

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc.
OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
FOR TERM BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2009 - JULY 1, 2010

VOTE FOR ONE PERSON IN EACH POSITION

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FOR PRESIDENTLyleth Winther ____

FOR VICE PRESIDENTJanet Irwin ____

FOR SECRETARYGwen Newborg ____

FOR TREASURERJeanette Hopkins ____

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE (#1)..... Bruce Conrad ____

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE (#2).....Cathy Lauer ____

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member #1Charles Bennett ____

Member #2 & Chair.....Marty Krauter ____

CANDIDATES' BIOS

LYLETH WINTHER for President

Lyleth has been Board Secretary this past year, and is the past editor of both *The Bulletin and Forum Insider*. She has been a member of GFO since 1979 and continues to serve as a receptionist/Research Assistant at the GFO library desk two Saturdays a month. Lyleth (aka "Lyla") has also contributed to several committees for the GFO including the First Families of Multnomah County project as well as leading the Forum's British Group.

JANET IRWIN for Vice-President

Janet is a librarian with Multnomah County Library who works with the genealogy collection at MCL. Janet has participated with GFO members to present programs in library branches and has presented programs for GFO members. She would like to be more active with the Forum.

GWEN NEWBORG for Secretary

Ms. Newborg is a current Director-at-Large on the GFO Board, and a member of the Education Committee. She is also a member of the Scandinavian Genealogical Society and has served as the Secretary of that group. She has taught a Norwegian Genealogy class for the Sons of Norway and given talks on Norwegian genealogy to several other groups.

Candidates' Bios (continued)

J EANETTE HOPKINS for Treasurer

Jeanette is a Research Assistant and the current Treasurer of the GFO. She has been a GFO member since 1991 and has worked on the annual appeal solicitation, First Families of Multnomah County and the redesign of the GFO brochure. She is currently a member of the Marketing & Publicity committee.

CATHY LAUER for Director-at-Large

Cathy has been a member of the GFO since 1979 and has been a Research Assistant since that time. She has worked on many projects at GFO including the WPA fund-raiser bookkeeper, transcribing the Probate Index, and re-organizing the Vertical Files. She is a former Board secretary and a member of the committee to send the GFO Forum Insider and Bulletin to members electronically. She also works on proofing lineages for the First Families of Multnomah County project and DAR lineages for her local chapter.

BRUCE CONRAD for Director-at-Large

Bruce has been a GFO member for about 10 years, serving on the Board as Director-at-Large for two terms. He also helps, as needed, in the Print Shop and other areas of need. He is a member of the DNA Interest Group.

Endowment Committee Elective Positions

CHARLES BENNETT for committee Member, Term Ending 2011

Mr. Bennett is a Certified Financial Planner and partner in the firm of Bennett, Herman, Geertsen LLC . He is currently completing the first year of a 3-year term on the Endowment Committee, having been appointed by the board after the beginning of the year pending an election. He is running to complete the term.

MARTY KRAUTER for Chair, Term Ending 2012

Mr. Krauter works for Kraft Foods. He is currently completing a 3-year term as Chair of the Endowment Committee and is running for a second term. He is also the leader of the GFO Computer Interest Group.

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ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE
IN KEEPING WITH OUR 501 c (3) NON-PROFIT EDUCATION
STATUS**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the ballot for officer candidates for 2009-10. Please take the time to vote and mail your ballot as soon as you can. Constructing the annual slate of officers is a reminder of the need for members to step forward to play leadership roles in the organization. It has been increasingly difficult to fill both elective and non-elective positions. Many potential candidates are concerned that they haven't enough knowledge of the organization, but not many of the offices and tasks require it. Filling a Board position like Director at-Large and Secretary is actually an excellent way to learn about the operation of the organization, and the characteristics required are only mature judgment, logic and common sense. These are exactly the skills required for other positions as well. Being a research assistant, for example, does not require a detailed knowledge of the library. That can be learned in a short time. We also badly need individuals who can assist with marketing and publicity, serve on the Education Committee, and other tasks. Certainly, a few tasks do require specific skills. Currently, we need a Treasurer. Jeanette is willing to continue this year but desires to change after many years, and we need a member with accounting experience to step forward to learn about the accounts and our software.

The GFO is facing a couple of busy years finding a new facility and planning and executing relocation. We will need volunteers for a lot of things, and I urge you to get involved and let me or another Board member know how you are able to help. We can easily configure a task you can do in the time you have to offer. I look forward to hearing from you!

