical Identification Files 1936-2007. Also accessible at NARA these public records yield name, birth date, death date-place city and county.

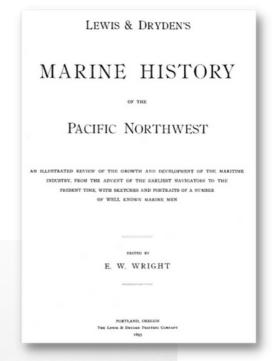
From FamilySearch "The Social Security Administration created these records to track the earnings of US workers and determine benefit entitlements. The publishable index only contains information for deceased individuals and was gathered from all three record types in the collection: applications, deaths, and claims. Each compiled record includes fields for the name of the deceased, social security number, parents' names, gender, birth city and state or country, birth date, and death date." https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/5000016

A treasure trove of ebooks from the Washington State Library

Just one of the historical, rare and out of print books that the Washington State Library has to offer, *Lewis and Drydens Marine History of The Pacific Northwest*, a must have for the nautical researcher. The book extensively covers the construction, timelines, vessel crews and the captains who bravely navigated the waters of the Columbia, Snake and other rivers to pioneers, miners and settlers in the growing and industrious cities of the Northwest.

Three the of Captains, Capt. Thomas J. Stump, son-in-law Capt. Thomas Tourp and Stumps brother John Stump are featured in this book. The resided in the Dalles and also at the mouth of the Deschutes River where many sternwheelers were built.

Their journeys take them down the Columbia, up the Snake and into the northern waters of British Columbia.



Other historical publications can be found on the libraries site for free download and reading. The books are copyright free and may be used without restrictions.

Publications that may be of interest to our area are:

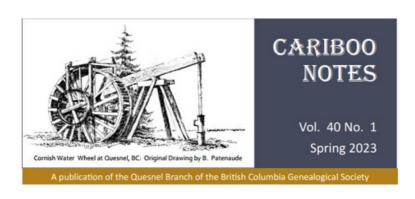
- Morning report of U.S. troops, stationed at Fort Dalles, O.T., 1858-1862
- Report of a guard mounted at Fort Dalles, Oregon 1864
- Myths and legends of the Pacific Northwest, especially of Washington and Oregon
- Douglas Journal, Douglas, David, 1799-1834
- Mitchell, S. Augustus (Samuel Augustus), 1792-1868 Accompaniment to Mitchell's new map of Texas, Oregon, California, with the regions adjoining.
- North West Company Davidson, Gordon Charles, b. 1884
- The river of the west: life and adventure in the Rocky Mountains and Oregon -Victor, Frances Fuller, 1826-1902
- The Pacific Northwest : information for settlers and others : Oregon and Washington Territory, with map Northern Pacific Railroad Company
- Guidebook of the western United States; part A. The Northern Pacific route, with a side trip to Yellowstone park Campbell, Marius Robinson, 1858-1940
- Willamette farmer: Vol. 13, no. 1 (February 4, 1881)
- Willamette Farmer Publishing Company

https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/publications.aspx

Our Newsletter and Society Exchange List

For a number of years we have exchanged newsletters with other genealogical societies, libraries, museums and historical groups. We are proud to be apart of this list of genealogical and historical organizations.

Bend Genealogical Society Clallam County Genealogical Society Clark County Genealogical Society Columbia Gorge Discovery Center Library Crook County Genalogical Society Donna Reid Fort Dalles Museum Fresno County Genealogical Society GFO- Genealogical Forum of Oregon Gilliam County Library Goldendale Family History Center Goldendale Library Gorge Heritage Museum Grant County Genealogical Society **Hood River Library Hood River Museum** Jefferson County Historical Society Allen County Public Library Klickatat County Historical Society Lincoln County Genealogical Society Linda Forrest Linn Genealogical Society Oregon Genealogical Society Quesnel Genealogical Society (CA) Seattle Genealogical society Sherman Co Historical Museum Sno-Isle Genealogical Society South Okanogan Genealogical Society (CA) Sweet Home Genealogical Society Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society The Dalles FHS The Dalles - Wasco Public Library Tri Cities Genealogical Society Washington State Genealogical Society White Salmon Library Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Yakima Valley Genealogical Society





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Beaver Briefs

Note: Not all the above have a current newsletter being published since March 2020



Oregon Genealogy

Oregon Genealogy Network

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

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

Genealogical Forum Of Oregon

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

Oregon Genealogical Society, Inc. 955 Oak Alley Eugene, Oregon 97401 https://oregongs.org/ (541) 345-0399

OrGenWeb

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

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!

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

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Wasco County Original Courthouse 410 W. 2nd Place The Dalles, Oregon 97058 541.296.4798

Wasco County Pioneer Association vasallee@gmail.com 541.296.4043

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

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 541.806.0372

Libraries

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509.773.4487 509.0493.1132

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Historical Resources In The Gorge

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

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

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

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

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center 5000 Discovery Drive The Dalles, Or. 97058 541,296,8600

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

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

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

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

Calendar This! Upcoming Programs

(Subject to change)

All programs and lectures are scheduled for ZOOM. Please check the blog for a complete schedule of events and more information.

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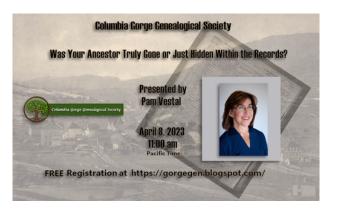


April 8, 2023 - Was Your Ancestor Truly Gone or Just Hidden Within the Records? Pam Vestal

May 27, 2023 - Meeting-Columbia Gorge Discovery Center - Board Room II:00 am

June 3, 2023 - TBA

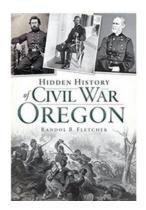
Summer Break
July
August



Author and historian Randy Fletcher will be joining us in the late Spring.

Watch our blog for times and dates.

https://gorgegen.blogspot.com/



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!

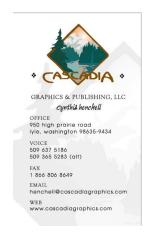




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