Join us on Tuesday, January 20th for a morning of genealogy.
10 a.m. at Williamson Hall—2200 NE Hwy 20—Bend (behind Jake’s Diner off Greenwood)
**FEATURED SPEAKER:** Gus Oberg—Military Research

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Welcome to 2015! I’m always amazed at how quickly we arrive at the new year! Time does seem to be slip sliding away. I always have an extensive to-do-list and the new year always seems like a good time to make some plans (and more lists)!

I have a great deal to do on my family tree. There are records to order, possible sources to pour through, trips and reunions to plan, and did I mention work for our genealogical society?

I am always spending time reflecting on where and how our society might grow and change so that it will be sustainable into the future. Do you have some ideas? We will be providing some opportunities for you to share those thoughts in the coming months.

We have some wonderful presentations yet to come this year. And, do put our annual Spring Seminar on your calendar for Saturday, April 25th. This year it will be a day-long event at the Bend Golf and Country Club with Thomas MacEntee. Thomas is a very active, nationally known presenter, should be entertaining and most importantly, teach us some new genealogical skills for our own research. Look for more information over the next couple months.

The first BGS activity I ever attended was a Spring Seminar. I had a wonderful day, made new friends, and learned a great deal. This has been true every year since that first seminar. We hope to see you there!

We also hope to see many of you stay after the January 20th meeting for the Brown Bag to learn about how you can help BGS (See p. 3).

So I will wish you all a very productive, happy and involved New Year! See you soon!

— Your friend and colleague, Marsha
Findmypast added the PERSI index to its website back in February 2014 (read announcement) and is digitizing indexed articles, which increases the value of PERSI by several orders of magnitude. You may wish to check it out. Even without a subscription, searching PERSI on Findmypast provides useful pointers toward articles. Link to PERSI on FindMyPast.

So far, all posted articles are from magazine issues for which the copyright has expired. The list is quite impressive:

- Connecticut, Connecticut Historical Society Annual Report, 1890-1923
- Connecticut, Fairfield County Historical Society Reports and Papers, 1862-1897
- England, Aberdeen Journal Notes and Queries, 1908-1914
- England, Ancestor, 1903-1905
- England, Collectanea Topographica Et Genealogica, 1834-1838; 1840-1841; 1843
- England, Congregational Historical Society Transactions, 1901-1923
- England, Genealogical Magazine, 1897-1904
- Georgia, Georgia Historical Quarterly, 1917-1923
- Illinois, Centennial Bulletin, 1917-1918
- Ireland, Cork Historical and Archaeological Society Journal, 1896
- Ireland, Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland Journal, 1904-1905
- Maine, Bangor Historical Magazine / Maine Historical Magazine, 1885-1891
- Maine, Bangor Historical Society Proceedings, 1914-1915
- Massachusetts, American Irish Historical Society Journal, 1898-1900; 1904-1907; 1909-1922
- Massachusetts, American Quarterly Register / Quarterly Register and Journal of the American Education Society, 1827-1843
- Massachusetts, Boston News-Letter and City Record / Bowen’s Boston Newsletter, 1825-1826
- Massachusetts, Bostonian Society Collections, 1886-1888
- Massachusetts, Bostonian Society Proceedings, 1891-1921
- Massachusetts, Bostonian Society Publications 1886; 1905-1919
- Massachusetts, Brookline Historical Society Proceedings, 1902-1909
- Massachusetts, Colonial Society of Massachusetts Publications, 1892-1900
- Massachusetts, Colonial Wars, 1913-1914
- Massachusetts, Dedham Historical Register, 1890-1903
- Massachusetts, Mayflower Descendant, 1899-1922
- New Hampshire, Granite Monthly, 1877-1878
- New Hampshire, New Hampshire Historical Society Collections, 1824; 1827; 1832; 1834; 1850; 1863; 1866; 1889
- New York, American Colonial Tracts Monthly, 1897-1898
- New York, American Historical Magazine / Americana With V.4n.4, 1906-1909
- New York, Americana, 1909-1923
- New York, Buffalo Historical Society Publications, 1879-1880; 1885; 1896; 1902-1909
- New York, Cayuga County Historical Society Collections, 1879; 1882; 1889-1890
- New York, Curio, 1887-1888
- New York, Dutchess County Historical Society Year Book, 1914-1916; 1918-1919; 1921
- New York, Magazine of Western History, 1884-1885, 1890
- New York, New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, 1871-1920
- New York, Spirit of ’76, 1894-1906
- Ohio, American Heraldic Journal, 1901-1902
- Ohio, Deutsche Pionier, 1869-1873
- Ohio, Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly, 1898-1912
- Ohio, Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, 1906-1923
- Pennsylvania, American Genealogist 1899-1900
- Pennsylvania, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Publications, 1895-1923
- Pennsylvania, Penn-Germania, 1912-1914
- Tennessee, American Historical Magazine / Tennessee Historical Society Quarterly, 1896-1902
- Tennessee, American Historical Magazine and Tennessee Historical Society Quarterly, 1902-1904
- Virginia, Virginia Historical Register, 1848-1853
- West Virginia, Biennial Report of the Department of Archives & History [West Virginia], 1904; 1915
- West Virginia, Transallegheny Historical Magazine, 1901-1902

