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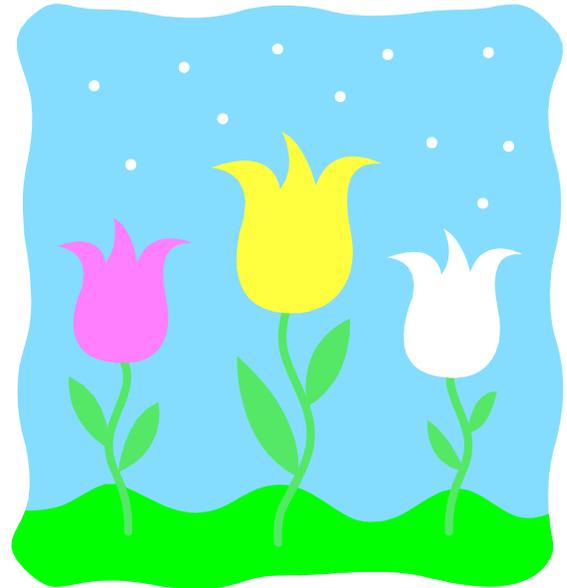
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Registration and buffet luncheon costs will be announced in the Insider, Bulletin and Insider Extra (found on the GFO website) in the near future.



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#3 - Feb 28, Saturday: Beginning Genealogy, by Carole Gibson – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Are you unsure of where to begin the process or do you just want to get restarted? Do you need some guidance where to go next? We can help you jumpstart your genealogy!

#4 - Feb 28, Saturday: Finding Stuff In The Library by Sandi Whiteman —1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interested in getting more from your GFO Library visits? What do all those numbers on the spine label mean? What's the best way to search for material? Want to know about all the little overlooked nooks and crannies? This is your opportunity!!

#5 - March 22, Sunday: Cemeteries: Headstones and History, by Carol Surrency,- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Class will cover: types of cemeteries and headstones, burial customs, symbolism and iconography. The use of cemeteries as habitat for native plants and wildlife, how to preserve these sacred places and techniques for research will also be discussed.

#6 - March 28, Saturday: Frustration-Free Google, by Peggy Baldwin – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Use Google to search for genealogy. Capture what you find. What you can't find by using Google and what to do about that! As a librarian, Peggy has taught thousands of people to search the Internet.

#7 - March 29, Sunday: Research Plans: What Do I Do after I Find My People on a Document? by Connie Lenzen - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Whether you start with a family journal, a death certificate, or a census, you have to plan your next research steps. Learn how to use your existing records as stepping-stones to more information.

#8 - April 4, Saturday: Norwegian Digital Archives, by Kena Jacobs - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The National Archives of Norway has digitized transcripts of their 1801, 1865, 1875, and 1900 census records. There are emigration records and a variety of other databases available online. We will demonstrate search techniques you can use to find your ancestors in their homeland in spite of the language barrier.

#9 - April 25, Saturday: Beginning Genealogy, by Carole Gibson – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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#10 - April 25, Saturday: Jump the Pond; Your family did it! by Gerald Lenzen - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Careful acquisition and examination of records on this side of the ocean helps determine where your ancestors may have originated on the other side. Learn how to scrutinize oral traditions and correspondence. Identify record types that point to family origins. Backtrack on the trail your ancestors left to their original home.

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President's Message– December/January

This month marked the largest gift of books and materials our library has received in many years. It is the private collection of Merrill Mosher, CG, of Coos Bay. Ms. Mosher chose our library in part because she believed the collection would be accessible to a wide segment of the public. A large crew of volunteers led by Gerry Lenzen and Sandi Whiteman picked up the 60 or so cases of books in Coos Bay and delivered them to the library, where an inventory is under way. We anticipate holding a celebratory event early in 2009. That we were honored by Ms. Mosher with this collection is a tribute to Sandi Whiteman and the many volunteers who have assisted her over several years in bringing the state of the library to such a high level of organization. The recent challenges of the economy cause me to reflect that our library is one resource that never loses value to those who are trying to draw together family history.

On another matter of value, I have submitted our application for GFO to become a participating nonprofit organization in the Oregon Cultural Trust. When that is approved, I will give wide notice to members because that status provides tax credit advantages on Oregon tax returns to contributors.

