

DISTANT VOICES

Newsletter of the Bend Genealogical Society

Our mission is to provide essential resources for researching, teaching, exchanging, and preserving the records of family history.

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Join us on Tuesday, November 19th for a morning of genealogy.

10:00AM at Williamson Hall—2200 NE Hwy 20—Bend (behind Jake's Diner off Greenwood)

FEATURED SPEAKER: Nancy Noble — Little-known Information from US Census Records

Brown

Bag

Genealogy

NOTES

- General meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month. They are held at Williamson Hall this year. (see p. 3)
- Bring a brown bag lunch to the General Meeting and stay after the meeting to participate in a dialog about a variety of genealogical topics, especially how to use technology.
- The next First
 Tuesday Mentoring
 opportunity is on
 Nov. 5; in the
 evening from 6:00
 to 8:00PM.
 (see p. 7)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fresh from a great Boot Camp! What a day it was! Some of the first-timers indicated they hadn't realized what a great thing Boot Camps were, and those who

had attended in the past indicated that the day was why they come back year after year. Warms the cockles of my little genealogical heart. For those of you who have never taken part, I would encourage you to make the next one. We try to provide something for everyone.

With that, a big thank you to George Warren, all of the presenters and everyone who made it a special and enjoyable event.

George included a survey in the Boot Camp folder about what folks would like to see and we will use that to help plan our next Boot Camp, as well as programs for next year. One of the things many asked for was the opportunity to continue the atmosphere and exchange of information throughout the year.

By Glen Roberts

As a result, starting with our meeting in November, we invite everyone to bring a brown bag lunch. After our general meeting, we will look at a few of the op-

tions we discussed during Boot
Camp of using modern technology
to make our research and organization easier. For the brown bag on
November 19, we will focus on FlipPal, EverNote and Google Drive,
spending ten to fifteen minutes on
each. Come with your thoughts and
experiences. We will start ten or fifteen minutes after the conclusion of

the meeting so the start time could vary from 11:45 to 12:30 or so.

Most of our snow bird friends have left or will soon be gone. We will miss them and their smiling faces and look forward to seeing them again next Spring. As for those of us left behind to hold down the fort, now is the time to delve earnestly into your genealogy research! Long dark nights, cold white nights are perfect to uncover lost ancestors. What is your favorite activity to kick off the late Fall ge-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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nealogy adventure? Mine is a cup of hot chocolate, a bowl of tomato basil soup and a grilled sharp cheddar cheese sandwich. Yummm!

First Tuesday in the evening is November 5 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and it is looking like it will be a success! Right now we already have more mentees then mentors, so if you would like to help someone discover the joys of genealogy, bring your laptop, sit down with them, share of your experience and thoughts, and partake of theirs. Email George Warren or myself if you would like to give it a go. (George is going to be out of town so I am covering for him, which is the reason you can email me.)

Lori Hill will be conducting Library training for volunteers on November 12 (see p. 7). Thank you to those who have stepped forward and volunteered to start on the adventure of being a Volunteer Librarian. As usual, there is always room for one or two or...

many more. Along with the Library training news, we have had a tech guy come in and work on our research computers. I think you will be pleased with what he has been able to do for us. Come, check them and the rest of the Library out!

This month Nancy Noble will be covering "Little Known Information From US Census Records." Nancy says this will be an elaboration of what she discussed last Spring, when there just wasn't enough time to cover everything. Nancy's presentations are always full of valuable information. Plan to be with us on November 19th at 10:00AM.

In December, we will enjoy our holiday pot luck and annual "Genealogy Show and Tell," so mark your calendar for that as well.

Wishing all a great Thanksgiving!

Glen

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Or check your membership directory for email or phone number. The directory is distributed to all paid members once a year, usually in November. PRESENTATION 2013—2014

PROGRAM

November 19, 2013 — 10:00 AM At Williamson Hall

Little Known Information From US Census Records

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
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POPULATION SCHEDULE

Presentation by Nancy Noble

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Last May,
Nancy gave a
fabulous
presentation
about using
Census Records in our
research. Now
she's back to
fill us in on
little known
information
that you can

find in the census that will help you understand the life of your ancestor better. For example, from the 1930 Census, I can tell that my grandfather owned a radio, but not everyone on his street in Duluth did. Learning about their life, helps our ancestors become more than just a name.

Come and learn more about Census Records from Nancy. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, November 19th!

