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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It’s been a busy year. As you read this issue of the Forum Insider, the Spring Seminar will be past or soon will. We appreciate all those volunteers who made it happen and all those members and friends who came to share Ann Carter Fleming’s presentation. We hope you learned a lot, and are soon forming that book layout in your mind.

The Swedish Roots Presentation will be close behind. Did you sign up for the available limited seating? The presentation will be held in the Higgins Room at the library.

Our Annual meeting and Volunteer Recognition Day will be coming up in June, with an open house tentatively set for summertime. Possibly the Education Committee will have a speaker’s name for the Fall Seminar to share with us by Annual Meeting time.

Where were you born? I was born in Iowa. Most people aren’t native Oregonians if the obituaries and casual acquaintances give you a clue. My folks brought my brother and me out here, and we never moved back to southern Iowa. Dad had to come here as he stepped on a landmine near the Belgium/German border near the end of the war. It shattered his leg bone from the foot to his hip, causing him to be in the hospital for over a year up at Ft. Lewis, Washington. When Mom knew he’d be in the hospital that long, she rented out our house in Des Moines, and we were on the next troop train to Washington State. When Dad was healed and discharged, he found work in Portland, and we have lived in and around this area ever since. Yes, we visited the relatives every three or four years, usually near the 4th of July week. But when we came back to Oregon, we didn’t miss the thick humidified air, mosquitoes, chiggers, or the lightning and thunder storms. My mom said she didn’t miss winter back there either. I did enjoy the beautiful farmland, the lightning bugs, and the fields of tall corn along the roadside as we drove into one of two nearby towns on Saturday night—Van Wert or Osceola.

People have migrated to Portland due to jobs—like the shipyards during WW2, or they fell in love with our scenery and climate when they were stationed here in the military. Maybe they arrived aboard a Navy ship during Rose Festival Week. What is your story? Send it to Janis Bailey for insertion in the Insider. Jbailey172@comcast.net

Any suggestions or questions about the society, email me at lylaw1@verizon.net or leave a message “for the president” at the GFO desk (503-963-1932)

Keep on searching, LYLETH WINTHER

"THAT IS WHY I DO MY GENEALOGY..."

by Della M. Cummings Wright*

“We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again. To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, rather, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the story tellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am, and why I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying - I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth, without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach, that we might be born who we are, that we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those who we had never known before.”

*Della M. Cummings Wright; rewritten by her granddaughter Dell Jo Ann McGinnis Johnson; edited and reworded by Tom Dunn, 1943.
PRINT SHOP HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

PRINTED:
- Bulletin & Insider
- 2 outside jobs
- Mini class flyers
- Spring seminar flyers
- Membership form & letters

Data Extraction Group
- Oregon State Marriages. CD will be available soon. Just checked the final product and one item needs to be adjusted.

- Oregon State Death Index. Death certificates from 1903-1905 which have not been indexed or microfilmed are at the state office. We have sorted, photocopied, and scanned those certificates. The state has given us permission to provide copies (uncertified) from the index. We have only the last 7 months to complete, then will be starting the proofing. (Volunteers: Loretta Welsh, Eileen Chamberlin, Jim Rogers, Marie Diers, Janis Bowlby, & Sam Butler)

- Deaths Recorded in Masonic Proceedings. Lodge proceedings were recorded annually and listed deaths of members. The deaths are being indexed for the years 1851 thru 1910 from the books in the Rare Book room. Input is complete and proofing is done. The first 10-15 years that have names only will be included in a Bulletin story, and the remaining years will go on the website with copies available for $5. (Volunteers: Jim Rogers, Eileen Chamberlin, & Loretta Welsh)

- Newspaper Obits. Additional books in our library have obits on Oregon people and small collections of local neighborhood papers have genealogical articles. More are being indexed and will go on the website. (Volunteers: Nathan Haines, Eileen Chamberlin, Jim Rogers, & Loretta Welsh)

Loretta Welsh
Print Shop Chairman

DON’T FORGET THE WRITERS’ CLINIC
ON SATURDAY, MAY 8TH AT 11:30 a.m.