To reach any of the BGS Officers or Committee Chairpersons, send an email to the BGS general email box, and it will be forwarded to him/her.

**BGS Email Address:**

bgs@bendbroadband.com

Or call the BGS Office/Library and leave a message for the individual you want to reach, and it will be passed on.

**BGS Phone:** (541) 317-9553

**BGS Website:** http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/
January 20, 2015 — 10 a.m.
At Williamson Hall

Military Research
Presented by Gus Oberg

Gus is a multi-talented member of the Bend Genealogical Society! He is serving the Society this year as our Secretary and he will share his expertise in researching military records on January 20th. His presentation will include:

- A short history of the branches of service that comprise the U.S. military along with the various wars they have been involved in.
- How and where to search for your ancestor’s military records
- Suggestions for what to do with what you find

Gus is designing his presentation with the goal of having a document that can be used as a reference. Come on January 20th and enjoy a morning of genealogy with your BGS friends!

10 a.m. to noon
At Williamson Hall

Visitors are Always Welcome!

February 17, 2015
“DNA: The Next Step”
Bob Deane & Marsha Lakes

March 17, 2015
“The American Revolution: How to Determine If Your Ancestor Was Involved and What You Need to Know to Apply to the DAR”
Janet Baskerville

April 21, 2015
“What’s History Got to Do with Genealogy: The Harney County Pioneer Project”
John Hope

May 19, 2015
“Writing Family Stories”
Emily D. Aulicino, Portland

April 24–25, 2015
SPRING SEMINAR
Thomas MacEntee
High Definition Genealogy

June 20, 2015
BGS YARD SALE
Help BGS & clean out the unwanted items in your house!

How Can You Help BGS?
Announcing a Brown Bag Lunch immediately after the program meeting on January 20.

This will be a meeting of all the committees that keep BGS operating from month to month. Please join us for lunch (bring your own lunch; dessert will be provided). We will discuss various BGS committees and introduce you to who and what needs more support.

Please plan to attend—We need YOU!
One of my “brick walls” has been my great great grandfather, John W. Goodrich. He showed up in the 1880 US Census at the age of 25, working as an engineer in Blanchard, Maine, and boarding in the household of Cyrus A. Packard. In December of 1880 he married Emily B. Packard, the daughter of Cyrus Packard, and they had one daughter, Estella C. Goodrich, born in April of 1882. John W. Goodrich then abandoned his wife and daughter, and disappeared.

In an attempt to determine where my great great grandfather came from and where he went to, I decided to track the records of all of the men named John Goodrich who had been born in the 1850’s, and who had some connection to the state of Maine during their lives. There were five men who met these criteria. For four of the men, I was able to find records from their births to their deaths, including 1880 US Census records that showed where they were living in 1880.

The fifth man, also named John W. Goodrich, appeared to be the likely candidate for my missing great great grandfather. He was born in Belgrade, Maine, in March of 1855, the son of Noah Goodrich and Julia A. (Wheeler) Goodrich. In the early 1860’s, the family moved to Fort Fairfield, Maine. By 1880, this John W. Goodrich was no longer living in his parents’ household (but neither was a census record found to indicate where he was living). By 1890, he had moved to Illinois, where he established a veterinary practice in Peotone (near Kankakee). He married Adassa Fell, and they raised four children. He died in December of 1942, at the age of 87.

Although the likely candidate, concluding that this John W. Goodrich was my missing great great grandfather was open to question, since the conclusion was based solely on his birth year (1855) and corresponding age in 1880, the state of his birth (Maine), and his middle initial (W.).