CENSUS TRIVIA

Do you now the top ten surnames in the United States in the year 2000? The US Census Bureau knows. If you guessed that Smith is the most popular surname, you are right. Smith is followed by Johnson (#2) and Williams (#3).

Can you guess the rest of the top ten surnames?

Find the answer at:

http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/2000surnames/index.html

10:00AM to Noon At Williamson Hall

Visitors are Always Welcome!

New!!

BROWN BAG GENEALOGY

Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for a while after the morning meeting.

We'll all share genealogical tips from nuts & bolts to technology.

December 17, 2013

Holiday Potluck—Sharing Stories

January 21, 2014

"Research by Rail" George Larson/Kay Stein

February 18, 2014

"Introduction to DNA and its Possibilities" Glen Roberts/Marsha Lakes

March 18, 2014

"Using Directories for Genealogical Research" Nancy Noble

April 15, 2014

"Searching for Perry Dean:
My 25-year Journey"
Bob Deane

May 20, 2014

"Research Logs and Tables"
Glen Roberts

April 5, 2014 **PRING SEMINAR**

Denise Levenick

June 21, 2014 **BGS YARD SALE**

Help BGS & clean out the unwanted items in your house!

BGS WEBSITE

http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/ bend-gs/

Finding Karolina Matilda's Story in Michigan Records

My grandfather, Carl W. Stromgren, was born in the village of Ökna (Jönköping län) in what was called the Småland region of Sweden in 1865. The Stromgren family was very poor and Carl decided to come to America in 1889. Several more family members emigrated, too. I knew about one sister, Aunt Annie, but I didn't know much more than which one she was in a picture. I discovered a sad story.

When I met a first cousin via email, Sven-Ove Ljungblom, who lives in Stockholm and is a fellow genealogist, I learned that Aunt Annie had a twin sister. Aunt Annie was Anna Sophia at birth on 5 Jun 1873 and her twin was Karolina Matilda. The girls came to America together; their names are on the passenger list of the Gallia, which landed in New York in 1891. Per the passenger list, Karolina's destination was Michigan and Anna's was Minnesota. We had no idea what had happened to Karolina after arrival.

Sven-Ove found the death certificate on the right first with an ancestry.com search. The search assumed that Carolina Carlson's maiden name was Stromgren because the parents' names were indexed. The names are correct; father, J.A. for Johan Adolf Stromgren and mother, Johanna. What clinched the theory that this Carolina Carlson was Carl's sister is that he was the informant on the certificate! It is his signature and the address he listed is the house in Duluth where I knew he lived in 1904.

The date of birth (DOB) on the death certificate is 6 Jun 1874, which doesn't match 5 Jun 1873, but Sven-Ove was not concerned about the slight discrepancy. He said that Swedes at the time were not as concerned about the exact day and year they were born, as we are today. For example, one might only have known that he/she was born a week before a particular Church Feast Day, of which there were many. Plus several Feast Days are moveable like Easter. To-

By Sandy Stromgren Thompson

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Carolina Carlson Death Certificate—She died in Ironwood, Gogebic, Michigan. Found on ancestry.com. Original Source: Michigan Death Records, 1897-1920. Library of Michigan. Lansing, Michigan. Digital copies online at Seeking Michigan.

day, we have tables* that list all the actual dates for Feast Days from 1500 to 1900, but our ancestors didn't have tables in their pockets. Carl can be forgiven for not listing his sister's date of birth perfectly. He was probably unsure or didn't quite remember right. Anna's death certificate in 1955 has a DOB of 5 Jun 1875, so her son didn't know an accurate date either.

Carolina died on 10 Oct 1904, from tuberculosis, just 13 years after she arrived in America. She was 30 years old per the certificate (31 actually). I was sad for her, and I was full of questions. The certificate says she married at 19 years old; why wasn't her husband the informant? It says she gave birth to 5 children, but it looks like only 3 were living. How much heartache did she have in the 13 years she was here? I hunted and hunted for her in the 1900 Census, but did not find her, so I turned to the evidence that

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^{*}Feast Day tables for Sweden are found at: http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Moveable Feast Day Calendar for: Sweden

Karolina's Story

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she had children who died to find a husband's name and more information. I went to the state site, Seeking Michigan, that digitized

Victor, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Carlson, died Tuesday night after suffering several months with Bright's Disease. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the Methodist church, and was conducted by Rev. F. L. Osborne. Miss Sylvia Riel, teacher of the 4th Grade in the High School Building, and her pupils attended the services out of respect for a former pupil and classmate. This grade and their teacher contributed floral offerings.