Looking to the future, our continuing value to the community will depend on decisions we make in the next 6 months, occasioned by the necessity to move to new facilities as described in the following article about Tri-Met expansion plans. I'll be in touch with you frequently about it.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I give thanks for the volunteers, over 110 in number, who make GFO the valuable public resource it is. I look forward to continued work and progress with you in the coming year, and wish you a joyous and meaningful holiday season!

Don Holznagel, President



**February 14th
Open House
In
Recognition Of
Oregon's**

150th

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More Details**

TRI-MET SHARES ITS PLANS AT A GFO BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER



Don Holznagel ; Claudia Steinberg ,Manager Community Affairs; Jennie Baugh (l); Leah Robbins, not shown

On Tuesday Nov. 11, three staff members of the Tri-Met team responsible for project planning and development provided a detailed briefing for the GFO Board. The plans involve laying track parallel to the tracks behind the building where our library and offices are located, and will result in the removal of that building along with others along Gideon Street. The projected timeline is for the whole development to take place between 2011 and 2015. If all goes well with the preparation process, they anticipate beginning to acquire property in the summer of 2010. Although this means the GFO will need to find a new location for our facilities, a key part of the plan for us is that their budget includes financial support for expensive activities like property search and acquisition, moving, and preparation of new facilities.

The GFO Board views this as an opportunity to conceive our future and lay out the space requirements of the organization for the second decade of the 21st century. We will be planning a number of opportunities in the coming months for members to contribute their ideas and visions which will define the nature of the new space we will be seeking. Readers having questions or ideas should send them to Don Holznagel, dholznag@pacifier.com.

Around GFO . . .

TV ANCHOR RESEARCHES AT GFO LONG AGO DISAPPEARANCE OF A PORTLAND FAMILY

by Lyleth Winther

Working on a mystery case that has baffled the police and public since 1958, local TV Anchorman Jeff Gianola visited the GFO library this past month looking for an obituary, possibly in our collection, to help in the search..

The cold case team (retired Multnomah county deputies and Portland police) are working on the case, and they have gone over the notes of the Detective on the case at the time. In one of his last pages, he writes, "the culprit had to be _____, as he was the only one with a motive..." and the name was scratched out by a Detective Graven. It seems Graven worked on the case until he retired in 1966, and he wondered about it until his death in 1988.

Evidently, the Martin Family of Portland, Oregon—parents and two young daughters—went for a Sunday drive to Cascade Locks area, bought gas along the way (per a credit card receipt), and had lunch at a restaurant (per restaurant personnel who were interviewed at the time). At the same time that the family finished and left the restaurant, two ex-cons who lived in town also left the restaurant (faces of the ex-cons were known to the restaurant workers). None were ever seen again.

One member of the family wasn't with them, a son named Donald, who was either in the Navy or working somewhere in New York. Donald was known to not get along very well with his folks. Before he left the Portland area, he had worked at Meier & Frank was caught stealing several thousand dollars worth of items, and was fired. In the TV report, Jeff Gianola reported a location where tire marks had indicated that a vehicle had gone into the river at the one point. But it is very deep there, and equipment of the day couldn't have reached down very far to check things. A couple of months later, a barge tried to set anchor there and hooked on to something metallic, finally untangled the lines and set the anchor in another spot. A few days later, one of the two daughters' bodies was found in the river near Camas. One or two days later down river, the mom's body was found, but

never the dad's and other daughter's. The theory is that if the car were there, the movement of shaking the anchor loose might have loosened the bodies.

It seemed at the time that son Donald was slow about coming back for services held for his family. Later, a local couple in the Cascades Locks area found a pistol not far away, but at the time the police had nothing to tie it to until the serial numbers were run. That's when they found that the gun had been sold to the Meier & Frank store in Portland, and that the serial numbers matched one of the guns stolen by Donald Martin. The woman who found it said that her husband thought it looked like the gun had been used to smash someone's or maybe an animal's head,, as matter was stuck in the ridges of the gun butt .

The son, Donald Martin, lived out his life in Hawaii, had four kids, and died a few years ago. Jeff Gianola talked to one of Donald's sons in Hawaii who said their dad hadn't talked much about their grandparents. One grandson agreed to visit with Jeff Gianola, but when Jeff and the cameraman showed up, the grandson declined to talk, saying it was best the past be left alone.

