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Old Geezers

"Geezers" (slang for an older man) are easy to spot: make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

At sporting events, during the playing of the National Anthem, Old Geezers hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them. Old Geezers remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing, not to mention Vietnam.

Old Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth on TV or in movies. Old Geezers have moral courage. They seldom brag unless it's about their grandchildren.

If you bump into an Old Geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize. If you pass an Old Geezer on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. Old Geezers hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, This country needs Old Geezers with their decent values. We need them now more than ever. Thank God for Old Geezers!

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**ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY.
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PROGRAM: "CRYPTIC CLUES in the Bone Yard"
With Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

HOST: Betty Thorn & Beth Sayles

ArchiviaNet: A Canadian Researcher's Online Tool

George G. Morgan

I spent a tremendous amount of research preparing the manuscript for my latest book, *How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy* (McGraw-Hill/Osborne, 2004), and the publisher was insistent on the inclusion of U.S., Canadian, U.K., and Australian resources, to name a few. One of the joys of writing about genealogy for me is that it forces me to continue looking for and at new resources and some that I've missed along the line. Such a resource is ArchiviaNet, online research and consultation tool for the National Archives of Canada.

The Library and Archives Canada website, accessible in both English and French, is a tremendous online resource. If you are researching your Canadian ancestors and family, you will find a wealth of information in both text and digital format to help your quest. In "Along Those Lines..." this week, I want to introduce you to ArchiviaNet.

What is ArchiviaNet? ArchiviaNet is a master research access facility into the massive holdings of the National Archives of Canada. I suggest that you start at the ArchiviaNet Web page.

There you will find a list of research tools. However, before you jump right in, please visit the page titled, "What is ArchiviaNet?" because there are descriptions of the types of materials you will find there. The descriptions of fonds, collections, series, files, items, and accessions will help you understand, as you conduct your research, the logical relationships between grouped materials in the collections.

There are a number of resources on that Web page too. If you read French, the PDF file for genealogy under the Research Guides is helpful but can't be translated electronically. The most important link on the page, however, is the one that is labeled "genealogical research" in the Genealogy section. This takes you to the Canadian Genealogy Centre. This is your portal into a wealth of materials. The menu bar at the top of the screen will help you navigate to the various resources.

The Databases The databases are listed alphabetically, with AVITUS listed first. AVITUS is the Directory of Canadian Genealogical Resources. It allows you to browse or search databases, catalogues, and websites all over Canada. Some of the results may only be descriptions of materials, while others may provide access to digitized materials.

The census indexes are impressive. There is a catalog of the microfilmed census materials from 1666 to 1901, which will assist you in locating the correct roll(s)

when you visit the Archives or when you want to request film through your local LDS Family History Center. The 1871 census for Ontario is a compiled index to help locate people enumerated in that province that year and will help you locate microfilmed images. The bonanzas, however, are the Census of Canada of 1901 and the Census of the Northwest Provinces in 1906 (the first for that area). These are completely digitized, and although there is no index by name, you can browse through the images by geographical region.

ArchiviaNet provides access to three searchable immigration record indexes. These include:

- Immigrants at Grosse-Île (a database listing some immigrants who stayed at the Grosse-Île Quarantine Station between 1832 and 1937;
- Immigration records for 1925 to 1935 (earlier records back to 1865 do exist on microfilm);
- and Home Children sent from England between 1869 and 1930.

The Western Land Grants database is an index to Letters Patent issued in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the railway belt of British Columbia between approximately 1870 and 1930. The index provides the name of the grantee, the description of the land, and the date granted. You can then contact the provincial archives to obtain copies of the homestead applications and other file contents.

Military records are not overlooked. Canadian service persons' records are indexed in two important databases. The first is the Soldiers of the First World War (1914-1918). The database is completely searchable, and results include the individual's name, regimental number(s), and a reference to the record group at the archives, box, and file/record number. A click on the button at the left of the entry presents an individual page with a link to instructions for ordering a copy of the file contents.

The other military database indexes the records of Soldiers of the South African War (1899-1902). Search results here include the individual's name, regimental number(s), name of the regiment, and the name of the files or database(s) in which records are contained. These are primarily service files, medals registers, and land applications. Some of the land grant applications have been lost over the years. However, in the last column you will find an "X" if images have been digitized. (Please note that in my search for MORGAN, results were displayed that included a MORGAN, Charles Bird. His service file was record #1, and his land appli-

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cation was record #10.) Be sure to continue looking down the search results list to make sure you see all the records. Be sure to click on the button at the left for the items marked with the "X", and you'll be presented with a screen for that individual. A drop-down box will be displayed with the words "Associated images:". When you select the contents from the box, you'll find that each document in the soldier's file has been digitized.

Digitized Canadian naturalization records from 1915 to 1932 and an index developed by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Ottawa and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal facilitate your search among the more than 200,000 names in the file.

The People databases consist of three distinct collections. The Dictionary of Canadian Biography is searchable by name or browsable. The Post Offices and Postmasters database is searchable in various ways, including by office name, electoral district, province, and postmaster. The results include opening and closing dates of the facilities and/or terms of appointment by the postmaster(s). Last but certainly not least is the Canadian Directories: Who Was Where database, a pilot project which has to date indexed and digitized fifteen of the National Library of Canada's massive collection of city directories.

Other Database Resources AMICUS WEB is an online catalog providing access to published sources such as books and newspapers. The database also contains references to local histories, church and cemetery indexes, family histories, city directories, genealogy society journals and periodicals, and other materials.

CAIN is an acronym for the Canadian Archival Information Network, which is the portal into holdings of more than 800 archival institutions across Canada. CAIN itself could be the subject of an entire column because it truly does open Canada's historical materials

to you.

Search the Library and Archives Canada Site If you can't find what you're looking for at the Canadian Genealogy Center page, don't despair. The Library and Archives Canada site has lots more! Return to the home page and type a word into the Search box at the top upper-right of the page. I typed "map" and was rewarded with 812 matches at this writing. Some of these resources include: Electoral Maps; an index to more than 40,000 historical maps, including 4,000 digitized images; maps of Indian Reserves in Western Canada (1,200 of 1,500 maps have been digitized); and more. A search for the phrase "Hudson's Bay" produced more than 350 results including books, online exhibits, maps, and other resources.

Summary The Library and Archives Canada has done an impressive job organizing, indexing, and making their collections accessible, much of it in digitized image format. I hear many researchers who have Canadian ancestry complain that there is so little material available to them. ArchiviaNet is decidedly an important addition to your Canadian research toolkit. In addition, the provincial archives' holdings add even more--much, much more--to the body of available resources.

Even if you don't have Canadian roots, take a tour of the Library and Archives Canada's online site. You'll be impressed, too!

