Genealogical Forum of Oregon
2009 Writing Contest

“Relics”

Why enter?
You may never get around to writing down your family stories!
The GFO Writing Contest encourages you to:
* Write an engaging story that future generations will enjoy, and
* Base your story on good, sound research.

Requirements
* Piece must be written to the theme: “Relics” — weave a story around an object your ancestor made or used that was passed down through the family.
* Your story must be factual, with suppositions clearly indicated.
* Documentation in the form of endnotes or footnotes is required.
* Length — 750 to 5000 words
* Story must be submitted in electronic form — Word or RTF file, submitted as an email attachment or burned to a CD or floppy disk.
* Submitted from January 1, 2009 to April 1, 2009. Please do not submit before January 1st.
* Plan ahead and make a concerted effort to attend the award presentation at the GFO Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Judging Criteria
* A factual story built around the theme.
* A story that engages the reader.
* Good use of language, including smoothness of the writing.
* Convincing research — genealogical and background.
* Well documented — all facts are supported by evidence.

Questions?
E-mail Peggy Baldwin at peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com or visit the GFO web site at http://www.gfo.org/writing_contest.htm
Entry Form

Name__________________________________________

Address________________________________________

City________________________________ State________ Zip________

Phone________________________ Email________________

Title of your story____________________________________

GFO Member?

(Yes) Membership No. _____

(No) Please enclose check for $10 made out to Genealogical Forum of Oregon or GFO

Instructions

By e-mail: Give the information requested in the form above and submit your story as an email attachment to peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com and if you are a non-member mail your $10 check to Peggy Baldwin, GFO Writing Contest, at the address given below.

or

By Mail: Submit this form along with your story in Microsoft Word or RTF (enriched text file) format on a floppy disk or burned to a CD. Remember to enclose a check for $10 if you are not a member of GFO. Send to Peggy Baldwin, GFO Contest, at the address given below.

Need Help?

* Attend GFO’s Writers’ Forum or other writing group, for feedback on your writing, or form your own group.


Writing Contest Awards

* Winners will be announced at the GFO’s Annual Membership Meeting on June 13, 2009. Please plan to attend.

* Winning articles will be published in the GFO’s The Bulletin and on the GFO Web site.

* Winners will receive gift certificates to Portland’s Powell’s Bookstore

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The Fall Seminar was a great success, attracting more than 120 people. Please put the Spring Seminar on your must-do list, and watch the Insider and web site for details. The topic will be German resources for genealogical information presented by a national expert on the topic, Larry Jensen.

I will need the help of several of you to look ahead to the next year and decide who should be put forward to the membership for positions on the Board of Directors.

There are three ways to help: one is to join the nominating committee to identify good candidates; the second is to recommend someone you know would do a good job; and the third is to step forward as a candidate yourself. We will need to elect a Director-at-Large, a Treasurer, and a President. The Board is a collegial, friendly and cooperative group to be a part of, and you are guaranteed to learn a lot about genealogy in the process and to be rewarded with a great feeling of accomplishment. Please let me know if you can assist on the committee or run for a Board position.

Our annual Fall capital appeal has been mailed and I encourage you who are able to contribute above the amount of your dues. Receipts from dues and the endowment barely cover our lease costs, so we rely on contributions to accomplish all the other activities of the Forum. Please help keep our services available to the community.

Remember, check the Insider Extra on our Web site for late news in between issues of the regular Insider!

Don Holznagel

NEWS YOU CAN USE From a Seattle Times Article

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service is allowing access to historical records documenting the arrival and naturalization of millions of immigrants.

The program has begun offering access to available records of those who arrived between September 27, 1906 and April 1, 1956.

Before this past August, people requesting such records had to submit a Freedom of Information Act request, which lengthened the process and complicated the retrieval of information for deceased family members.

The USCIS said that in the last four years it received more than 49,000 Freedom of Information requests for historical records, and it expects interest in genealogy to continue to grow.

The agency charges a fee for the search and for copies of requested information. Individuals may submit records’ requests by using forms available at its genealogy page:

http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy

LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES FOR YEAR 2008

Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008—Thanksgiving
Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008—Christmas
Thursday, January 1, 2009—New Year’s Day

HELP SUPPORT GFO

Shop online for merchandise and subscriptions that give GFO commissions. 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.

Watch for the next All-Nighter In the Insider Extra, which can be found by clicking the link on the gfo.org web site

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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 Obit Index of area clippings collected by the late Lottie Gurley is now online! Find your ancestor and request a photocopy of the obit.  
FEES: for a lookup request for each record is a fee of $5. Mail your exact request, with your return address, to:  
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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS  
Our recent fall seminar pointed out the great contribution we have from our many volunteers who make such events happen. Thanks, Volunteers! We couldn’t do it without you.