Also problematic was a biographical sketch of Dr. J. W. Goodrich, veterinarian, published in 1907 in the book, “Past and Present of Will County, Illinois.” In the bio sketch, it was stated that he attended veterinary school in New York City in the late 1870’s and then established a veterinary practice in Fort Fairfield, Maine (though he is not recorded as being there in the 1880 US Census). He then relocated to Memphis, Tennessee, for two years in the late 1880’s, before relocating again to Peotone, Illinois, in 1889.

In an attempt to determine whether or not this John W. Goodrich was my missing great great grandfather, I turned to autosomal DNA (atDNA) testing to see if (Continued on page 5)
Using DNA Testing

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there was a genetic connection. I located a descendant of Noah and Julia (Wheeler) Goodrich, a grandson of their youngest son Leigh, and now living in Florida. If related, this person would be a second cousin, twice removed, to me, and a second cousin, once removed to my mother. He agreed to do atDNA testing through AncestryDNA, and the results indicate that, genetically, he is estimated to be a fourth cousin to my mother and a distant cousin (5th to 8th) to me.

These genetic estimates of cousin relationship are less than what would be expected from the actual relationships, but sometimes the amount of DNA that is passed on through successive generations varies due to recombination of DNA at each generation. AncestryDNA has limited tools available for directly comparing DNA results for two or more individuals, such as a chromosome browser. Further analysis and comparison of the DNA results is planned using the site www.GEDMatch.com.

In the meantime, I also came across the death record for my great grandmother, Estella (Goodrich) Ellis, which added another clue to the mix. On her death record, the name of her father was listed as John Goodrich and his place of birth as “Aroostook, Me.” There is no town named Aroostook in Maine, but Fort Fairfield is in Aroostook County.

The pieces of evidence, from both historic records and DNA testing, lead me to the conclusion that John W. Goodrich, the son of Noah Goodrich and Julia (Wheeler) Goodrich, was my great great grandfather.

But what of the biographical sketch published in 1907, you ask? Likely, he did not want to reveal the existence of an earlier marriage and child to his family, friends and business associates.

—Bob Deane

First Tuesday Mentoring

HANDS-ON GENEALOGY

At First Tuesday, you will work on your own genealogy question one-on-one with a BGS mentor. You don’t have to be a Society member to take advantage of this opportunity, and there is no cost.

FIRST TUESDAY SCHEDULE

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Location—Williamson Hall; Wi-Fi is available.
2200 NE Hwy 20, Bend, OR 97701
Bring your laptop, and work alongside the mentor.

Please use the mentor request form (available at meetings, in the Library or on the BGS website). Early registration guarantees a mentor, and it gives the mentor a head start in preparing to help you with your genealogy question(s).

You can email mentoring at:
bgsmentoring@gmail.com

FIRST TUESDAY:
BGS MENTORS HELPING YOU!

→ 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!

Learn more about DNA Testing at the BGS
Program Meeting on February 17.

Bob Deane and Marsha Lakes present:
DNA: The Next Step
Don’t miss it—10 a.m. on Feb. 17
at Williamson Hall
Introducing Thomas MacEntee

Thomas MacEntee, High-Definition Genealogy, will be the speaker at the BGS Spring Seminar this year. We are really excited to bring him to Bend. His presentations will be fun and we definitely will learn a lot. More about the Seminar will be available next month.

This month, let’s get to know Thomas from the following excerpts from his website.

What happens when a “tech guy” with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get me, Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy professional who’s also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, marketer, network builder and more.

I’m a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics and I’ve finally figured out what I do best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. I believe in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success.

I see things differently than most in the genealogy field; I’m almost never content with the status quo. That doesn’t mean I chase after change just for the sake of change; but when I see an opportunity to improve something and to bring more people into the genealogy sphere, that’s where you’ll find me.

Introducing Thomas MacEntee

By Sandy Thompson

High-Definition Genealogy
Family History in Focus

Thomas’ Business Website:
High-Definition Genealogy
Community of over 3,000 family history bloggers:
GeneaBloggers
Today’s technology for tomorrow’s genealogy:
Hack Genealogy

More about Thomas:
• I was born in New York, and after living in Northern California for close to 20 years; I currently reside in Chicago.
• I’m a Baby Boomer at heart, with a head full of useless pop culture trivia.
• What I do and who I am are difficult to describe and I purposely avoid labels.
• If I had my way, I’d be in school forever, racking up degree after degree.