Don Holznagel
President

U.S. APPROVES THE MILWAUKIE MAX LINE
From an OregonLive.com article by Dylan Riviera

In his President's message above, Don Holznagel refers to the necessity in the next year or so to plan for the relocation of our facility. We have known for a few months about TRI-MET'S plans that ultimately would remove our building, but the news this week that The Federal Transit Administration has approved a new stage of development for the 1.4 billion Portland to Milwaukie light rail line makes the plan more of a reality. The following is quoted from OregonLive.com posted on April 1, 2009.

"The administration approved the beginning of preliminary engineering, which means the TriMet transit agency can spend money to plan the details of the light rail line and be assured that at least 50 percent of its expenses will be matched by federal dollars.

"Construction and planning will create up to 12,300 jobs and generate up to \$490 million in personal earnings until the line opens in 2015. Construction could start in 2011.

"The 7.3 mile line will include the first downtown Portland bridge over the Willamette River in more than 30 years, which will handle trains, buses, streetcars and bicycles -- but no cars. The line will run from Portland State University to the Oak Grove area of Clackamas County. Along the way, it will connect several neighborhoods, including the South Waterfront, Brooklyn, Eastmoreland and Sellwood.

"In preliminary engineering, TriMet will spend the next year hiring construction managers, designing the new Willamette River bridge and planning for utility relocations, spokeswoman Mary Fetsch said. Details of what stations would look like should emerge, she said".

April 1, 2009

Around GFO

HELP COMPLETE THE COLLECTION

The Forum has a fine collection of *Oregon Historical Society Quarterlies* along with the four Index volumes to the issues, but, we are missing issues (before 1938). Is there anyone out there in our membership or friends who has a collection of these very old publications? To make our set complete we would be delighted to have you call us Thursday mornings when Bettina Chew and Ann Wendlandt are there. Or, call any Forum member if you have any information or help for volumes before 1938.

Ann Wendlandt, Thursday a.m. Receptionist with Bettina Chew

THE DNA GROUP'S MAY MEETING

Emily Aulicino, Coordinator, announces the program for the May 12, 2009 meeting at 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in GFO's Higgins Room.

Guest Speaker, Kerry O'Dair, will give a presentation to help make your Familytreedna web page easy and interesting to maintain using techniques developed in his three years as an administrator for the O'Dair surname project.

Mr. O'Dair has 15 years experience as a genealogist and three years experience as a DNA genealogist. He is a collaborator for the E-M35 haplogroup project and has been a participant in the first Walk Through the Y at Familytreedna.

If you are a project administrator, are considering being one, or if you would like ideas to share with your project manager, this is a presentation for you. Regardless of how new or experienced you are to genetic genealogy there is always something to learn.

There will be time for questions on any genetic genealogy topic at any level of knowledge.

Be sure to bring a friend. There is no fee for this meeting.

LIBRARY COLLECTION NEWS

Back Corner, Part 2

In addition to last month's list of circulating how-to items, the Back Corner also holds some great reference works. Here are some titles that may help you locate new and unexplored resources.

To find new repositories of information try [The Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories](#) [011.3 D957] or [The Directory of American Libraries with Genealogical and Historical Collections](#) [027 F478]. Explore the possibilities of serial publications. The [Genealogical Periodicals Index](#) [050 G324] series indexes genealogy magazines from across the country. [Ayers Directory 1971](#) [070 A977] lists newspapers, magazines and trade publications by state and city. Information includes founding date, circulation, and often, editor contact information. A special treasure is found in Milner's slim two volume set [Newspaper Indexes](#) [070 M637]. Organized by state and city, these volumes list newspaper indexes and their repositories.

Looking for a new research direction? Come in and check out the Back Corner.

Sandi Whiteman, Library Director

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WEBSITES TO USE OR RE-VISIT

MISSOURI DEATH CERTIFICATES

Check out the Secretary of State of Missouri's database for your ancestor's death certificates. From 1910-1957, you can actually print off the copy of the actual signed death certificate. I printed off seven of them, giving me death dates for my Gr-Gr-Aunt and her husband whose information I was missing. The pre-1910 database has abstracted information- not the actual certificate. However, the cause of death is there; where their last residence was; cause of death as well as, contributing health factors.. You're not looking at the actual death certificate, and you aren't going to find out who the ancestor's parents were. However, you will see what cemetery they were buried in; where their place of birth was (if the informant was correct); if they were widowed, etc., and of course, the death and birth dates.

www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/Default.asp#search

PENNSLVANIA CIVIL WAR SITE--It includes information about soldiers from there, GAR posts, some grave sites. www.pa-roots.com/~pacw/index.html

WEST VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS--This site includes marriages, birth and death records. In 2006, only about six counties were online. The best news is that these are linked to scanned copies of the actual records and may be printed out. www.wvculture.org/vrr

CALIFORNIA'S DEATH RECORDS--1940-1997

<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi>

STATE OF ILLINOIS has many databases to search online, including early marriage records, death records, military records, and much more.