Writers’ Forum members will meet with you one-on-one to make your unwritten or unfinished stories come alive for your family, now and for generations to come.

- Come early (11:00 a.m.) to make a twenty minute appointment. First appointment will be 11:50.
- Bring your written project or proposal.
- While you wait for your appointment, do a little research in the GFO Library and look over the Writers’ Forum members’ display of their finished work.
- Last appointment will be at 1:30 p.m.
James Lyon was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1735 (Zopher, Capt. Henry, Samuel, Henry). My mother, Barbara Chapin Lyon, was a fifth generation descendant of Parson Lyon, one of my favorite ancestors. I had only a passing acquaintance with his story before I happened upon a copy of The Lyon’s Tail, the newsletter of the Lyon(s) Families’ Association of America. It was just lying on a library table in Carlsbad, California more than 25 years ago. The cover story was about Parson Lyon.

I read that he was the first ordained minister in Machias, Maine, called to serve a church not yet established in 1771. He served as minister until his death in 1794. I later learned that he graduated from the College of New Jersey (now known as Princeton University) with a B.A. degree in 1759 and with an M.A. in 1764. He was ordained by the Presbytery of New York in 1764.

Coincidentally, I took part in an Elderhostel to Pictou, Nova Scotia, for a genealogy research trip. I knew that some of my ancestors on my father’s side had emigrated from Scotland to Canada through Pictou. One day, while on a field trip, we stopped for lunch at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Scotsburn, Nova Scotia where the ladies of the church had prepared a sandwich luncheon for us. I was standing in line waiting to be served when I picked up a booklet, A Walk Through Time: A History of Bethel Presbyterian Church. On page 12 I read that the first ordained minister of the church in 1769, and who remained there until 1771, was no other than the Reverend James Lyon. Before Scotsburn he had served churches in Halifax, Onslow and Truro. He and his family settled in an area still called Lyons Brook near Scotsburn.

Given Rev. Lyon’s developing fervor for separation from England, it appears that the political differences between him and his parishioners led to his decision to return to the Colonies. Many, if not most, of his parishioners were loyal to England’s king, George III.

Now, I had the preface to the story of my ancestor, the patriot from Maine. He left Pictou County with first wife and mother of his children, Martha Holden of Cape May, New Jersey. He subsequently made a trip to Boston, where he was recruited by a committee from Macias, Maine to take a trial position there as their minister.

In order for the Macias settlement to obtain a land grant from the King it would be necessary within 6 years to gather 80 Protestant families; build 80 homes which were at least 18 feet square, that each family cultivate five acres and build a building suitable for worship, hire an ordained minister and provide for his support. The church was dedicated in 1782 when a proper building had been constructed.

In the booklet, Machias, Maine and Some Of Its Early Settlers by Watts H. Bowker, 1902, the author states: “Quoting the language of William B. Smith in reference to him (the Rev. James Lyon) during the Revolution, “No man was more devoted or active in the cause than Mr. Lyon. He was repeatedly chosen by our citizens as one of the members of the Committee of Correspondence and Safety and was emphatically one of the leading men of the times...And at the close of the busy year 1775 we find a remarkable specimen of his devotion to the cause of liberty and of his self-reliance in a letter addressed to General George Washington in which he suggests the plan of a military expedition against Nova Scotia for the purpose of securing the beautiful Province to the Colonial Union.”

The reply from General Washington was seen at one time by Mr. Bowker, but he had been unable to obtain a copy. In essence General Washington said he couldn’t give the proposal the time it deserved but thanked him and the people of Mathias for its support.

Rev. Lyon served as a Volunteer and later as Chaplain in Colonel Allen’s Indian Regiment stationed in Machias where he continued to serve as minister until his death.

Rev. Lyon was also an author and a musician. He composed an anthem, which was performed at the time of his graduation from what is now Princeton University. While still an undergraduate he published a poem under the pseudonym, Nasovian, which appeared in 1759 in “The New American Magazine’s” September issue.
Parson Lyon (continued)

In The Lyon Memorial, p. 242 the author quotes: “At the commencement in May 1761 it is recorded ‘there was performed an elegant Anthem composed by James Lyon of New Jersey College. There was also given on that occasion ‘an ode, sacred to the memory of our late gracious Sovereign, George II, written and set to music in a very grand and masterly manner by Francis Hopkinson, Esq. M.A.’” Hopkinson was a close friend and collaborator of Lyon. James Lyon published several collections of sacred music; the most notable called “Urania” was published in 1762.