Jeff said he and the cold case team had checked records for obituaries and notices, and the only thing they discovered was that the two persons were buried at Portland Memorial Cemetery.

Modern technology can probe deeper into the river's depths and beneath the earth. using this technology the police in Cascade Locks are planning to take another look for the car in that critical spot.

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Connie's Corner

City Directories
by Connie Lenzen, CG

Family historians who have “ordinary” ancestors will find good information about their people in city directories.

City directories are similar to telephone books, but they are more useful. They include names of all adults who lived in a house, occupations of the residents, and names of spouses. Adult children have their own listing. Since they are usually living at home, you can track them from the time they take their first job to the time they marry and leave home. There are lists of businesses, government offices, cemeteries, and city officials. Older directories from the 1800s often include summaries of fire alarms and arrests, people who died within the year, and crops exported.

Many city directories have a reverse directory where people are listed by addresses. You can “walk” down a street and see who lived at each house. I used this when I was tracking a Mayme B. Robinson who lived in Portland. She disappeared in 1950, and I couldn't find her on any index. I thought I'd track the neighbors in the reverse address listing to see if any of them knew what happened to her. A Carl Trapp was the new house owner, and I looked at his listing. Guess what? His wife was Mayne B. That was a “gotcha” moment.

There are other types of directories. County directories are produced for farming communities. They have listings for all the farmers and maps to show the locations of the farms.

State business directories give information on small communities. I found my grandfather in the 1912 Idaho Business Directory. He was operating a saloon in Ponderay, Idaho, a community of less than 200 people.

We all want to find documents immediately, on the Internet, and for free. Unfortunately, that doesn't work for city directories. There is a list of Internet links on Cyndis List, <http://www.cyndislist.com/citydir.htm>. Ancestry.com has a nice collection of directories from 1890. The bottom line is that a person needs to go to a library, either in person or by correspondence.

The GFO Library, the Wilsonville Public Library, and the Multnomah County Library have good collections of Oregon and Washington directories. You can write to a library in the area where your people were living, and the librarian will usually copy a page from the local directory. A number of directories have been microfilmed and are available through Family History Centers. Look at the Family History Catalog, online at <http://www.familysearch.org>. Enter the name of a city. Then, look at the “directories” category to see what has been microfilmed.

LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES FOR YEAR 2009
 Thursday, January 1, 2009—New Year's Day
 Spring & Fall Seminar Days—closed
 Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009—Thanksgiving
 Friday Dec. 25, 2009—Christmas
 Library closed at 1:00 P Second Sat each month for Monthly Program beginning at 2:00 PM



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- www.familysearch.org
- www.ancestry.com
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- www.genealogy.az.gov/index.htm
- www.DAR.org
- www.theshipslist.com
- <http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm>
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- www.kshs.org (Kansas)
- www.ellisland.org
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**THE GFO'S NOVEMBER PROGRAM:
EARLY CHRISTIAN BURIAL PRACTICES**

H. Richard Rutherford, CCS, Speaker

Lyleth Winther reports

Before Christianity and Judaism, there had been continuing burial practices which no one set about changing. These depended on the culture of the time. Certain death practices continue to this day, including washing or preparing the body, and processions to a burial site or church yard.

In Ancient Rome people were cremated and only a finger was buried, to ward off evil spirits, according to our guest speaker at the Monthly Program on November 11—Father Richard Rutherford, professor at the University of Portland. He said that in ancient times, some people were buried with the “tools” used in life.

For instance, a female might be buried with pottery jugs for carrying water or grain—symbols of her earthly life. Excavations have furnished these examples. Some areas, in Italy for instance people were buried in catacombs under the church, several stories down because of lack of room at the ground level. Their spaces in the catacombs were much like bunk beds built into the cavern walls, and furnished with blankets and personal items as if the person was still alive.

In recent time, while digging a soccer stadium, excavators found a complex of tombs beneath Rome that

mimicked the houses, blocks and streets of a real city. Some areas of Europe, have run out of room for burial, and a family “rents” a space for about 20 years. Then remains are dug up to make room for someone else to be buried in that spot. The tombstone is moved to a side wall, so the person can still be honored.