His new website, Hack Genealogy, is very interesting. There is a blog, and also offered is a Free 3-hour Boot Camp video and handout. The PDF handout is full of good links!

Click here to go to Hack Genealogy
Resources on Pinterest.

Watch for info about the BGS Seminar next month!

THANK YOU

To Our Dedicated Volunteers

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Dear Andy,

What are the best social media sites to use for research and how do I get started? —Glen

Remember this question from last month? One social media site every BGS reader should know about is the Facebook page for the Bend Genealogical Society! It is full of new tips and tricks every day. Some of the recent posts are:

- **POSTED January 3**
  In case you missed an issue...
  Ancestry Magazine ~ All the back issues of the magazine are available FREE on Google Books!

- **POSTED December 29:** Family History Library Announces Free Online Classes/Workshop—Jan. 2015
  During the month of January, the Family History Library will be hosting a number of free online family history classes as well as a Boy Scout genealogy merit badge workshop. These classes and workshops are designed to help individuals and families find their ancestors and teach important family history techniques.
  **They are free to the public.** Information about specific classes is listed below, as well as information on how to register for classes. Link to Free Class Info.

- **POSTED December 27:** British Wills back to 1858—fantastic!
  41 million wills from England and Wales are available to search online for the first time. The British Ministry of Justice issued the following news release: The government’s archive of 41 million wills dating back to 1858 will enable people to find out more about their family histories, as well as researching the last wishes of some of the most influential people of the 19th and 20th centuries. Click here for the complete announcement. Click here for the Gov.UK site for British Wills.

- **POSTED December 13:** Solving the Evernote Puzzle. Finally learn to use Evernote for FREE.

- **POSTED December 13:** How Do I Prove Native American Ancestry? By: Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Meaghan Siekman, NEHGS Researcher. Click here to find this column and more at The Root.

- **POSTED December 11:** PBS Genealogy Roadshow, Season 2. Premieres January 13 on PBS. Click here to check the scheduled shows for Season 2.

  [GENEALOGY Roadshow]

- **POSTED December 6:** IRISH Help at Last! All of Ireland’s Catholic Church records to go online. Tracing your Irish roots will get a whole lot easier as the National Library of Ireland is to give free online access to its Catholic Church records collection online in the summer of 2015. This will enable millions of people around the world to trace their roots in Ireland. Read the full announcement at: [http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/genealogy/Genealogists-delight---Irelands-Catholic-Church-Records-go-online.html](http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/genealogy/Genealogists-delight---Irelands-Catholic-Church-Records-go-online.html)

**Become a friend of the Bend Genealogical Society page on Facebook and join in the fun!**

➤ Send **DEAR ANDY** questions, tips or tricks to Sandy, the BGS Newsletter editor at: thompss11@gmail.com, and Andy will do his best!
February 11–14, 2015—RootsTech and The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) are teaming up for a one-time special genealogy event at the Salt Palace Convention Center. If you want to experience a HUGE national event, head to Salt Lake City in February.

FSG: https://www.fgsconference.org/
RootsTech: https://rootstech.org/?lang=eng

February 28, 2015—Introduction to Italian Records Without Knowing the Language, presented by Keith Pyeatt. Half-day seminar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Genealogical Forum in Portland. Flyer and Registration Form.

March 30, 2015—The Jackson County Genealogy Library in Medford is sponsoring a full-day seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., titled Finding Irish and Scots-Irish Roots presented by Fintan Mullan, Executive Director, and Gillian Hunt, Research Officer, of the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Go to the Jackson County Genealogy Library site for more information and registration form: http://rvgslibrary.org/

April 24-25, 2015—Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar featuring, Thomas MacEntee. Registration is required. Details and cost TBA next month.

May 13–16, 2015—National Genealogical Society's 2015 Family History Conference, Crossroads of America, in St. Charles, Missouri. There will be more than 150 lectures, given by nationally known speakers and subject matter experts. NGS conference agenda & registration info is at: http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/

September 17-19, 2015—The New York State Family History Conference in Syracuse, NY. For more information website is: http://www.nysfhc.org/index.html

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QUICK TIP

Check out RootsChat. With over 4.7 million helpful posts, it's the UK's largest free family history forum site. 211,919 members are ready to help you with your questions. It's all yours, no subscription, just join in!

http://www.rootschat.com/

BGS MONTHLY REPORT

143 paid memberships for the 2014-15 program year

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Bend Genealogical Society (BGS)

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