Finally, in several of the accounts I read the same anecdote appeared: that Rev. Lyon, while having a fine ear for music, was handicapped somewhat in his vision. He was unable to distinguish red from black. When ordering a new coat from his tailor he picked out a bolt of scarlet material, which the tailor allowed him to take home before cutting out the coat. Mrs. Lyon, upon seeing his choice of fabric, suggested the color would make a better coat for a British officer than for a minister. It was noted that everyone in Machias knew that the Reverend was color blind, and that the tailor must have had a good laugh knowing the material would be exchanged the next day.

Watts W. Bowker. Machias, Maine; and Some Of The Early Settlers. A Pamphlet, 1902.

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 250 –350 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.

RootsTelevision To Stay On the Air

“We are so excited to be able to share this good news about RootsTelevision.com! Things will be changing up a little, but in the weeks to come we will be sharing new genealogy videos and featuring many of our past favorites, allowing you to continue to enjoy the RootsTelevision you are clearly so appreciative of.

“After getting inundated with emails, Tweets, and Facebook postings and messages about the closing of RootsTelevision.com (RTV), I've decided to keep it going. I honestly had no clue how valued it was by the genealogical community, and I agree with the many of you who pointed out that it serves a somewhat different purpose than the prime time programming that's on TV at present (much as I've been enjoying that!). At the same time, I think many had not realized that RTV is a one-person company, but one that's not inexpensive to provide.”

Megan Smolenyak’ President of Roots Television; OG Blog Newsletter of 3/29/10

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MOVING AHEAD
Don Holznagel

At its meeting on April 13, the GFO Board approved the first draft of desired characteristics of properties to be considered for our move next year, listed below. This list is provided to inform members and to request comments or suggestions for additional criteria, which should be sent to Don Holznagel, dholznag@pacifier.com. Do not recommend specific properties now - that opportunity will come in the fall when we get word from TriMet.

First Level Screen (mostly externally observable):

- Located in central Portland, with preference for the east side of the Willamette River
- Floor space in the range of 4500-5500 sq. ft., ground level, concrete floor
- ADA compliance characteristics: wide entry doors, convenient ramps
- Neighborhood ambiance is friendly, especially after dark and weekends
- Ambient noise is at a low level, i.e. traffic, truck loading, construction, heavy industry, etc.
- Public transport access, at least bus, within two blocks
- Auto access: near major highway intersections, and/or major arterial streets
- Parking: off-street, on-street, handicapped-marked, and overflow options

Second Level Screen (Requires internal observation, and owner’s property description):

- Interior Space – Open space with flexibility to define with partitions, to accommodate:
  - Library: Book stacks, rare books, film, fiche, workroom
  - Patron research and device access (computers, readers, etc.)
  - Offices, reception, assistance, display
  - Group meeting space: board, committees, special interest groups, programs
  - Publications/Print Shop
  - Storage, Lunch room/space

- Technology – Capacity to support the following:
  - Conduits for Category 5 or fiber-optic cable, or structural allowance to install cabling easily in ceiling or along walls to point of use
  - Electric power suitable for computers, scanner, printers, copiers, film readers, etc., and the structural allowance to install wiring easily in ceiling or along walls to point of use

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you have a few hours per month to fill some of the vacant spots at the library reading room? We like to have two volunteers per time slot. Our current need is for the 1st and 3rd Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the 4th Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. If you can help out, contact Cathy Lauer catlauer@comcast.net, or GFO 503-963-1932.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS FOR 2010

8 May 2010, “Military Records” by Vicki Bonagofski and Duane Funk and Relocation Membership-Input Session

Connie’s Corner . . .