Happy Hunting! George

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Programme de recherche en démographie historique

– Dick Eastman

Are you researching French-speaking ancestors from the Quebec province? If so, you absolutely need to spend some time on the award-winning Web site of Programme de recherche en démographie historique. You don't read French? No problem, as the information on this site is available in both French and in English.

Programme de recherche en démographie historique, or PRDH, is a comprehensive site of Quebec French-Canadian genealogy before 1800. It contains biographical files on all individuals of European ancestry who lived in the St. Lawrence Valley of Canada prior to 1800. A grant from the Government of Que-

bec's Fonds de l'autoroute de l'information made possible the creation of this Web site. Produced in collaboration with Gaëtan Morin Éditeur, the site is hosted at Université de Montréal's Département de Démographie and is run by Bertrand Desjardins, assisted by Denis Duval.

When researching my own French-Canadian ancestry, the relatively small number of immigrants has always fascinated me. Unlike the waves of immigrants that arrived in what is now the United States or the later arrivals of thousands of immigrants in Canada, the early

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immigrants to New France consisted of only a few thousand individuals. Many of the immigrants married and raised large families. Even after the English acquisition of Canada, these French-speaking citizens remained a separate community; they rarely married English-speaking, Protestant neighbors. Their descendants intermarried time and again, resulting in a large population with intertwined relationships.

Actually, this is good news for genealogists. With a smaller "pool" of ancestors, previous researchers have documented almost all available facts and published their results repeatedly. However, access to these printed books, most of them published in French, has not been easy for researchers outside of the Quebec province. The Web site of Programme de recherche en démographie historique provides a valuable service that is unavailable elsewhere online.

The PRDH Web site identifies the origin of each French-Canadian family name and provides original information on their descendants through the 1600s and 1700s. The PRDH database contains information from parish registers and other nominative documents. According to the database description found on the PRDH Web site, the information comes from more than 710,000 certificates, including all baptisms, marriages and burials contained in Quebec Catholic parish registers up to the year 1800.

Go back and read that last sentence again. Yes, it really does say "ALL." The PRDH Web site contains information about ALL the surviving records of baptisms, marriages and burials for those years in Quebec. If the record survived, it is listed in the PRDH database. Indeed, French-Canadian genealogists have found that most of the records of the 1600s and 1700s have survived and are available today. It is rare that a genealogist finds any source that holds all the available records for such a large number of people.

The information on PRDH is contained in three interrelated databases:

A REPERTORY OF VITAL EVENTS, 1621–1799:

The Repertory of Vital Events includes the some 690,000 baptismal, marriage, and burial certificates registered in Catholic parishes prior to 1800. Added to these are more than 20,000 certificates of various other types: census records, marriage contracts, confirmations, lists of immigrants, and so on. The repertory reproduces, in a standardized form, the basic information contained in these documents: type, place of registration and date of the certificate; and the family name, first name, and characteristics of the individuals cited. Sophisticated search tools make it possible to find certificates by name of person (individuals or couples) and certificate characteristics (type, date, or parish).

A GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF FAMILIES, 1621-1765:

The Genealogical Dictionary offers a reconstruction of the history of all families who settled in the St. Lawrence Valley, or roughly the current territory of today's province of Quebec, from the beginnings of French colonization to the year 1765.

The dictionary is based on the linking of individuals to their baptismal, marriage, and burial certificates from Catholic parish registers for the period 1621–1765. It contains the names of individuals who were born in or came to Quebec between 1621 and 1765, along with the names of their parents, spouses, and children. For each person, the dictionary gives date and place of birth, of marriage(s) (if applicable), and of death, if it occurred before 1766. You can easily search the data base using names of people (individuals or couples), and you can further define your search by year of birth or marriage.

A REPERTORY OF COUPLES AND FILIAL RELATIONS, 1621–1799:

The Repertory of couples specifies for each spouse the names of his or her parents and the names of his or her other spouses, if applicable, with a link to these couples. In addition, a list of the couple's children who married before 1800 is supplied, with a link to their first marriage. Thus, not only is the ancestry of the spouses throughout the period established automatically, but married descendants are also listed. Couples are accessed on the basis of their first and family names, using a search you can further define by year of marriage.

One point to note is that the information on the PRDH Web site is copyrighted and remains the intellectual property of the Programme de recherche en démographie historique.

The PRDH Web site has a mixture of free information and "for pay" information. However, the free information available is very limited. To properly utilize this site you will have to pay for a subscription. The free access simply allows you to check whether or not the database contains information on the ancestor(s) you are interested in. Free access will not provide any details, not even locations. Paid subscribers will receive full information from the three separate sections listed earlier.

The fee structure is a bit complex. First of all, there are three classifications of subscribers: Quebec residents; Canadian residents, excluding those of Quebec; The rest of the world

In addition, the subscriber pays for the number of "hits" or successful retrieval of records. The more "hits" purchased in advance, the cheaper the price per "hit." A Quebec resident can purchase 150 hits for \$17.20 (Canadian funds) or up to 10,000 hits for \$287.50. A bit of work with a calculator shows that these prices equate

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to 11.5 cents per hit for the smaller purchase, scaling down to less than a penny per hit for those who elect to pay \$287.50.

Canadians from other provinces pay \$14.95 for 150 hits and then have an equal number of options, up to and including \$267.45 for 10,000 hits. Those outside of Canada pay \$17.95 for 150 hits and \$287.95 for 10,000 hits. Again, those prices are in Canadian dollars. At today's exchange rates, anyone outside of Canada would pay \$11.24 U.S. dollars for 150 hits and then scale to \$180 U.S. dollars for 10,000 hits.

Regardless of your location, you must register and make payment in advance. After your payment is validated, you will receive a notice (usually by e-mail) telling you that you can activate your subscription whenever you want. All you have to do is go to the site and enter your username and password when the identifica-

tion window is displayed. The subscription ends when you have used up all your hits.

Programme de recherche en démographie historique received the New England Historic Genealogical Society's "2002 Technology Excellence Award," presented at the recent GENTECH2002 conference held in Boston. Anyone who is researching Quebec ancestry on this site will soon discover why this award was made: the PRDH online database contains high-quality information about tens of thousands of individuals. If you are researching French-Canadian ancestors in Quebec province prior to 1800, you need to go to: www.genealogy.umontreal.ca/en/main.htm.

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HONORING OUR ANCESTORS: "GENEALOGICAL COLD CALLING,"

by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

At some point in the course of our research, almost all of us encounter a situation requiring us to call a stranger--perhaps a second or third cousin we've never met. We may be seeking family details, hoping to recruit a DNA testing candidate, trying to locate the family Bible, or pursuing some other genealogical agenda. I know this is an uncomfortable experience for some because I occasionally receive e-mails asking about this cold-calling aspect whenever my articles on orphan heirloom rescues (that is, tracing the descendants of original owners of family treasures in order to return it to the family of origin) appear.