REFLECTIONS ON THE FALL SEMINAR  
By Lyleth Winther

FALL SEMINAR FEATURES ANN CARTER FLEMING  
The recent successful fall seminar, with speaker Ann Carter Fleming, drew about 125 registrants. Her first topic was Serial Sets and how to understand their coding so one could access government documents, which could be gleaned for information about one's ancestors. Examples are items and statements placed into the Congressional record.

Although, the information isn't easily indexed if you have a common-named ancestor, the information can be narrowed down to mutual pages that include the name of the person, the event, and the locality.

When Carter Fleming discussed the topic "When Your Ancestor Speaks, Are You Listening?", I found her analysis of a family picture of a just-married couple intriguing. She is from St. Louis, Missouri area, so we knew the picture she used as an example featured the famous archway "Gateway to the West" in the background. In addition, she pointed out the courthouse in the background where the famous Dred Scott Decision was rendered.

She had the audience help her "discover" other clues in the picture, such as the fact it must have been warm weather since the bride was in a short-sleeved wedding dress. Also, in the closest background was a pool with jets of splashing water colored red. She said those folks from St. Louis would recognize what the red colored water meant. Evidently, and only then, when the home baseball team of the St. Louis Cardinals gets into the finals for the World Series, the water jets are colored red, the color of cardinals. Since it was determined to be World Series playoff time, evidence that suggested the month was September. The current year of the wedding could be determined from a clue in the name on the hotel signage in the background. What had been another hotel chain name's shown in the picture was changed to the Hiatt in a certain year. By researching that hotel chain takeover of that particular hotel, one might narrow down the range of years. In concluding, she said, "If you still can't determine who got married in that month in your family, then it's time to make copies and pull out the picture at family gatherings to play Who Can Recognize the Couple?"

On the topic "Squeezing the Records Until They Talk", in one instance she suggested checking the records prior to a known marriage, as well as events following the known marriage dates (for death or divorce?). On her husband's side, she found that one ancestor, information formerly unknown, had been married a couple of times before the actual marriage that produced her husband's grandfather. Prior marriages included one ending in death, another in divorce, all listed in the public records.

Among the special features of the Seminar, the Genealogical Treasures offerings brought many buyers of raffle tickets, taking chances on winning a seat at the speaker's lunch table, a free consultation with "Ask the Expert" Connie Lenzen, a year's membership in GFO, free admittance to the GFO's Spring Seminar, etc. Surplus Books "flew off the shelf" at one table, other participants found some new books in the room set aside for our book vendor, The Genealogical Shelf. Tables of information were also provided for the Welsh Society of Portland, the Scandinavian Genealogical Society, the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, the GFO's DNA interest group, plus a forthcoming financial planning event which is sponsored by the GFO Endowment Fund. And genealogists did what genealogists do—finding others to share their success and brick wall stories with.

Isn't it the truth?  
"When you have the Energy and the Time — You haven't got the Money!"  
"When you have the Energy and the Money — You haven't got the Time!"  
"When you have the Money and the Time — You haven't got the Energy!"

Opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.
Connie’s Corner

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS
By Connie Lenzen, CG

Were your ancestors in California, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Utah, or Virginia? If so, check out Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress. The project goal is to digitize newspapers and place them on the Library of Congress website, http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/index.html.

The first step is the digitizing of newspaper pages from 1890 to 1910, and over 600,000 pages from the above ten states have been done. Eventually newspapers from 1836 to 1922 in all U.S. states and territories will be digitized and placed online.

Searches are easy. You select a state or a specific newspaper and enter search terms. If an obituary was published, you can find it. Other articles can be found, as illustrated by this article about John Skaggs in the 29 June 1906 Amador Ledger.

“John Skaggs, a pioneer miner around here in early days, but who has been for many years a resident of the eastern states, is here on a visit to the scenes of his early gold hunting. He mined in 1853 in Jackson Creek, and also around Volcano, and visited the latter town the first part of the week.”

Even if you don’t have someone in one of the digitized states, look anyway. The 22 July 1906 issue of the San Francisco Call included a Portland article:

“Gem Sticks to Gum on End of Pencil”
Clever Scheme Enables Thief to Steal Valuable Diamond From Portland Store.