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases.html

OHIO HAS AN INDEX TO DEATHS ONLINE--1913-1944. With instructions to order copies at:

www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/index.cfm

—submitted by Lyleth Winther

HELP SUPPORT GFO

Shop online for merchandise and subscriptions that give GFO a commission. Go to the GFO Web Site, where you will see "Support Us" on the right-hand side. Click on **Amazon**, **Heritage Books** or **Family Tree DNA** (to order a test kit for which you will receive a discount.)

Subscribe to **World Vital Record** or **Footnote.com**. These must be ordered through the Web Site for GFO to earn a commission.

If, when making purchases at **Office Depot**, you give our phone number (503-963-1932), GFO will earn a 5% commission.

**GFO LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES
for 2009**

Monday, May 25, 2009-Memorial Day
Saturday, July 4, 2009-Fourth of July
Monday, September 7, 2009-Labor Day
Thursday, November 26 2009-Thanksgiving
Friday, December. 25, 2009-Christmas

INTEREST GROUPS-MASTER LIST

Check with the Forum desk before attending any of these meetings. Many groups do not meet in December or summertime.

DATES AND TIMES

British Interest Group, 4th Sat (Sep/Jun/Mar/May), 1pm.

Canadian Interest Group via email

(contact Michele Fricke at michele_fricke@juno.com).

Computer Interest Group, 3rd Monday, 7 pm.

DNA Interest Group 2nd Tuesday of odd months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov), 1 -2:30 pm (Emily Aulicino).

Illinois Interest Group , 2nd Saturdays, 9:30 am.

Irish Interest Group, 3rd Saturdays, odd months, 1 pm.

(Group meets in the Higgins Room at GFO Library, sometimes at FHC—105th & NE Thompson Street).

The Master Genealogist Forum (J. Kidd), 4th Wednesday, 7 pm.

The Master Genealogist Group-Portland (Ostrom), 3rd Sats, odd months, 9:30am.

Round Table Discussion Group, 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm.

Writers' Forum Group, 2nd Saturdays, 11:45 am every even month.

Connie's Corner

NATIONALIZATION AND IMMIGRATION RECORDS

Because of the cumbersome, disjointed processes that have created them, naturalization records are some of the most difficult to locate.

Prior to 1906, naturalization could take place in any court of record – at the city, county, state, or federal level; and the various steps of the process might have taken place in different courts across several states.

Since 26 September 1906, aliens have been required to initiate naturalization proceedings with the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) and now with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); followed by other action that could take place in any federal or state court in the area of residence – provided that court agreed to meet federal guidelines.

Post-1906 naturalization documents may exist locally or federally; and the USCIS records of any given event may be housed in the National Archives or at one of their regional branches. Records created within the past seventy-five years are deemed confidential, and those records are therefore closed to the public.

If your ancestor was naturalized after September 1906, the USCIS can find the records for you because all courts have been required to forward copies of these records to INS and now to USCIS. The “USCIS Genealogy Program” permits genealogists to apply online for the records.

Just like naturalization is a two-step process, the application is a two-step process. First you apply for an Index Search (\$20.00). Search results are returned to the researcher, along with instructions on how to request the file(s) from USCIS or the National Archives.

The index search is important because USCIS will check the following record groups:

- Naturalization Certificate Files (C-files) from September 27, 1906 to April 1, 1956;
- Alien Registration Forms from August 1, 1940 to March 31, 1944;
- Visa files from July 1, 1924 to March 31, 1944;
- Registry Files from March 2, 1929 to March 31, 1944; and
- Alien Files (A-files) numbered below 8 million (A8000000) and documents therein dated prior to May 1, 1951.

The second step is to request the records. Given the index search results, you can order the files. The fee is \$20.00 (if the record is on microfilm) or \$35.00 (if the record is in manuscript form).

Source: USCIS website: <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>.