Bessemer Herald, 26 Mar 1904

DEATHS.

"Andrew Victor Carlson, employed by J. R. Johnson, died last Saturday evening of tuberculosis. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church on Tuesday morning, Rev. F. L. Osborne offi ciating. Deceased came to this country from Sweden about twenty years ago and was forty-seven years of age. For many years he had been a practical undertaker and embalmer and has been employed in that capacity in Bessemer for the past three years. He leaves a wife, one daughter and two sons. The stricken family have the heartfelt sympathy of all who know them.

Bessemer Herald, 4 Jun 1904

The Ironwood News-Record of last week contained announcement of the death of Mrs. Victor Carlson at her home 117 South Cary street. Death was due to tuberculosis of the lungs. The husband, Victor Carlson, died of the same cause in this city on May 28th, last. Three children survive the mother.

Bessemer Herald, 22 Oct 1904

Carolina's death certificate. Sometimes, it is more efficient to search state sites, when you are fishing, instead of using global sites, such as Ancestry.

At Seeking Michigan, I searched for death certificates for anyone with the last name of Carlson, who died in Gogebic County. There were 44 hits. I viewed the 12 digitized certificates of those who died before 1905, looking for a Swedish mother named Carolina. I had success on the 2nd one I viewed.

Baby Ruben died on 20 Feb 1902 from meningitis at age 1 year, 2 mos. old. The parents were Carolina Stromgren and Victor Carlson, who lived in Bessemer, not Ironwood. Now I knew the father's name and another place name. Victor was the informant. Carolina and Victor were the parents of another child on the 4th death certificate I viewed. This child was named Victor and died on 22 Mar 1904 from Bright's disease (kidney disease). His father was the informant on this certificate, too.

I opened 5 more Carlson certificates, before I found one that seemed like a possibility for Carolina's husband. An Anders Victor Carlson died on 28 May 1904 in Bessemer from pulmonary phthisis, which is an old term for pulmonary tuberculosis. He was almost 47 years old. His father, C.A. Anderson, was the informant, not Carolina.

I turned to newspapers to look for more evidence. The Bessemer Herald is available on ancestry.com. Between the clips and the death certificates, we know a lot about Carolina's heartache in the last 3 years of her life. From Feb. 1902 to Oct. 1904, four members of the Carlson family died. Carolina's children, her twin sister and my grandfather must have been grief-stricken.

Using Seeking Michigan, I confirmed that Carl was in Gogebic County after he came to America. He filed his Declaration of Intent in Bessemer on 9 Apr 1890. He was likely one of the many immigrants who went there for the plentiful jobs in the mines or forests. Carolina must have joined him there after she arrived in 1891. Using FamilySearch, I found Victor and Carolina's marriage record for 2 Sep 1893. Her birth year was 1873 in this record. Carl was there for the wedding. He was listed as her father, but that's not right.

There is a gratifying end to this story. You may remember the clip (in the Sept. Newsletter) that I had found years earlier, but did not understand.

I could make a good guess now who Clarence was, but how would I ever prove it and get to a gratifying end?

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindberg and son, Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hovey motored to Duluth to spend the week end with Mr. Lindberg's sister, Miss Ellen Lindberg, and an aunt, Mrs. Carl Stromgren.

Ironwood Daily Globe 22 Oct 1929

QUICK TIP

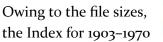
Seeking Michigan is available at: http://seekingmichigan.org/about. Death certificates are FREE and available for 1897 to 1920. The site has much, much more than death certificates—It's worth checking out if you have ancestors in Michigan.

NEW AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bend Bulletin Indexes are available in downloadable, searchable formats on the Deschutes Public Library's website (Link below).



Nate Pedersen Community Librarian





has been split up into multiple parts. Each part is a searchable PDF file. The 1971 – 1972 Index is separately available as a searchable PDF file.

The 1984 – 1994 Index (which was compiled by a different source and has different information) is available as a Text (CSV) or Excel file.

These are the same indexes that have long been available in printed format by the microfilm machines at the downtown Bend branch. We had an intern scan them into PDF files this past summer and can now make them publicly available.

The searching function in the PDF files is dependent upon the quality of the scans and shouldn't be exclusively relied upon.

Link (scroll down the page a bit):

<u>Public Library Historical & Genealogical Resources</u>



Picture by Hugh & Marilyn Pickering

King George

We have royalty at BGS! Our very own George Warren is King George the XVIII. He was crowned September 26 at the Elks Lodge during Thursday night Bingo. He was the first winner of the night!