Portland, July 21.- By an ingenious method entirely new to the local authorities one of the cleverest diamond thieves in the country is alleged to have secured a gem worth several hundred dollars from G. Heitkemper. A man known as G. M. Myers, but representing himself to be K. Reber of San Diego, Cal., called at Heitkemper’s store and after presenting his card asked to be shown some unset diamonds. A tray of stones was set on the counter for his inspection. He was exceedingly careful not to handle any of the gems with his hands, but used a lead pencil to segregate the diamonds. After looking over the contents of the tray he returned the pencil to his pocket and stated that none of the stones suited him. The fellow then took his departure and a gem went with him. He did the trick with the aid of gum on the end of the pencil.”

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www.usgenweb.com
www.rootsweb.com
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www.sos.mo.gov/archives/
www.multicollib.org
www.ohs.org
www.ccgs-wa.org
(Clark Co Gen Soc)
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www.theshipslist.com
http://abish.byui.edu/
specialcollections/westernstates/search.cfm(Western States Marriages to 1928)
www.kshs.org (Kansas)
www.ellisisland.org
HeritageQuestOnline
(through multicollib.org)
www.findagrave.com
www.footnote.com $ (free for 1st week)
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HAWORTHS OF OREGON

by Dale Haworth Keller

On December 30, 1862, my grandfather, Eli Joseph Haworth, was born on a farm in Iowa and on June 3, 1883, he married Mary Etta Stanbrough in Marcus, Iowa. Sometime between 1886 and 1892 they moved to Newberg Oregon where on February 16, 1892, my mother, Grace May Haworth Keller, was born.

A few years ago, while looking through some of my deceased mother’s personal papers, I found old letters, pictures from the 1800’s and family information that she had written down in her Bible and on scraps of paper. I immediately became intrigued with what I was seeing and decided I would try locating my ancestors.

I discovered that George Haworth, who was a devout Quaker and often referred to as “George the Immigrant,” arrived in America on the ship Britannia in 1699 and settled in Bucks County PA, married Sarah Scarrow, with whom he had six (6) sons, the beginning of the “Haworth Line in America”. During the early 1800’s, a group of Haworth families and descendants began migrating to the West Coast. Many ended up settling in the Newberg, Oregon area.

In my research I also discovered that a small group of Haworth family members held a convention in 1899 in North Carolina and formed the “Haworth Association.” The primary goal was to locate and document as many extended-family members as possible even though they were scattered all across the United States. Today, that Association still exists and meets every five years at different locations throughout the country, the last one was held in 2004 in Virginia, more than 230 attended. The convention committee decided at that time to hold the 2009 Convention in Portland Oregon, because so many Haworths had moved to Oregon at the turn of the century. Newberg is also the location of George Fox University, which has close ties to the Quakers’ and the Friends’ Church. In my research I discovered many Haworths have either attended or have been associated in some way with the college.

My goal is to locate as many grave sites of the early Haworth settlers and find any documentation that is available regarding those people. Further, I am trying to make contact with anyone who is a descendent of “George the Immigrant”, who lives in Oregon and invite them to attend the 2009 “National Haworth Convention.” The Convention will be held at the Shilo Inn, located near the Airport, on July 9th thru the 12th, 2009. We already have more than 150 people from different parts of the country who are planning to attend. We invite any Genealogical Forum members or anyone they know who think they might be related to the Haworth line to attend our Convention. A group has been developing a data base for over 20 years and so far there are over 50,000 Haworths and their descendents on the master list, many living here in Oregon. The Association has developed a great web site, and who knows, some of you who are reading this may be related to a Haworth and not even know it. To find the web site Google “Haworth Association” and have fun searching. You will not find the huge data base on line yet but they hope to have it completed by July of 2009 for the convention. Feel free to contact any of the Haworths that have an email address on the web site or contact me locally through the forum. My email is dajokell@worldnet.att.net

74 MILLION RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE ON WASHINGTON’S ARCHIVE — ALL ONLINE

“People can look up marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, census data, military service, election data, property deeds and even old pictures, says State Archivist, Jerry Handfield, who was in Cheney for an open house for the digital archives, which are housed at Eastern Washington University. ‘Chief Spokane Garry’s death certificate is even linked with a photograph. ‘That’s just the beginning, the first baby steps,’ says State Archivist, Jerry Handfield, who was in Cheney for an open house for the digital archives, which are housed at Eastern Washington University.

“The 74 million figure represents about 3% of the historic and contemporary records state officials hope to eventually put online. Coming soon, a database that will allow listeners to search 50,000 cassette tapes of Washington legislative hearings by topic. Microsoft is helping with the project. ‘Washington leads other states in its digital archives,’ Handfield said.