— Connie Lenzen



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
THE NEXT GFO ALL-NIGHTER Saturday May 16th
 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Cost \$15 **COME JOIN THE FUN!**
 Snacks provided Pizza at Midnight:
 Email Julie at rathenut@cs.com
 or check with GFO 503-963-1932

MEMBERS' Favorite Websites:

www.gfo.org
 www.archives.gov/aad/
 www.usgenweb.com
 www.rootsweb.com
 www.cyndislist.com
 www.familysearch.org
 www.ancestry.com
 www.nara.gov
 www.sos.mo.gov/archives/
 www.multicolib.org
 www.ohs.org
 www.ccgswa.org (Clark Co Gen Soc)
 www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html
 www.genealogy.az.gov/index.htm
 www.DAR.org
 www.theshipslist.com
<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm> (Western States Marriages to 1928)
 www.kshs.org (Kansas)
 www.ellisland.org
 HeritageQuestOnline (through multicolib.org)
 www.findagrave.com
 www.footnote.com \$ (free for 1st week)
 www.genuki.org.uk
 www.genealogy.com \$
 www.GenealogyToday.com
 www.interment.net (cemetery inscriptions)
 www.ObitCentral.com
 www.rootstelevision.com

\$ = Fee Sites

For Your Information.....

UPDATES

The April issue of *The Insider* contained a story about “Roots Television.” Since that story was written, a new improvement has been made. Now the video episodes can be viewed in full screen by clicking on the small square at the bottom of the screen to activate the full-screen view. Moreover, by plugging in a couple of cables from your laptop to the audio-visual input on your television you can view the episodes on your television screen.

We also published a story in April’s issue about the NBC plan to broadcast the American version of the popular British show, “Who Do You Think You Are?” This will be a program demonstrating how genealogy can help find ancestral roots. It was due to launch at the end of April, but it has now been postponed due to stalled negotiations between NBC and the show’s Executive Producer, Lisa Kudrow.

Those who are familiar with the effort, Dick Eastman of the Eastman Genealogical Newsletter (EOGN.com) for one, are confident the show will air and hope everyone interested in genealogy will watch to show there is a market for genealogy and family history shows. www.rootstelevision.com

There is also news of another genealogy program on Public Television about ordinary people, unlike the genealogy of celebrities like those on “Who Do You Think You Are?” Unfortunately for those of us in Oregon, the first episodes are now being broadcast only in Indiana and other select local markets. *Legend Seekers* is the name of the show. One can view a trailer at www.legendseekers.com/media.html. The premier episode is “The Lively Family Massacre” which was filmed on location at Connor Prairie in Fishers, Indiana..

For those interested in viewing the show locally, contact Oregon Public Broadcasting and ask to have *Legend Seekers* included on its schedule

AMERICAN WELSH HERITAGE Celebration Coming to Portland

The *Left Coast Eisteddfodd* will be held in Portland, Oregon on August 22, 2009 at the McMenamens Crystal Ballroom, 1332 W. Burnside. An Eisteddfodd is a celebration of all things Welsh including an online talent competition. To view the various talent categories, such as poetry, short story, visual images, etc, or to purchase tickets, visit the event’s web page by *Googling* “Left Coast Eisteddfod”.

SUBSTITUTE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We have a full staff of volunteers who help out throughout the month to keep our Genealogical Forum doors open. However, on occasion these good people need a break to go on vacation or a research trip. As we get older there may be other reasons that might take us away for an extended period.

I am looking for volunteers for those occasions.

If you would like to be a substitute volunteer who can help out when someone needs a break we need you. Please notify Shirley Wilkerson at Sswilkerson@comcast.net or by phone at 360-891-8849 after 5pm if you would like to be a substitute Research Assistant. Please supply me with information about the day or days you are available to help out and how to contact you when you are needed.

If you have been an assistant before and feel you could start anytime that would be great, but if you have never done this before and would like training, I can arrange that too. I just need to know.

