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Summary

Title: Balicki Personal Papers

Span Dates: 1255-1976

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Creator: BettyJane E. (DeMonnin) Balicki (1920-1989)

Extent: 30 file folders

Language: English

Repository: Digital Manuscripts Collection, Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Abstract: The material found in this collection consists of research on the ancestors of BettyJane DeMonnan Balicki, plus some information about her husband's family. There is information about the family lines in England, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The research follows the families as they moved west, settling in Illinois, Iowa, and Oregon. Some of the prominent surnames are Balicki, Bayliss, DeMonnin, and Florek. There are many family group sheets and pedigree charts that help the researcher connect the families. There are also biographical sketches that provide context for the lives of the ancestors. Two folders contain reminiscences of Oregon settlers (the origin of these stories is not known).

Administrative Information

Provenance: The manuscript collection of BettyJane Balicki was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon before 2012.

Retention and Access: Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting manuscripts@gfo.org.

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Biographical Note

BettyJane E. DeMonnin Balicki was born 29 May 1920, the second of five children born to parents Charles Percy DeMonnin and Edith May Bayliss DeMonnin. She married Joseph John Balicki 12 August 1945; they had two daughters, Deborah Lynne and Rebecca Lee. Betty always had an interest in family history and incorporated information about the

family into everyday conversations. She made history exciting. Those ancestors became “alive” – they weren’t just names, they were people with occupations, children, and stories of their own. One ancestor was one of the founding families of Tillamook, Oregon that had ships that sank, one was held captive in the Pacific islands and was tattooed from head to toe, another was a blacksmith who built the first building in Portland, Oregon at 1st & Washington, the ancestor that arrived on the Mayflower was the first person to be hanged in Plymouth Plantation, many were written about in publications. She was wise enough to ask questions to the generations before her - grandmother, mother, father, aunts and uncles - and record the information. She accumulated a wealth of information well before the ability to search the internet by traveling to ancestor’s home states, counties, and cities ... even a trip to England. She was a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. She collected the information to prove membership to the Mayflower Society and Daughters of the American Revolution but died before she could complete the process. Her daughter, Deborah, has continued her mother’s research and used that information to apply for membership in the Mayflower Society and DAR and became a member of Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. BettyJane died 16 April 1989 and buried with her husband at Willamette National Cemetery. (This information was provided by BettyJane Balicki’s family.)

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