Father Rutherford said that cemeteries in church yards or non-church areas played an important role in our world. We’d visit them, clean the stone, and plant flowers. Now many modern ones call for flat tombstones to make it easier for the maintenance man to mow the grass.

During the question-and-answer period, Father Rutherford was asked why it seemed to be a tradition not to walk across a grave. And someone in the audience remarked that caskets used to be built of lumber by the local undertaker, and over years, they would rot, causing someone to fall into an existing grave. Father Rutherford said most likely, the tradition continues because it’s a sign of respect as is maintaining a quiet decorum.

In years past, when a person died, there was no embalming, a wake was held, he was wrapped in a shroud, and buried in the dirt. This is referred to now as a “green funeral”. It is a practice still in use at the Trappist Monastery near Lafayette, Oregon. Currently, funeral services with fancy caskets, memorial services with funeral cars to the burial site, all drive up the cost. Companies that cremate the body and offer scattering solutions have become an option.

One question was asked why certain people were buried in the Catholic cemeteries outside the gate or outside the official churchyard, such as suicides, for instance. Father Rutherford said that maybe the person was guilty of some public sin, had lost their faith, or was ex-communicated for some reason.



NOTABLE ANCESTORS

Do you have a notable ancestor, perhaps not famous or infamous, but worthy of note you would like to write about?

If so, send between 150 –250 words about this person to the editor at: jbailey172@comcast.net or drop off a note at GFO’s front desk for *THE INSIDER*. Please include how you can be reached.

GFO MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Connie Lenzen, CG, Retires as BCG President

Press Release from the Board for Certification of Genealogists

Effective October 12, 2008, Connie Lenzen, CG, retired as BCG President after serving in that capacity for three years. She will continue to serve as BCG trustee. Her term as president included the implementation of BCG's credential consolidation and development of rubrics for use by BCG judges. Connie is a director for the National Genealogical Society, editor of the revised NGS Home Study Course, former trustee for the Association of Professional Genealogists, and winner of the 1995 NGS Quarterly Award of Excellence.

Since its founding in 1964, the Board for Certification of Genealogists has promoted — in research, lectures, and publications — attainable, uniform standards of competence and ethics that have become generally accepted throughout the field. Its publication, *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, sets forth the currently accepted standards for all areas of genealogical research.

JUDY GOLDMANN HONORED

Longtime Forum Member, Judy Goldmann (G-53) was cited by the Washington County Historical Society in their *Washington County Historian* newsletter for being a "Volunteer Extraordinaire", and it talked of Judy's contributions over the years to the history and genealogy of Washington County, Oregon.

"Her great grandfather, Joe Meek,* may have made history, but Judy is preserving it."

Ann Wendlandt called the Forum's attention to *The Washington County Historian* article about Goldmann. Lyleth Winther, former editor of *The Insider* and *The Bulletin* referred to an interview she did of Goldmann in the December, 2006 *Bulletin* in which the long-time

GFO member recalled visiting the GFO Library for the first time, when it was in the home of Mary Brewer. Brewer was the Librarian, and the books filled one room of her house.. At that time the monthly meetings were held in the Multnomah County Central Library.

*Joseph Lafayette (Joe) Meek 1810-1875, Judy Goldmann's Great Grandfather, was a pioneer fur trader before settling in the Tualatin Valley. He served in the Provisional Legislature and was later named United States Marshal for the Oregon Territory.

SPRING SEMINAR

Organizational Committee Named

Jeanette Hopkins, Lyleth Winther and Cathy Lauer have agreed to co-chair the April 18th event. The event flyer is on page one of this newsletter.



BEGINNERS CLASSES CONTINUE

INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY CLASSES,
OR JUMP-START YOUR GENEALOGY!
NEXT CLASS IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009

Classes are 10 a.m. to Noon , the 4th Saturday of every other month except December. People do not have to be members of the Genealogical Forum to attend.