It looks like he's practicing his color-coding technique for organizing genealogical records. BGS truly appreciates everything George does to help the Society, from coordinating First Tuesday and Boot Camp to being a Library volunteer. George can do it all and now his descendants have royalty in their family tree!



To Our Dedicated Volunteers

Library Volunteers in October were:

Glen Roberts
Lori Hill
George Larson
Bill & Judi Benson
Darlene Mikus

Sherilyn White Hugh Pickering Patricia deWitt George Warren

The Answer to Last Month's Puzzle

The NPR Weekly Puzzle that Will Shortz presented on August 11 was a genealogy riddle.

It's a twist on an old puzzle: "Nieces and nephews have I none, but that man's father is my father's son." What is the gender of the speaker? And who is the speaker referring to?



Answer: The speaker is male and he is referring to his son.

First Tuesday Mentoring HANDS-ON GENEALOGY

At First Tuesday, you will work on your own genealogy question one-on-one with a BGS mentor. The schedule is flexible this year to give more people the opportunity to come. Every other month First Tuesday will occur in the evening from 6:00 to 8:00PM, otherwise it is during the day, 10:00AM to noon.

NEW FIRST TUESDAY SCHEDULE

10:00AM-Noon Dates	6:00-8:00PM Date:
	Nov. 5, 2013
Dec. 3, 2013	Jan. 7, 2014
Feb. 4, 2014	March 4, 2014
April 1, 2014	May 6, 2014

Location—Williamson Hall; laptops welcome.

To help our mentors help you, please use the mentor request form (available at meetings, in the Library or on the BGS website). George Warren manages mentoring appointments. Email mentoring requests to:

bgsmentoring@gmail.com



BGS MEMBERS HELPING YOU!

Be sure and tell your friends of the new opportunity to have one-onone time with a BGS mentor.

→ Volunteer to be a mentor, because the great part about helping someone work his way up a difficult hill is finding yourself closer to the top, too!

BGS Genealogical Library

Williamson Hall—2200 NE Hwy 20

Normal Hours of Operation

Tuesday 1:30–5:00PM
Wednesday 1:30–5:00PM
Thursday 10:00AM–5:00PM
Friday 10:00AM–1:30PM

Occasionally, a volunteer is not available to open the library. Feel free to call ahead of your visit to make sure someone is there.

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LIBRARY NEWS

By Lori Hill

Volunteers staff the Library for all of us. It takes many volunteers to keep the Library open 4 days a week.

You can be a Library Volunteer, too! Plan to attend Library



training for new volunteers on November 12, from 10:00AM to Noon. Call (541-317-9553) or email BGS (bgs@bendbroadband.com) with your name and phone number if you can attend the training.

Even if you can just do one shift a month, it will help and be greatly appreciated!

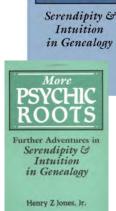
New Books in the Library

The following books and other genealogy materials were recently donated to the BGS Library:

Book: Psychic Roots, Serendipity& Intuition in Genealogy (donated by Nola Weber)

Book: More Psychic Roots, Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy (donated by Nola Weber)

Genealogy at a Glance Series: Michigan Genealogy Research (donated by Lori Hill)



We thank members for their donations to our Library. If any of the above materials might help you with your genealogical research, they are available for checkout to our members in the Library.

Our Library was created for your use – to help you with your research, possibly break down a brick wall you've encountered, or to help you grow your genealogy skills. Come in and see what we have!



Bill Miller heard about BGS from a friend. He started his genealogy journey about 10-12 years ago, because he was the only "computer person" in his family at that time. His siblings were interested in genealogy, so they rounded up all kinds of stuff and told Bill they were appointing him the family genealogist! So, Bill went to work. A couple of years ago, he handed everything off to a nephew, who lost interest after a while. Now, Bill is back to being the family genealogist! He uses Family Tree Maker software and has a subscription to ancestry.com. He is interested in New York, especially Madison County, NY. Surnames he is researching are: Miller, Crowell and Wheeler. He is stuck on a paternal grandfather, Henry, who has the 6th most common surname in the US, Miller! Bill enjoys skiing, ham radio and emergency operations.

When **Linda Whitsell** renewed her membership this year, she added her husband, **Paul Whitsell** to her membership. Paul relies on Linda to do the genealogy research, but he did visit the Family History Library in Salt Lake for a couple of hours when Linda was doing research there. Surnames which Paul is interested in are: Whitsell and Spratt. Paul has lived in Bend for 40 years. He enjoys cross-country skiing, cycling, walking. He and Linda have a small dog that they do agility with.