The center received a $1 million from a Library of Congress to help seven other states to establish their digital archives. They are currently working with Colorado, its eighth state. Delegations from other countries also visit the center to see how the system is set up.

This article was posted by Dick Eastman on October 8, 2008, and is from the Eastmen Online Genealogy Newsletter. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information from the newsletter is available at http://www.eogn.com.

Happy Thanksgiving!
THE GFO MAIL
By Sandi Sterling

Each month we get a number of telephone calls regarding missing Insiders and Bulletins, often with a statement that the person has been dropped from the mailing list. After hearing this month after month, it seemed like a good idea to enlighten you about the reality of our mailing process. First, we have no mailing list.

The information for the mailing labels comes directly from the member database. Therefore, the information on the labels is only as good as the information in the database. We try very hard to ensure that we enter the data correctly, but we're only human so mistakes do occur. Not very not very often, we're happy to say. When we're tracking down the reason for the problem, we start with verifying that the information regarding street address, city, state and Zip code is correct. The most common problem is that the membership has expired. A member is allowed a month's grace period to get their dues paid after the expiration. If the dues are not paid in that month, the member is marked inactive.

If none of the above apply, then we switch to the mailing itself. After rent, the Forum's biggest expense is postage. To save money, we mail the Insider, Bulletin, membership renewal notices, ballots and the annual appeal using bulk-mail. In exchange for us doing more of the work, the bulk mail postage rate is much lower. We have to sort the mail in zip-code order, count the pieces, package it according to postal regulations and deliver it to the post office accompanied with the proper paperwork. Bulk mail is not forwarded nor is it returned to us. We do have the labels and paperwork printed by a mailing company. About the 15th of each month, a data file of active members and their addresses is downloaded from the member database and emailed to the company. We check that your name was included in the file. If it was, then we can only say that the item disappeared into one of the Post Office's black holes.

We include the member number and membership expiration date in that file and it is printed on the label above the member's name. We pick up the labels from the company. The mailing is a very labor intensive process and it's all done by volunteers.

For those who receive their Insider or Bulletin by email, we thank you for saving us the money in printing and mailing the publications. And, you may want to check with us every so often about your expiration date. If you're a life member, you can forget all about the expiration date information.

In conclusion, you can help by keeping us informed of address changes and checking your expiration date if you don't get a renewal notice, drop a check in the mail or drop by the library and pay in person.

George Washington Paul Emery Washington

HAD GEORGE WASHINGTON BEEN MADE KING

Excerpt from an article by Kurt Soller (Newsweek Web exclusive, October 9, 2008).

"Had George Washington ascended to the throne, Paul Emery Washington (Joe Six-pack, incarnate) could now go by King Paul, the first. Lore has it that President Washington was so well-liked after his Revolutionary victory that a group of citizens frustrated with the Continental Congress floated the idea of a coup-d'état and the installation of King George and the creation of an American monarchy. But Washington, who believed that anyone (anyone!) might make for a good leader, staunch the idea and eventually relinquished his power as commander-in-chief.

"Since then, genealogists have been pondering the possibilities had President Washington been a bit more power-hungry. As early as 1908, newspapers published accounts of history buffs who worked their way through the Washington family tree using rules of succession to determine the rightful heir to the theoretical American throne. But without the Internet, branches of the Washington tree would be lost in Ohio, say, or forgotten by lineage sleuths who couldn't quite decipher a family tree made complicated because Washington himself didn't have any children.

"But while brainstorming ideas for their election-themed coverage, Ancestry.com turned to their Chief Family Historian, Megan Smolenyak, for an answer to the historical mystery. Smolenyak first turned to Google where she figured out that, because kinship rules vary by country because Washington was childless, there were four possible kings (or queens) among the nearly 8,000 descendants of Washington who are alive today. Of the 200 men that carry the Washington name, though, Paul Emery is the end result of two lines—a very rare possibility that makes him the likely heir.

"That's a concept that Paul would rather not think about. "I doubt if I'd be a very good king," he says. "We've done so well as a country without a king, so I think George made the best decision."

"His family, which includes three sons and one daughter, are fifth-generation descendants of George's oldest brother, Samuel. But Paul would've been the ninth or tenth king of America depending on which of the lines you follow."
GFO Writers Forum

GFO 2009 Writing Contest

The theme of this year’s writing contest is "Relics." The August issue of the Insider explored how you might write for this topic. You can also find this article on the GFO website (see #1 below.)