—Shirley Wilkerson

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

- Stratton, Harriet Russell. *Book of Strattons: Being a Collection of Stratton Records from England and Scotland and a Genealogical History*. New England Historical and Genealogical Society: Boston, Massachusetts, 1999. 929.2 S898
- Streeter. *Streeter National Newsletter*. Streeter Family Association: Northampton, Massachusetts. 929.2 S898
- Whipple, Blaine. *15 Generations of Whipples: Descendants of Matthew Whipple of Ipswich, Massachusetts, Volume 1*. Gateway Press: Baltimore, Maryland, 2007. 929.2 W574
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- Roberts, Gary Boyd. *Best Genealogical Sources In Print: Essays by Gary Boyd Roberts, Volume 1*. New England Genealogical and Historical Society: Boston, Massachusetts, 2004. 929.3 R644
- Johnstone, C.L. *Historical Families of Dumfriesshire and the Border Wars*. Clearfield: Baltimore, Maryland, 1998. 941.1 A000 Biography
- Dobson, David. *Scots-Irish Links 1575-1725, Part 1 and Part 2*. Clearfield: Baltimore, Maryland, 2002. 941.1 A000 Migration
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- Richardson, Douglas. *Magna Carta Ancestry: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families*. Genealogical Publishing: Baltimore, Maryland, 2005. 942 A000
- Coldham, Peter Wilson. *English Estates of American Settlers: American Wills and Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1800-1858*. Genealogical Publishing: Baltimore, Maryland, 1981. 942 A000 Court
- Dexter, Henry Martyn and Morton Dexter. *England and Holland of the Pilgrims*. Clearfield: Baltimore, Maryland, 2002. 942 A000 History
- Hamilton, Edward Gerald. *In Search of Welsh Ancestry*. Genealogical Publishing: Baltimore, Maryland, 1986. 942.9 A000 How-To
- Hansen, Kevin M. *Map Guide To German Parish Registers, Volume 13: Province of Rhineland III, Regierungsbezirk Trier; Kingdom of Prussia and Regierungsbezirk Platz; Kingdom of Bavaria*. Family Roots Publishing: Bountiful, Utah, 2007. 943 A000 Maps and Gazetteers
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- Boielle, James. *Heath's French and English Dictionary*. D.C. Heath: Boston, Massachusetts, 1903. 944 A000 How-To
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- Reisinger, Joy and Elmer Courteau. *King's Daughter*. Published by the Author: Sparta Wisconsin, 1988. 971.4 A000 Biography
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- New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1882*. Heritage Books: Bowie, Maryland, 1996.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

- Counties, Cities, Towns and Plantations of Maine: A Handbook of Incorporations, Dissolutions and Boundary Changes.* Maine State Archives: Augusta, Maine, 1940. 974.1 A000 Maps & Gazetteers
- Vital Records of the Towns of Barnstable and Sandwich: An Authorized Facsimile Reproductions of Records Published Serially 1901-1937 in the "Mayflower Descendant".* Clearfield: Baltimore, Maryland, 1996. 974.4 B262 Vital Records
- Felt, Joseph. *History of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton, Massachusetts.* Heritage Books: Baltimore, Maryland, 1881. 974.4 E78 History
- Second Census of the United States 1800: Federal Population Schedules: Connecticut; Middlesex and New London Counties.* AGLL: Bountiful, Utah, (no date). 974.6 A000 Census
- Some Early Records and Documents of and Relating To the Town of Windsor, Connecticut, 1639-1703.* Clearfield: Baltimore, Maryland, 2002. 974.6 H328 Court
- Viridin, Donald O. *Pennsylvania Genealogies and Family Histories: A Bibliography of Books About Pennsylvania Families.* Heritage Books: Bowie, Maryland, 1992. 974.8 A000 History
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- Sixth Census of the United States, 1840: Federal Population Schedules: Pennsylvania, Bedford County.* National Archives: Washington, D.C. (no date). 974.8 A000 Census
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- Stocker, Rhamanthus M. *Centennial History of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.* Regional Publishing: Baltimore, Maryland, 1974. 974.8 S964 History
- Watring, Anna Miller. *New Jersey Bible Records, Volume I: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May and Gloucester Counties.* Colonial Roots: Lewes Delaware, 2002. 974.9 A000 Bible
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- Southern Genealogical Index.* Mountain Press: Signal Mountain, Utah, 1990. 975 A000 Bibliography
- Fifth Census of the United States, 1830: Federal Population Schedules: Delaware, Sussex County.* 975.1 A000 Census
- Bodie, Jon Bennett. *Southside Virginia Families, Volume I.* Clearfield: Baltimore, Maryland, 1996.. 975.5 A000 Biography
- _____. *Southside Virginia Families, Volume II.* Clearfield: Baltimore, Maryland, 1996. 975.5 A000 Biography

CAPTAIN ROLAND BROWN'S VISION

"In 1828 or 1829, a debating society was held in a small brick schoolhouse that stood very near the place where now stands the Methodist Episcopal Church. Capt. (*Roland*) Brown was fond of debating, and was seldom absent from the meetings of the society. The subject of railroads and telegraphs was just beginning to attract some attention in the Eastern States. Capt. Brown took up this theme one night, and, enlarging upon it, said the time was not far in the future when railroads would be laid all over the West; that one would reach from Cincinnati to Lake Erie which would not run far from the place where he stood. He added that men would yet travel fifteen miles an hour, and heavy burdens be pulled over these roads by steam power.