While it's admittedly not my favorite part of genealogy, I call strangers with some frequency. Sometimes it's for my own family research, and sometimes it's for the orphan rescues. But I also do it on almost a daily basis for my work with the U.S. Army's Repatriation Project. As part of this effort, I locate the families of soldiers who were killed in Korea (and occasionally, WWII and Southeast Asia). In most cases, I'm the first contact the family has had with the Army in 30 to 60 years. As you might suspect, reactions vary, so I've dealt with just about everything that can happen when you pick up the phone and dial the number of someone who has no clue who you are. So I thought it might be worth sharing a few suggestions I've developed for genealogical cold calling.

DON'T HIDE YOUR IDENTITY

If at all possible, it helps to ring in under your own name and number. This won't be possible for the roughly 35 percent of you who are unlisted, but if you're still publicly

listed and have been considering taking your number private, you might want to think twice. Many people have caller ID and will be intrigued by a call coming in from someone of their own surname or, at least, a long distance number that's not familiar to them. It's true that there are plenty of call screeners who won't pick up the phone for anyone who's unknown to them, but curiosity sometimes gets the better of these folks. After they've seen your name and number ring in several times, they will occasionally call you! It happens to me from time to time on my army cases.

AVOID LEAVING MESSAGES

This brings us to the issue of voice mail. Because of the nature of my army work, I'm reluctant to leave messages, so my policy is to avoid leaving them. I'll call many times before I accept the fact that I'm dealing with a serious call screener and need to reconsider. The same applies to general genealogical research. If you leave a message, you're forcing even an interested individual to make a long distance call (in most cases). Particularly to elderly people living on a tight income, this alone can be a hindrance. Add to this the fact that we all have busy lives, and even those with the best of intentions might fail to call back. And there's always the possibility that someone in the household will accidentally delete or otherwise prevent your message from getting to its intended recipient.

Having said that, if you've called ten times and still haven't reached a person, it's probably time to bend this rule. If you must leave a message, do your best to leave

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enough detail to give them reason to call back.

DON'T OVER-PREPARE Yes, you want to know who you're calling, how they're connected to you, and why you're calling, but don't sound too polished. Even if you've cold called dozens of distant relatives before, my experience is that it's best to sound a little halting and even apologetic. If you're too rehearsed, you'll come across as a telemarketer. Be sure to ask early on if this is a good time for them and ask for a better time if it isn't. You never know when someone who genuinely wants to speak to you might have company or be immersed in a playoff game on TV. Don't force them to choose between you and whatever they were doing.

EXPLAIN THE CONNECTION I usually open with a comment along the lines of, "This is a little unusual. You don't know me, but I think we may be distant cousins. My name is X and if you're the person I'm looking for, your grandparents would have been Y and Z." The key here is to immediately share some family details in order to arrest the hang-up impulse some of us have. For better or worse, we've become very suspicious. Many people hang up without taking time to learn who you are, so you need to get past this barrier. Fortunately, it's a little less pronounced now due to the do-not-call list (those on the list no longer expect calls from telemarketers, and if they suspect you of being one, they'll probably stay on the line long enough to find out who to be angry with!).

With my army cases, I make it a point to give the soldier's name as soon as possible. In a few cases when I wasn't quick enough the first time, I've redialed and just shouted out the soldier's name without any preamble. That always gets me at least a little more time.

ASK FOR A REFERRAL Once you've established that you have a legitimate reason for calling, it's a good idea to offer a graceful "out." This can be easily accomplished by asking if there's someone in the family who's into genealogy. This gives them a chance to pass you and your questions on to another relative (and you an alternative contact if they truly aren't interested), but few people will take advantage of this offer. Most will appreciate your consideration of their time and continue talking with you.

GIVE BEFORE YOU GET To help erase any lingering concerns, it helps to share fresh details before asking for any in return. In fact, if you can discipline yourself, make the contact a three-step process: 1) call, 2) e-mail or snail mail some family charts or photos, and then 3) call again. It takes longer, but it works wonders in terms of raising their comfort level with you. If you just can't wait, at least take the time to verbally share data you have before moving on and asking for information.

ASK FOR CONFIRMATION Assuming you've made it past the preliminaries, you're ready to seek information from them. To help ease into this, start by asking for confirmation of a few bits and pieces that you already have. For example, you might try, "I have that your grandmother died in 1954 and is buried in Cemetery X. Does that sound right?" This allows you to underscore the fact that the call is a genuine genealogical inquiry and not some scam (after all, how many scam artists would take the time to learn where their intended victim's grandmother is buried?) and gives you a chance to demonstrate that you already know plenty and they're not giving away family secrets by speaking with you.

LEAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Always leave your contact information (all of it--phone, address, and e-mail) even if you don't necessarily expect to communicate with this person again. This may sound like a blinding flash of the obvious, but, particularly when the conversation flows right from the start and you wind up chatting for an hour, it can be easy to forget this rather important step. You might change your mind, they might happen across some treasures in the attic and think of you, or someone else might contact them about genealogy. Then they're in the position to play middleman, and a surprising number will be kind enough to do so. I was recently fortunate enough to have this happen with a distant relative in Ireland.

HAPPY DIALING! Calling strangers can be a little intimidating, but the potential rewards far outweigh the worst-case scenario of being hung up on. Here's hoping these suggestions make your next cold-calling experience a little more pleasant and successful.

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, author of "Honoring Our Ancestors," "In Search of Our Ancestors: 101 Inspiring Stories of Serendipity and Connection in Rediscovering Our Family History," "They Came to America: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors," and "Trace Your Roots with DNA: Using Genetic Tests to Explore Your Family Tree," can be contacted through <http://www.honoringourancestors.com>

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- - - - - A Genealogist is.....

A genealogist must have the patience of Job
The curiosity of a cat
The stubbornness of a mule
The eyesight of an eagle
Be blessed with the luck of the Irish and the ability and Stamina of a camel to go long hours without food or drink.