Judy Koford heard about BGS from her friend and BGS member, Gwen Bachman. Judy is brand new to genealogy, but says she has been collecting

BGS MONTHLY REPORT 145 paid memberships — 52 unpaid memberships							
BGS Cash Balances on October 24, 2013	Petty Cash Checking	\$	20.00				
	CD's Total Cash	\$	13,006.00				

information for years. She is a Mac user, has a subscription to ancestry.com and is using Reunion to capture her material. Some of the surnames she is interested in are: Martin, Beck, Johnson (Germany), and Koford and Soderstrom (Sweden). Judy moved from Portland to Bend a little over 10 years ago. She enjoys knitting, loves to read and belongs to several book clubs. She also enjoys quilting, hiking, walking, running, and their dog (a Norwich Terrier).

Kim Kraemer heard about BGS from our member and treasurer, Cindy Larson. Kim says she developed an interest in genealogy when she was 15.

About 3–4 years ago, she was asked if she wanted to become a member of the DAR since she was qualified to join. She uses her computer for researching, has a subscription to ancestry.com and is building her tree there. Currently she does not have genealogy software on her computer and is interested in learning more about genealogy software. Some of the surnames Kim is researching are: Edwards, Faure (Foree), Morreim, and Nelson/Neilsen. Kim moved to Bend in August from Sammamish, WA. She enjoys traditional scrapbooking, kayaking, hiking, biking, golf, and helping other people.

Richard Armstrong joined BGS in September. He started on his genealogy journey early this year. He uses a computer for researching, has a subscription to ancestry.com, and uses the 2014 version of Family Tree Maker to keep track of his findings. Richard is currently researching the Armstrong and Grimm surnames. He is retired from the U. S. Coast Guard, enjoys golfing and skiing, and has lived in Bend for 21 years.

PLEASE HELP ME WITH THE NEWSLETTER!

Send genealogy stories, problems and solutions, web site recommendations, computer tips, and/or ideas for articles you'd like to see in the newsletter, to:

Sandy Thomson, Newsletter Editor thompss@bendbroadbend.com



An Oregon Chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century is forming. You are invited to become a member if you meet the eligibility requirements. See the National website at: http://www.colonialdames17c.org/about-us.html Nedra Dickman Brill is organizing the Oregon Chapter. Email: ndbrill@comcast.net (ORFORUM-L Rootsweb post on 18 September 2013)

<u>Saturday, Nov. 9</u>—All-Day Fall Seminar— Oregon Genealogical Society (OGS) in Eugene. Features nationally-known genealogist, JoAnne Haugen, CG. \$50 cost, non-members. Check the OCG website for more info: http://oregongenealogicalsociety.org/index.php? option=com content&view=frontpage&Itemid=1

<u>Saturday, Nov. 16</u>—Monthly Program at the Genealogical Forum in Portland from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

"Locating People in the Last Century" by Leslie Brinkley. Learn skills to help you find missing people in the last century; how to reassemble their lives, where they went and where their children are today. GFO website for more info: http://www.gfo.org/index.htm

Did you know that you can visit the GFO Library for FREE on the first Monday of each month? Research assistants are there to answer questions and help you with your research goals. Library info, call (503) 963-1932. Non-members pay \$7.00, except the first Monday.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014 the DAR will join the GSMD (General Society of Mayflower Descendants) and the SAR in accepting Y-DNA as evidence to support member applications. Oct. 5 notice: http://youngblog.dar.org/dna-evidence-dar-applications-and-supplementals

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http://www.goodsearch.com/

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Don't forget to identify the **Bend Genealogi-** cal **Society** as your charity of choice.

2013 Standings* — As of 1 Nov 2013

TOTAL RAISED YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 88.70

Total Since Inception (April 2008)

YOU HAVE RAISED: \$ 652.10

*All figures are **estimates by GoodSearch. They are subject to change when sales are** canceled, items returned, etc.

Milwaukie Stake Family History Conference 2013

Saturday, 9 November 9:00AM to 5:15PM

Registration at 8:30AM

8331 Cason Road Gladstone, OR 97027

Keynote Speaker:

Hannah Allen Oregon Historical Society

No cost to attend Free lunch Provided

Pre-registration available 28 September to 6 November



Info:

www.milwaukiefamilyhistoryconference.blogs

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