Take this opportunity to capture a family story that you can pass down for the generations to come. The purpose of this contest is to encourage you to do that, using your best genealogy research and writing skills. We do everything we can to help you be successful. Visit the GFO Writing Contest website (http://www.gfo.org/writing_contest.htm) to find:

1. “Writing for the 2009 GFO Writing Contest Theme,”
2. “The Five Ws” – how to weave a story out of your genealogical research,
3. “Citing Your Sources” – documenting your sources, and how to do that with word processing software,
4. Read winning articles from past years, and
5. The flyer and entry form, which can also be picked up at the GFO and has been included in this issue of the Insider.

The biggest stumbling block for contest participants is proper source citation. We do require that you use footnotes or endnotes with your story. Every fact included in your story needs to be documented with a source, even if it is from an interview with someone or something you were told as a child. See Elizabeth Shown Mills’ excellent books on this topic – Evidence and Evidence Explained. Your citations do not have to be perfect, but should include all parts of the citation that would allow others to identify and find your sources.

Another challenge for some of the contest participants has been submission of their stories electronically – floppy disk, CD, or attached to an email message as a Word or RTF file. If you do not have a computer or do not have the skills to do this, enlist a family member or friend to help you.

The challenge of source citations and submitting your story electronically do not need to stand in your way. If you need any help with either e-mail me at peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com or call me at 503-281-0250.

Peggy Baldwin, GFO Writing Contest Coordinator.

Contest requirements, further instructions, awards, suggestions for help and the entry form can be found on the flyer on pages 1-2 of this issue.

DONATION LAND CLAIMS
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NOW ON GFO WEBSITE!

Donation Land Claims were granted to settlers of the Oregon Territory who arrived prior to 1853. The files contain considerable genealogical data. Originals of these are located in the National Archives in Washington DC. The GFO has copies on microfilm and we can copy the entire claim file for you. Use our index of claim holders found on our website (www.gfo.org) to determine the office and claim number.

The cost is $10 for the first ten pages and 50¢ for each additional page. You may request paper copies or a CD. If you'd like paper copies and a CD, please add $1. To determine the cost for your file, please email gforesearch@yahoo.com or phone the GFO at 503-963-1932 (leave a message for Loretta). We need the index information and your phone or email.

Order a copy of a Donation Land Claim by sending your return address, index information, and the total cost (see above) to:

Donation Land Claim Lookup
Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.
PO Box 42567
Portland, OR 97242-0567

FYI

An announcement: Roots Television “wants to let you know that the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has incorporated a player of RootsTelevision.com videos into their website! Check it out! Oh, and if there are any other societies interested in incorporating video on their own websites, let us know and we'll get that going lickety-split.”

GFO MONTHLY PROGRAMS


December 2008: No program

January 10, 2009: Connie Lenzen: Church Records

Monthly Programs are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome.
The State of Illinois keeps many records and some of them are in DeKalb where you can go to see them.

There are seven areas in our state, and for each the records are gathered at a State University in that area. For example, all of the northern "third" of the counties are a group with the records at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. (Notice that Chicago is not included is so large that it has its own section.)

If you are interested in the history or genealogy of a county, for instance, Kendall County—there are records that you can read to learn more. Some are in books at the Plano Library, some are at the courthouse in Yorkville, and some are archived at NIU's library in a special room.

You can go there to see what they have about Kendall and the other northern Illinois counties.

Or go to Cyberdrive Illinois (http://tinyurl.com/4g5d9q) and look at the very long list of what kinds of records might be there for any county. Of course, they only have what a particular county may have sent for their safekeeping, so no two counties will have the same thing, and no county will have anywhere near everything that is listed. All counties will have some interesting items.

If you cannot go to DeKalb, you can write or call them, tell them (clearly and fully) what you want to find, and they will mail it to you if they have it there. The only charge is for copying, a maximum of $5 unless they get your permission to copy more pages than that. They will send you a bill with your "answers" letter.

An example of one of their holdings is a list of the first thousand people who died in Kendall County that is on microfilm. We read the whole document and learned that there were two men named Daniel Welsh who lived here at the same time. One was our third cousin—but which one? We discovered that one of them came later than our family. And, unfortunately for him, he had been here only a few days when he had a stroke and died while working on a construction crew. Now we will not mix them up as we research.

There's far more information than we can give you here. Just search for "IRAD" and it will come up on your computer (or at the library). Learn about it all there by clicking on any of the blue words. Address & Phone Numbers are there. Hours are based on college schedules. (kg)
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**THE FORUM INSIDER OCTOBER 2008**

**GFO Calendar and Hours**

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<td>1st Thursday: Library Closed New Years Day</td>
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<td>Christian Burial Practices</td>
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<td>Connie Lenzen: Church Records</td>
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