Thompson Hill

By LGS member Linda Ellsworth

1850 Anderson Co., TN census

Rufus Thompson in the household of Jonathan Thompson

3 April 1860 Rufus Thompson married Nancy E. Gentry, dau. of Silas A. Gentry and Jane (Wallace) Gentry in Anderson Co., TN (from www.familysearch.org)

1860 Anderson Co., TN census, Clinton post office, p. 9 (from HeritageQuest online)

111/111 Rufus Thompson age 18 male Farmer born TN
Nancy E. Thompson age 17 born TN

1870 Linn Co., OR Lebanon precinct p. 657 (HeritageQuest online)

72/70 Thompson, Rufus 28 male white farmer TN
, Nancy E. 27 female white Keeping house TN

, Eliza J. 4 female white TN
, Sarah A. T. 1 female white TN

1875 Lebanon Masonic Cemetery:

Thompson, Elizabeth (wife of J. B. Thompson)-1860-1893 -(Pioneers of Anderson Co., TN 1878)-S3

Thompson, J. B. 1853-1928 (Pioneer of Anderson Co., TN 1878) S3

Thompson, J. Guy (son of J. B. & Lizzie Thompson) 1876-14 May 1893-age 16y8m3d-D3

Thompson, Nancy E. 1843-1875-S2

Thompson, Wayne (baby)-S2

(from www.usgennet.org/usa/or/town/lebanon/cems/masonic/masontuv.html)

Rufus Thompson married Addie L. Mansfield 27 July 1877 (Linn Co., OR marriages Bk E, #46)

1880 Linn Co., OR Center precinct, p. 411C

216/218 Thompson, Rufus 38 farmer TN father: TN mother: TN

, Addie M. 31 wife keeping house MO father: KY mother: KY

, Eliza J. 14 dau. at school TN father TN mother TN

, Sarah A. T. 12 dau at school TN father TN mother TN

, John F. H. 10 son at school OR father TN mother TN

, Martha E. 8 dau OR father TN mother TN

, Ruben C. H. 2 son OR father TN mother MO

, Lair 5 months son OR father TN mother MO

Mansfield, Claud 12 step son at school OR father: MO mother: MO

(from www.familysearch.org)

Neighbors: Edwin Huston, age 13 in the household of John Huston and Alice M. Ramsey, age 15, and Annie E. Ramsey, age 9, in household of Isaac J. Long (from www.ancestry.com)

1880 Linn Co., OR Albany p. 316 C

R. C. Hill head male white 72 born KY physician father born VA mother born KY

Magreth Hill wife female white 70 born KY keeping house father born PA mother b.PA

Jennie Thompson grand dau. female white 14 b. E. TN at school father b.TN mother KY

In Margaret G. Hill's obituary published in the *Albany Daily Democrat* dated Aug. 29, 1890 she is survived by her four sons and Mrs. Rufus Thompson of Albany

In his obituary published in the *Morning Daily Herald* on Wed., Jan. 1, 1891 his survivors are listed including Mrs. Rufus Thompson, of this city [Albany]. (microfilm copies of these newspapers are available at the Albany Public Library)

1900 Linn Co., OR West Albany precinct, p. 5B

Thompson, Rufus head Aug. 1841 58 marr 22 TN TN TN

, Adaline M. wife Nov 1849 51 narr 22 MO KY

, Fred son Nov 1871 OR TN TN

, Mary E. dau. July 188 OR TN MO

, Cassie dau. Sept. 1885 OR TN MO

, Ruth g. dau 1893 OR TN MO

1908 Mary Emily Susan Thompson, b. July 18, 1885, married Frank N. Parent on June 3

(family records and Linn Co., OR marriage records)

1910 Linn Co., OR West Albany precinct, p. 252, sheet 6B

506 West 2nd St.

Thompson, Rufus head 68 2nd marr 33yrs TN TN TN

, Addie wife 60 2nd marr 33 yrs 9children, 6 living MO KY

, Cassie H. dau 21 single OR TN MO

, Ruth G. dau. 17 single OR TN MO

Living next to them is the household of Don Silkworth and his wife Alace. In this household is Eliza J. thompson listed as sister age 44 single born in TN father TN and mother TN.

Rufus Thompson died Jan. 21, 1915 in Albany, OR. Highlights from his obituary published on the front page of *Albany Daily Democrat* dated January 21, 1915:

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He was born in Anderson Co., TN on Aug. 31, 1840. He served in the Civil War on the Union side in the 7th TN infantry. He moved to Lebanon in August 1869.

He entered the Baptist ministry in 1866. He was appointed post master in Albany by President Cleveland during his first term.

Survived by two daughter by his first marriage: Mrs. Gena Flint of San Francisco and Mrs. Meda Bowles of Seattle and by Prof. Reuben Thompson of Reno, Nevada, Hon. W. Lair Thompson of Lakeview, OR, Dr. Fred Thompson of Salem, Mrs. Mary Parent, Miss Cassie and Miss Ruth Thompson of Albany.

Addie M. Thompson died 11 January 1920 in Albany, OR. Highlights from her obituary published on the front page of *Albany Daily Democrat* dated January 12, 1920:

She was born in Barlow Co., MO on Nov. 2, 1849 and came to Oregon in 1853. She was a daughter of Rev. Reuben C. and Margaret Lair Hill who were originally from Kentucky and Tennessee. Reuben Hill was founder of the Baptist Church of this city [Albany] and one of the founders of McMinnville College.

Margaret "Addie" Hill married Howard Mansfield on 29 July 1866. He died in 1871. She married Rufus Thompson on 26 July 1877. Children: Prof. Reuben C. Thompson of University of Nevada, Reno, NV, W. Lair Thompson of Portland, Dr. Fred H. Thompson, Salem, Mrs. Allan (Ruth) Banks, Albany and Miss Cassie Thompson, Albany. Two children of Mr. Thompson by a former wife, who were raised in the Thompson family, are Mrs. Robert Flint of Oakland, CA and Mrs. C. D. Bowles, of Portland.

Both Rufus and Margaret are buried in the Albany Masonic Cemetery.

1924 Charles D. Bowles died 10 Jan 1924 in Portland, OR. He was the husband of Meda Thompson.

1930 California, Monterey Co., City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, E.D. 27-44, sheet 3B, 1651
96/96 Flint, R. Foster head male white 53 married at 33
b. Mass father: MA mother MA artist not a veteran

, Jennie E. wife female white 63 married at 43 b. TN father: TN mother TN
(from www.ancestry.com)

Flint, Robert Foster b. 5 July 1876 Massachusetts died 8 April 1941 San Diego
(www.ancestry.com)

From *San Diego Union*, Sunday morning, April 13, 1941, p. 2B, column 3: Robert A. Flint Escondido, April 12 (Special)-Services for Robert A. Flint, 64, painter, were held Thursday in the Alhiser mortuary chapel. He died Tuesday in Escondido Community hospital after a short illness. Mr. Flint was a native of Salem, Mass, where he was born July 5, 1876. He was

engaged in painting and art work that gained him distinction in Carmel, Laguna Beach, La Jolla and Oakland. He had resided at Del Dios with an invalid wife for nine years. His wife, Jeannie E. Flint, and a brother, George M. Flint, of Boston, survive.