Following the class is a complimentary tour and use of the Library. There is a \$15 fee and preference is given to those who pre-register. Send your checks to GFO, or call ahead to the GFO desk or register and pay the day of the class.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
THE NEXT GFO ALL-NIGHTER
Saturday February 21, 2009

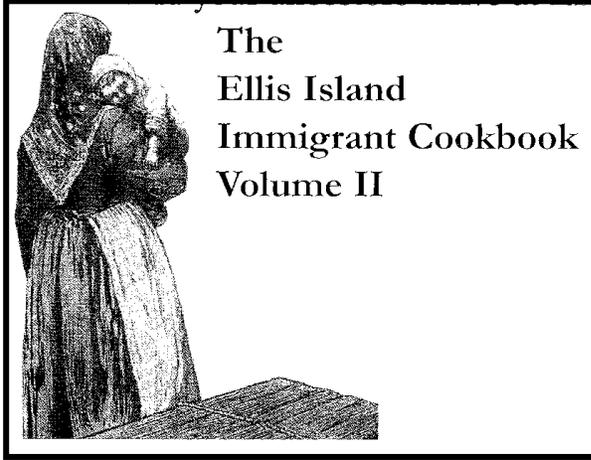
6 pm to 6 am Cost \$15

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Snacks provided with Pizza at Midnight:
Questions?

Email Julie at rathernut@cs.com
or check with Forum desk (503-963-1932)

NATIONAL RECIPE SEARCH
Did Your Ancestors Arrive at Ellis Island?



Tom Bernardin, the author and publisher of *The Ellis Island Immigrant Cookbook* is collecting recipes for *Volume II*.

Please send your recipe to Tom at the following address of email. Be sure to include the story of your ancestor's arrival in America.

Tom Bernardin
P.O. Box 1267
Old Chelsea Station
New York, New York 10113

Email: ellisbook@aol.com
www.ellislandcookbook.com

Rev. James Edward Kimsey, Jr

On Saturday, November 30, 2008, *The Oregonian* listed the obituary for Rev. James Edward Kimsey, Jr., a long-time member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. The copy from The Oregonian web site carried a Friday, November 29, 2008 date.

Jim worked with the GFO and other volunteers for the 2001 NGS Conference in the States held in Portland, Oregon that year. He donated the audio system currently in us by the Genealogical Forum. He donated several boxes of genealogy books from his private collection within the last year. In the late 1990's Jim traveled across the United States several times while assembling the material for his Kimsey family

FEBRUARY OPEN HOUSE

In recognition of the **Oregon State Sesquicentennial** the Forum will host an Open House on February 14, 2008 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Activities will include:

- Tours of the facility
- Asked the Experts (15 minute appointments with a professional genealogist)
- Mini-Classes on:
 - ✓ How to Use the Library
 - ✓ Donation Land Claims
 - ✓ Recycles History
 - ✓ History of African Americans in Oregon
- Networking activities
- Refreshments
- Raffle for a yearly membership

MARRIAGE RECORDS, OBITS LOOKUPS

Check the GFO

records index online

Request a photocopy
of the original record from:

Multnomah County Marriage Records

Years currently available online:
1855 - 1904.

**NW Oregon Obituary Index,
of area clippings collected by
the late Lottie Gurley**

is now online! Find your ancestor
and request a photocopy of the obit.

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publications. Some of these works are on the shelves in the GFO library.

We will miss his quick wit, wise counsel, and always entertaining poetry.

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GFO Calendar and Hours

January 2009

1st Thursday: Library closed,
New Year's Day
5th Monday: Free Monday
(bring a friend)
10th Saturday:
9:30 a.m. Illinois interest Group
11:45 a.m. Writer's Forum
2:00 p.m. Monthly Program
Connie Lenzen: Church Records
12th Monday: 1:00 p.m. DNA
13th Tuesday: 5:30 Board Meeting
17th Saturday: 9:30 a.m. TMG (SUG)
1:00 p.m. Irish Interest Group
19th Monday: 7:00 p.m.
Computer Group
24th Saturday 1 p.m. British Interest
Group
26th Monday: 7:00 p.m. Round
Table Discussion
28th Wed. 6:30 p.m. TMG Forum

February 2009

2nd Free Monday (bring a friend)
9th Monday: 1:00 p.m. DNA Int
Group
10th Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
14th Saturday: 9:00-3:00 **Open House**
9:30 a.m. Illinois IG
11:45 a.m. Writer's Forum
16th Monday: 7:00 p.m.
Computer Interest Group
21st Saturday: 9:30 TMG SUG
6:00 p.m. All Nighter
23rd 7:00 p.m. Round Table
Discussion
25th Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. TMG Forum
28th Saturday: 10:00 a.m..
Introduction To Genealogy

March 2009

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