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, a time to tend our ancestor’s graves, is at the end of this month. The day offers a perfect opportunity to take photos of the grave markers and add them to the collection at FindAGrave.com. This website is a fantastic free resource for genealogists. People take photos of graves, add biographies if they wish, and upload all to the website. As an example, Joseph Lenzen (1809-1882) is buried in the Holy Name Cemetery outside of Minneapolis. Someone has uploaded a photo of the tombstone to FindAGrave.com. Joseph is Gerry’s ancestor, and it is great to be able to go online to see the stone. As a thank-you, we should pass on the favor and to upload tombstone photos from this area.

Genealogical Wheel of Fortune

Contestants in the Wheel of Fortune television program spin the wheel and then guess a letter of the alphabet in the attempt to complete a phrase. If there was a genealogical game like that, a number of words and phrases would end in “com” because much of our genealogy is done on the Internet.

There is one three-letter non-Internet name that many genealogists could guess – even without buying a vowel. Can you guess this name?

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Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, is sometimes called the first lady of American genealogy. She has authored numerous books and is best known for Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artefacts to Cyberspace. She is also an inspiring genealogical speaker who explains methods and strategies in a way that everyone can apply to their own work.

Elizabeth is coming to Oregon on 31 July 2010. She will be the main speaker at the Genealogical Council of Oregon’s “Summer Genealogy Fest” at the Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. Her topics address the issues that most genealogists have: The Elusive Ancestor: There’s No Such Thing as “Too Poor to Trace,” Sources & Citations Simplified: From Memorabilia to Digital Data to DNA; The Identity Crisis: Right Name, Wrong Man? Wrong Name, Right Man?; and Okay, I Got the Neighbors – Now What Do I Do with Them? Information about the conference is online.

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GFO Mini Classes SPRING 2010

GFO mini classes are held in the GFO Higgins Room. Registration is $15.00 per class, and class size is limited to 30, unless otherwise stated.

#11 – May 22, Saturday...Military Records, by Gerald Lenzen - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
MILITARY SERVICE AND PENSION RECORDS FOR CONFLICTS FROM EARLY COLONIAL TIMES UP TO WWII WILL BE PRESENTED FOR RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE GFO LIBRARY AND IN SOME ON-LINE LOCALITIES AVAILABLE FROM THE GFO LIBRARY. THIS IS NOT AN ON-LINE COURSE.

#12 – June 19, Saturday...Family Reunions, by Leslie Lawson & April Ober - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Anyone can put together a reunion. Software and Internet sites to help with this task. We will discuss how to start this project, track it with time lines and what to offer to those who come to the reunion. The class will include survey samples to guide you.

#13 – June 26, 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!
Download Registration Form from gfo.org, or mail check (to GFO) including class numbers.

LIBRARY COLLECTION NEWS

This month’s tour begins in Germany (943). Originally compiled to aid in identifying public government services, religious institutions, transportation and industrial interests, Meyers Orts Meyer Orts-und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Riechs or (Meyers Geographical and Commercial Gazettee of the German Empire) is the gazetteer to help you locate the place where public and religious records were generated and stored. It contains the most complete list of pre-World War I German Empire place-names. If your German is a bit rusty, How to Read and Understand Meyers Orts (943 A000 Maps) is shelved next to Meyers Orts and will show you, step-by-step, how to use this handy gazetteer.

Nearby you will find various titles of Kevan Hansen’s series: Map Guide to German Parish Registers. Although we have only a few of the volumes available, this is another good source for identifying where your German parish records may be found.

Small collections for the countries of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and France follow Germany. These collections consist primarily of History, How-to (including language dictionaries) Maps and Periodicals.

Sandi Whiteman
Library Director

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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 or Heritage Books for GFO to earn credits 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.

NEEDED: A PROOF READER

After two years of invaluable service as volunteer proof reader for the GFO Insider, David Hupp will no longer be able to serve in this capacity.

Among the readership of this newsletter, the Editor hopes there is someone with sharp eyes, skill at punctuation and grammar, who is able to give about two hours a month from home to point out typos and make suggestions on wording.

If you can offer this manner of volunteering to GFO, please contact Janis Bailey at:
jbailey172@comcast.net,

Download Registration Form from gfo.org, or mail check (to GFO) including class numbers.
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