Flint, Jennie E. b. 29 Jun 1868 Tennessee died 6 Feb. 1942 San Diego

Mother's maiden name: Gentry Father's surname: Thompson

Death notice in the *San Diego Union*, Monday morning, Feb. 9, 1942, page 5B:

Flint-Jennie E. Feb. 6, at Fredericka Home, sister of Mrs. Almeda Dinsmore. Services Monday 1:30 p.m. at Hubbard Mortuary. Interment. Glen Abbey.

Mitchell, Cassie Thompson-b. Sept. 2, 1888, (family sources say Sept. 22) Albany, OR, dau. of Rufus and Margaret "Addie" Hill Thompson. (Full name Casandra Bianca.) She married Francis Mitchell in May 1924 in Portland, OR. He died in January 1954. She died Friday, Jan. 23, 1970. Survivors include a son, Lair Mitchell, California; a brother, Fred H. Thompson, Salem and a sister, Mrs. Alan H. Banks, Albany. Two brothers preceded her in death, Professor Reuben C. Thompson, Reno, Nev. and Dr. W. Lair Thompson, Portland (Albany *Democrat Herald*, Friday January 23, 1970, p. 7)

Lair H. Mitchell b. 5 July 1927 in Oregon. Mother: Thompson. d. 25 Oct. 1989, Los Angeles, California (CA death index on www.ancestry.com)

Thompson, Frederick Hancock. died Feb. 22, 1970 in Salem, Marion Co., OR. He was born Oct. 28, 1881 in Albany, OR (family record). He attend Linfield College where he earned a BS; he received a MD degree from Willamette University Medical School as well as a Master of Science degree. He was a professor of chemistry at Willamette. He practiced privately as a doctor in Stayton and later in Salem. He was a founder of Salem Memorial Hospital in 1916. He helped organize the Oregon State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. He was a member of AMA and Oregon and Marion Co. medical societies, Kiwanis Club and Masonic Lodge. Survivors include wife, Irene, Salem, dau. Mrs. Foster Cronemiller, Honolulu, Hawaii, son David Thompson, Honolulu, sisters. Mrs. Cassie H. Mitchell, Portland and Mrs. Alan Banks, Albany, five grandchildren. (*Oregon Statesman*, Salem, Monday, Feb. 23, 1970)

Banks, Ruth Thompson-b. Jan. 29, 1893 in Albany, OR. Married Alan Herbert Banks on Sept. 15, 1915. She died Tuesday, March 10, 1970 in Kampala, Uganda, Africa where she had been working with her husband as a missionary. Survived by five daughters and three sons, one sister, Mrs Marguerite Guyer of Hillsboro and an aunt, Mrs. Jessie Alsop of Dayton, OR (For a full obituary see Albany *Democrat Herald*, Thursday, March 12, 1970, p.11.

QUERY

By LGS member Linda Ellsworth

Query from Carol Wilson, Clarkston, WA 99403: My grand-father John H. Evans came from Indiana to Albany in 1869. He had a connection to the Monteiths....any information about him? He stayed just two years but I believe he was active in the community.

Dear Carol, Your letter to the Albany Visitors Center was passed on to me.

The first thing I did was look for John H. Evans in the 1870 Linn Co., OR census. I found him living with John Barrows, Louisa Barrows and Ella J. Barrows. I noticed that both Louisa Barrows and John Evans were born in Indiana. John H. Evans age is 23 which would give him a birthdate of 1847. His occupation given as school teacher. I then consulted Fred Nutting's Old

Time Albany. On page 97 I found a reference to John H. Evans, relative of John Smith, father of Margaret Monteith, Mrs. Dr. Tate and Mrs John Barrows, who was visiting Albany in 1937. He was age 93 and living in California between Los Angeles and San Diego.

According to the Monteith genealogy, Margaret (Smith) Monteith was born Feb. 11, 1829 in Pittsburg, Carroll Co., IN. I then consulted a database available from the Indiana State Library of marriage records before 1850. There I found Elizabeth Evans married John Smith Jan. 27, 1823 in Monroe Co., IN.

It would appear that John H. Evans was related to Elizabeth (Evans) Smith, the mother of Margaret A. (Smith) Monteith. I found an obituary for Elizabeth that said she

was born in Crawford Co., PA on May 13, 1802. Unfortunately it did not give the names of her parents. Based on the difference in ages from John Evans and Elizabeth, I speculate that she was an aunt and/or cousin. She died July 19, 1889.

I would be happy to share with you the information I have on Joseph P. Tate and Louisa, John Barrow and Eliza and Walter Monteith and Margaret.

I could even send you a picture of Margaret Monteith...a copy, of course.

A donation would be appreciated to either the Linn Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 1222, Albany, OR 97321 or the the Monteith House Society, P. O. box 965, Albany, OR. 97321 Linda Ellsworth

Beardsley letters continued

Presented by LGS member Linda Ellsworth

Republic of Chile
June the 1st. 1847

Dear Father,

Sir, I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and doing tolerable well. I ran away from the whale ship Formosa in the Port of Talca huano on the first day of April 1847. I left the ship with about eighty dollars due me, but I got a good situation immediately with employ that is lucrative. I am well satisfied with the climate and my situation.

There are some families of English and American of good respectability and they are all of them friendly to me at present which makes my situation more pleasant than it would be other ways.

My stay here will be long enough to receive letter from you therefore I wish you to write me on the receipt of this letter without fail. Direct my

letters to me in the care of American Consul, Talchuanos Conception Repb. Of Chile S.A.

I have many things that I wish to write but I cannot put them on paper. First, the health of the Family; are you living and well? How many married and which and where they reside. Second; As to finances of all. Third: As to disposition temperament of new ones if there are any. Fourthly; My aunts, uncles and their families. Fifthly: As to the neighbors and acquaintances.

As to the time that has passed since I was last in the United States:-- It has been at sea, some of it has been very pleasant, some of it has been very unpleasant. The Captain and I were very intimate together but I did not like whaling. It is a dirty but lucrative business, if you are lucky, which is not often the case. No young man will have my advice to follow whaling, although many make fortunes at it. But never be-

fore the mast, and they cannot expect to be Officers until they have experience in the business which takes two or three years at least., and the Officers are generally rough and inhumane especially to those on the first voyage. I was never abused, however which was very luck for all.

My trade is very good here and I have the best run of custom in the country, which is mill work. Flouring in Chile is the best business there is for a large capital. Wheat is plenty and the market quick. The flour is shipped to different Republics with great profit. My principal work is to sharpen the picks for the mills. It is light but lucrative. For instance I have 18 [cents mark] for sharpening one pick, there are five mills which contain 17 run of stone, which will soon be increased to 23 run and they average ten picks per piece per week. I have the whole of them myself and I give the best

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satisfaction of anyone that they have had since the commencement of flouring. A steady hand, with persevering will make a fortune.