"The Methodists were then in dominance in the village. They voted Capt. Brown a *visionist*, a castle-builder, and denounced his railroad theory as the rankest infidelity and contrary to God's revealed word. They claimed that if God had intended his creatures to travel in the marvelous way spoken of, he would have foreshadowed it in the prophecies.

"Of those who were most outspoken in denouncing the Captain's theory, mention is made of John Mitton, Sarah Mitton, Eli Adams and wife, Susan Mitton, Joshua D. Truitt, Benjamin Truitt, James Woosley and his wife, John McCollum and wife, Asbury Houston and wife, Laughlin Kinney and wife, Horatio Murray and wife. No better nor more honored Christian people ever lived in Clark County than these above named; many of them lived to travel by railroad, and the news of the death of more than one of their number was flashed across the land by telegraph."

McAdams, F. M. *History of Clark County, Ohio, Madison Township*, page 479.

Submitted by Denali Porter

THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: NEW HOURS

Beginning Thursday, April 2, 2009, the new hours for the Oregon Historical Research Library will be: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

We are glad to be able to establish these new hours and appreciate the patience of our members and the public while board and staff planned operations under our new economic realities. Veteran OHS library staff and volunteers will be ready to serve the public.

George Vogt, Executive Director

—Submitted by Leslie Lawson

GFO'S RESEARCH INDEXES GAIN ATTENTION

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon has some good indexes for those of us with Oregon roots. Each index is preceded by an explanatory paragraph or two about the resource. If a copy service for the original document is available, fees and the address is listed. On the home page is a search engine that will search the entire site, the indexes, the catalog, or family histories. Selecting "Indexes," I searched on the surname of Claussen, finding 1 obituary and four marriage citations. Note that the only thing that this search does not search is the WWI Draft Registration Index. You need to go directly to the WWI Draft Registration index to check those.

The above is excerpted from the March 24, 2009 Genealogical Blog of Leland and Patty Meitzler. Larry Sullivan also reports that the use of the 14 indexes on gfo.org has doubled in the last 18 months. Congratulations to Larry for making these indexes available to members and other browsers.

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GFO Calendar

May, 2009	June, 2009	July 2009
<p>4th Monday: All Day Free Monday Bring a Friend</p> <p>7th Thursday: 7 p.m. Alpha Pi Group</p> <p>9th Saturday: 9:30 Illinois Group 11:45 a.m. Writers' Forum 2:00 p.m. Monthly Program Mary Jane Sorber— "Oregon Pioneer Women"</p> <p>12th Tuesday: 1 p.m. DNA Group 5:30 Board Meeting</p> <p>16th Saturday; 9:30 a.m. TMG SUG 1:00 p.m. Irish Group 6:30 All-Nighter</p> <p>18th Monday; 7:00 p.m. Computer Group</p> <p>25th Monday: LIBRARY CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY 7:00 p.m. Round Table</p> <p>27th: Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. TMG Forum</p> <p>30th Saturday: 1 p.m. British Group</p>	<p>1st Monday: Free Monday (Bring a Friend)</p> <p>9th Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting</p> <p>13th Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Illinois Group 11:45 Writers' Forum 2:00 p.m. Annual Meeting Announcement of New Officers Writing Awards</p> <p>15th Monday: 7:00 p.m. Computer Group</p> <p>20th Saturday: DNA Interest Group</p> <p>22nd Monday: 7:00 p.m. Round Table Discussion</p> <p>24th Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. TMG Forum</p> <p>27th Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Introduction to Genealogy</p>	<p>4th Saturday: Library Closed Fourth of July</p> <p>6th Monday: Free to nonmembers</p> <p>11th Saturday: No Monthly Program For July and August</p> <p>14th Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. DNA 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting</p> <p>22nd Wednesday: TMG-Forum</p> <p>27th Monday: 7 p.m. Roundtable Discussion</p>