I have preserved a steady and strictly temperate and moral life thus far. I am single yet and have to hire my board by the week at \$3 per week which is double the value of it. I have had thoughts of getting me a wife but it requires a great deal of meditation. The girls, except natives are scarce and there are but few of them, without exception of the first class, that a man would like to marry and I am very particular. Yet it is possible that I may be able to suit myself after you answer this letter which will be in the course of ten months or a year. Your counsel I shall expect as well as my mother's in the affair.

As to my affairs at home, I wish you to state them in a letter by itself and I will advance funds to balance the whole at receipt of what is necessary. It can be done through Merchants in one of the Sea Port Towns of the United States with safety, and if it is necessary a surplus one will be forwarded for you.

Despair not, for I remain your affectionate,

Orondo Beardsley.

N.B. That I have not forgotten the Family. Give them all my love and best respects and tell them all to write to me and I will answer them forthwith in my way. I would like to

see all the Family and Friends, but letters must do what eyes cannot. My respects to you.

O.Beardsley

N.B. A sawmill would pay 100%, a coarse woolen manufacture from 100% to 150%. More about this in my next. It might be well to let the boys learn a trade if they are idle. Nothing better.

Adelma C. Taylor

Letters No.4

Pinco, Feb. 21, 1849

Dear Sister Oresta,

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I learn that I am not entirely forgotten by my Father and his Family. I have now before me a letter commenced by you in MacDonough June the 18th/48 in which my dear Mother has addressed a kind page to me, and a little from Sister Lareda (MAF's mother). A thousand thanks to you all. Bye-the-bye have another from Sister Esstella dated June 12th/48 and a light scratch in it from Miss Genseng Hunter. I think I shall risk in it from Miss Genseng Hunter. I think I shall risk the blotting of a sheet of paper on the strength of it. You cannot in the least comprehend the pleasure that it gives me to peruse those epistles. I have six in all; one from my Mother, two from sister Esstella, one from you, one from Mr. H.B.B. and one from the kind hearted Ginseng Hunter. I read them often and take good care of them. I never thought that I was forgotten but I thought that you depended too much upon one another, but by the

perusal of those letters I think that my impressions were wrong and, therefore, I beg the pardon of you all. Some of my letters were a near approximation to being very saucy, but I was determined to have an answer of some kind. Either not to write any more or to write more respectfully now that I have received letters. I am contented. Keep writing all of you often. I am very sorry to hear that Sister E. is so unwell as not to be able to labour at all. I am afraid her illness is something serious but will hope for the best. Sister Caroline has probably recovered her health before this. Father and Mother are both old enough to experience a gradual decline in their health. Treat them all with a hearty good morrow for me and kiss little Wm. as I would do and tell Dear Mother that I hope that we shall meet again while living. I have not lost a family tie yet, altho it may appear that I have lost everything of the kind. I think of home and friends as often as ever I did. Everything appears to me as gay and fresh as it did the day that I enjoyed it. All of those Holiday sports are passing and repassing as usual with me. I often think of seeing you all as I left you but that can never be; seven or eight years can never pass without changing the looks if not the mind. I hope that we shall all change for the better both in looks and mind and approximate near to that Great Patron of Mankind in Goodness.

My affairs are very curiously arranged at present.

I am in company with Mr. Charles Boynton building a saw and flouring mill to run by steam. She is just ready to start. In two weeks more I am to sail for California as agent for flour and lumber, to return again in the same vessel in the space of eight or ten months. I have a friend to accompany me by the name of Charles Brooks of Norwich Chenango Co. Whether I return again to California or not will depend upon my success in trade. If I do not go to California the coming year I shall come home to visit.

If I do go to California the coming year, it will be two years before I visit you. Then I shall cross at Panama over the Isthmus which I would like to do.

Wheat is worth \$41.50 the fenaga. One fenaga weighs 176 lbs. Flour is worth \$4.50 a bag—100 lbs. I never saw any corn sold. There is but little used here. Peas are worth \$1.50 the fenaga or three bushels. Beans from \$1.25 to \$2.00 the fenaga. Potatoes are from \$1.00 to \$1.50 the fenaga. Apples \$1.50 Pears, \$1.25 down to 75c according to quality. Peaches (?) the doz. Figs, large, 6c for eight or ten. Grapes, plenty, black and white 6c for eight or ten clusters. Quinces, plenty \$2.00 the fenaga. Butter 13c per lb. Lard, \$6.00 the quintle.

Wages for mechanics are very good. Good carpenters get \$3.00 per day. Millers from \$600 to \$2000 by the year, according to their qualification.

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tions. Blacksmiths are very scarce. I am offered \$5.00 per day but will not work for it. Ten is my price and ten hours for the day. They can give it or

do without my services. I do not care which. They have but nine days more to think of it before I sail. If they take me up I shall stop and Mr. Brooks will go in my place. I had

rather that they would not take me at my offer. I cannot tell how it will be. They cannot get another man to do the work that I can do for them. They must suffer much if I

leave them which I shall if they do not give me my price.

Yours from your affectionate Brother
Orondo
Beardsley

Announcements

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall 2004 Genealogy Education Classes

Our continuing educational opportunities for Fall 2004 at the Forum will include thirteen 2-hour classes with registration open to GFO members and the general public. Opportunities may include hands-on experience in a classroom setting. Class fees are \$15.00 per class or four classes for the price of three (\$45.00) or all thirteen classes for the \$150.00. With a limit of 30, registrations for each class must be paid by the Saturday/Sunday prior to class. Sorry, no refunds. Taping or other recording of any of the classes is not allowed. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead to ensure we are open. So, bring a friend and spend a rainy afternoon learning some new techniques to aid you in your research!

Sep 12, 1 pm –Computer Care 101 by Andy Davidson

Sep 19, 1 pm – In Search of Elusive Great-Grandmother, Tips for Using Heritage Quest on-Line Indexes by Larry Sullivan

Sep 25, 1 pm – Scanning More and More by Sam Butler

Sep 26, 12 noon – The Master Genealogist, Part 1 by Julie Kidd

Sep 26, 2:30 – The Master Genealogist, Part 2 by Julie Kidd

Oct 10, 1 pm Comparing Genealogical Programs by Marty Krauter

Oct 16, 1 pm PDA's by Jan Robinson

Oct 17, 1 pm Probate: A Will or Not by Pat Burling

Oct 24, 1 pm Roots Magic, The Program Basics and Beyond by Leslie Lawson

Nov 7, 1 pm Want Your Own Website? By Kathy Cardoza

Nov 14, 1 pm Courthouse Research by Gerry Lenzen

Nov 21, 1 pm American Land Recors by Gerry Lenzen

Dec, 4m 1 pm Genealogical Gift Giving by Cindy Webb

For full information on the above classes Contact Genealogical Forum of Oregon, PO Box 42567, Portland OR 97242-0567

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall 2004 Seminar

When: Saturday Oct. 30 2004

Where: PGE Auditorium (3700 SE 17th Ave. Portland)

GFO presents Mary E.V. Hill, MLS, CLS, AG

Come spend the day with other genealogists learning from Mary. Registration starts at 8 AM; Mary starts at 9 AM.

Her presentation will cover:

Social Reasons for Migrations

Research Logs, Calendars & To-Do Lists

Cemetery Records

Neighborhood Reconstruction

Lunch is at noon. We'll be done by 4 PM.

For full information on the above classes Contact Genealogical Forum of Oregon, PO Box 42567, Portland OR 97242-0567

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

by George G. Morgan

Unless you've been living under a rock these last few weeks, you know that Florida has been targeted by a parade of hurricanes: Bonnie, Charley, Frances, and, by the time you read this, Ivan. Having lived in the Tampa area for almost ten years, I've seen a number of hurricanes graze past or strike other areas of the southeastern United States. This year, though, we have been on tenterhooks in my area as each of these four storms moved through and have caused some damage.

I had planned to attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Austin, Texas, for a full week last week, arriving on Monday, 6 September, and returning on Sunday the 12th. Hurricane Frances, however, forced the cancellation of my Monday flight, and I finally arrived on Wednesday. Then the projected path for Hurricane Ivan appeared to be headed for Tampa. I had to place home priorities first and decided to leave the conference early and return home, only having attended one lecture session and having spent only a few hours working a booth in the exhibit hall.

As I agonized over the decision to stay or return home, my thoughts centered on "What will I do when I get home?" and "If we have to evacuate, what can and will we take with us other than our three cats?" While I had already prepared a number of items in anticipation of the previous hurricanes, I knew that there would always be something that I would have trouble leaving behind. While I hope no one ever has to face an impending disaster such as a fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, or other calamity, I know that some of us will. And so, in "Along Those Lines . . ." this week, I want to share some tips I've learned that perhaps will help you plan for any potential disaster.

MAKE A LIST: Perhaps it seems intuitive to make a list of what you would and wouldn't take with you. However, the time to make that list is when you are calm, not while you are not under the stress of an impending disaster. Here are the most important items on my list:

- **Medications.** Place your medications in a sealed plastic bag and stow them in a convenient place.

- **Important Papers.** Insurance policies, house and automobile titles, birth and marriage certificates, passports, pet vaccination records, checkbooks, savings account books, investment records, credit and ATM cards, and any other financial records. Some of these may be stored in a safe deposit box (if you have one), or you might ship them to a relative or friend elsewhere via insured mail, FedEx, UPS, DHL, or some other express carrier. If you plan to take them with you, you should pack them in a waterproof container.

(See below.)

- **Food and Water.** Stock up on non-refrigerated foods that don't require cooking and on plenty of water for several days' survival. Foil pouches of tuna and canned meats, Velveeta cheese, dried fruit, and energy bars are great. (The chocolate chip cookies can go along too as a last minute indulgence if you have room.)

- **Pets.** You have to consider your pets long before a disaster occurs. Our local vet boards dogs, cats, birds, and reptiles. When we called from Austin to ask if they could take our three cats, we were told that they already had a waiting list of over 200 pet owners! You should have a sturdy pet carrier for each pet. The pet stores are sold out of these all over Florida these days, so buy what you need while you can. Take enough pet food for two weeks and be prepared with a litter box and litter too. Consider your pet's water-consumption need as well. Make sure you have any medications they need, including tranquilizers for traveling.

- **Clothing and Toiletries.** Be sure to include instant hand sanitizers and paper towels. And always have a first aid kit ready.

- **Reference Materials.** Your personal address book and the local telephone and yellow pages directories will be indispensable for making contacts later, and they can be placed in a plastic bag and shoved under the car seat.

- **Cellular Phone and Charger--**Your cell phone will be a lifeline and an essential tool. If you have not invested in a charger that plugs into a cigarette lighter/power receptacle in your car, do so now. There also are units available that plug into the receptacle that have A/C power plugs so that you can operate or recharge a laptop, PDA, and other electrical devices.

- **Batteries and Radio.** It's a good idea to have a small, battery-powered radio with you. Don't forget to include several full sets of batteries for the radio and for other battery-operated devices you may take along.

- **Your Computer.** Forget the monitor, the printer, speakers, and joystick. These can all be replaced relatively cheaply. It is your CPU that is the key component of your computer life. Be prepared to wrap your computer in a large garbage bag and seal it with duct or packing tape. You should be creating backups of your important data often, and the most recent backup can be placed in a safe deposit box, placed with your important papers, or you may even e-mail the very most important data to yourself as a file attachment to download again

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later. I've also made a habit of uploading my GEDCOM file to our MyFamily.com site and use that as both a backup and a reference for other family members.

- **Genealogy Materials.** And you thought genealogy would be at the top of my list, didn't you? Well, genealogy is important but not as important as the other items. For me, I have to prioritize my genealogy materials.

--- **Backup of genealogy database files in both GEDCOM format and the format that the native database program produces.**

--- Binders with original source documents.

--- Family photographs.

--- Family Bibles and other such books.

--- Family heirlooms as appropriate.

You can add more items to your list as appropriate. My library of genealogy books contains perhaps 2,000 books and there is no way to take those with me. However, I can prepare them too. It is important, to know where everything is and to be prepared to pack in a hurry! I'll address how to prepare these for quick evacuation in a minute, but identify NOW what you want and can take with you.

SELECT THE RIGHT SUPPLIES: There's a dollar store close to me, and they sell inexpensive plastic storage bins with covers at rock-bottom prices. They were selling 60-gallon plastic storage boxes, for example, for \$4.00, and so I bought 20. The clerk thought I was nuts, but those tubs are stacked in the garage ready to receive my genealogy library. Plastic storage boxes of all different sizes are great for important papers, food products, family photographs, or loose genealogy papers you haven't entered in the database and/or filed.

You can do a "dry run" (literally!) packing job to see how many containers you can fit into your vehicle. Remember that your clothing can always be placed in small garbage bags and smushed in around other items for padding and to conserve space that a bulky suitcase would otherwise occupy.

Duct tape and packing tape are essential in large quantities. Again, the dollar store can be a source for inexpen-

sive tape. Use the tape to seal the lid of every plastic storage bin in an effort to keep out water. My genealogy library can be (and has been) boxed and each box taped closed in less than an hour. Barring being crushed and split, the containers will hopefully preserve the contents from water damage.

DON'T HESITATE TO GET OUT OF HARM'S WAY; The best of plans, of course, can be undermined by extenuating circumstances. Therefore, go back to your initial list. Once you have the list prepared, you should then prioritize the items on that list. The most important thing to save is your own life. Everything else can be replaced. Trust me! On Saturday, 6 December 1975, I was living in a three-story walk-up apartment building in Chicago when it went up in flames. I escaped through a bedroom window with nothing but my pajamas. I lost everything except my cat, who somehow escaped and was found shivering the next morning. Recovery is possible and "things" can always be replaced. Even your genealogy materials are not worth the loss of your life.

PREPARE NOW: Procrastination is always easier than taking some action. However, don't take anything for granted. Make that list NOW. Buy those plastic bins and tape NOW. And prepare yourself and your family NOW!

Stay Safe! George

George's NEW book, "How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy," is the talk of the genealogy community. Order yours today at Ancestry.com and through retail and online booksellers worldwide (ISBN 007223170X).

George is president and a proud member of the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. Visit the ISFHWE website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cgc/>. Visit George's website at <http://ahaseminars.com/atl> for information about speaking engagements.

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Announcement

“A Wealth of Records & Resources”

Genealogical Council of Oregon

2004 State Conference October 1-2, 2004

Red Lion Hotel . . . 3301 Market Street . . . Salem Oregon 97301

Registration for Friday & Saturday received after Sept. 1 \$105.00

For full information Contact 2004 GCO Conference c/o PO Box 237 Crawfordsville OR 97336-0237

Minutes of the Linn Genealogical Society September 4, 2004

Vice President Betty Thorn opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the introduction of guest speaker Jay C. Wood whose presentation, *It's about Time!*, was about the missing days of September 1732.

Twenty-one members and guests attended the meeting. Refreshments were provided by Evedene Bennett and Betty Thorn.

President Byron Bray opened the business meeting at 2:15 p.m. The August minutes were approved as published in The Heritage newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances as of 9/3/04: checking: \$727.33; savings: \$1,381.47; building: \$7.29; life member: \$4.15; grant: \$7,445.86. August income included \$84.04 for recycled shelving and \$120 for recycled newspapers.

Corresponding Secretary: Carol Langley reported on two upcoming events in the Portland area that are being sponsored by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. The first is a fall seminar on October 30 at the PGE auditorium. The second is a series of classes. This information will be posted in LGS's library located in the courthouse.

The Miller Cemetery in Millersburg is holding an open house 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 12 to celebrate Grandparents Day.

Committee Reports: **Media Resource Committee:** Linda reported that she and Betty Thorn, representing LGS, had recently exchanged a number of genealogical publications with the Clackamas Family History Center. Through that exchange, the society has added approximately 120 titles to the library collection. The exchange, however, was not without cost. Several titles had to be printed for the exchange, as well as to provide copies to be sold at the state genealogical conference to be held in Salem on October 1 and 2. This has

resulted in a temporary over expenditure in publications and led to a suggestion that perhaps the LGS budget should include a line item for conference and workshop expenses. The executive board will discuss the issue at its September meeting.

The Media Committee will meet at the genealogy library in the courthouse at 1 p.m. on September 23.

Newsletter Committee: Art expressed his appreciation to those members who have been submitting articles to be published in the newsletter and encourages everyone to continue sending them to him. He reported that three tons of newspapers had been recycled in August. Maureen Rhea suggested the possibility of starting a monthly question and answer column in the newsletter.

Computer Committee: Byron reported that he has created a database that generates a master index for the obituaries from all the obituary volumes.

The first nine rolls of Scio newspaper microfilm was sent to Technical Imaging Services several weeks ago. Byron recently received sample images in five different formats that he has reviewed to determine which format will work best for the project. His decision was that all digitized copies will be produced in the gray scale, which provides the best readability.

Byron will be making improvements to the LGS website by adding information on the location of the library, including a map, and pictures of the library provided by Linda Ellsworth. Byron has also updated the membership roster, surname list and calendar.

The Albany Public Library has provided LGS with a download of our collection that was in their database when LGS moved its location from the public library to the courthouse in 2001. Since that time, Librarian

Linda Ellsworth has been cataloging new acquisitions, but they are not included in the public library's catalog. Byron will now work on producing a database of the complete LGS collection (those records from APL as well as those Linda has cataloged). When finished, the entire collection will be searchable on the LGS computers.

Old Business: Garage Sales: The executive board made the decision at its August meeting to hold one garage sale each year until further notice.

1890 Census Meeting: The 1890 Census Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m., September 17 at the genealogy library in the courthouse. At that time Byron will provide CDs to those who wish to work on the Donation Land Claim extractions for the project. The work can be done at home on your personal computer. Volunteers are needed. A time line for the project's completion will also be discussed.

October Conference: Betty Thorn asked the members if they want LGS to donate a door prize for the October state conference in Salem. A motion was made and seconded to allow a maximum of \$25 for the door prize. Motion passed.

New Business: Announcements: A reception will be held in honor of the marriage of Jay Wood and Donna Vaughn from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, September 18 at the Eastside Christian Church, 1910 Grand Prairie Road. Jay and Donna were married on August 26, 2004.

The executive board will meet at 1 p.m., Wednesday, September 8 at the LGS library.

Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Messersmith
Secretary

LINN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Albany, Oregon

WHAT: Linn Genealogical Society Meeting
WHERE: Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE
WHEN: Saturday, October 2, 2004
PROGRAM: "CRYPTIC CLUES in the Bone Yard"
 With Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

Sharon Carmack, a Certified Genealogist, is the author of many books and articles. She is also a popular and nationally known genealogical speaker, lecturing to thousands of people yearly.

Our program for Sat, Oct. 2nd will be her video entitled "Cryptic Clues in the Bone Yard". If there is any one place genealogists like to "chill", it's in the cemetery. Here we are the closest to our ancestors, physically and spiritually, walking on the ground where they're buried and where they too, once walked and visited loved ones.

This video was shot on-location in the cemetery, and this lively presentation discusses overlooked clues in cemetery research, such as identifying the type of cemetery, looking at grave decorations, analyzing the composition of the stone to date it, and interpreting the art and symbols on tombstones. Sharon also offers many tips for successful cemetery research.

Come view this video at our October meeting and learn how to take great photographs of your ancestors' headstones and how to make tombstone rubbings, all suitable for framing or for handing down to future generations as family artifacts.

For questions or further information, call the Linn Genealogical Library at 541-791-1618 or visit our web site at www.rootsweb.com/~orlinngs/ Betty L. Thorn, LGS Vice Pres.

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