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Rogue Valley Genealogical Society presents

“THEY CAME IN SHIPS” SEMINAR

April 17 & 18, 2020

Jackson County Genealogy Library

3405 So. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR.

SEMINAR-HALF DAY CLASS Friday, April 17, 1:30-3:30pm * Class Fee: Members - \$35; Non-Members - \$45

- **Immigration to America, Colonial Times to WW II** This two-hour class covers the colonial period, 1776-1820 and the massive immigration period of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Mexican immigration is discussed in that time segment and concludes with a brief discussion of the national groups coming to America since World War II. Places of settlements and patterns of immigration as well as characteristics of various groups will be discussed.

SEMINAR – FULL DAY CLASSES

Saturday, April 18, 2020 * Seminar Fee: Members - \$50; Non-Members - \$60; Both Days: \$75/\$95

Registration: 8:30 am; Program: 9am-4pm On-Your-Own lunch

- **U.S. Passenger Arrival Records 1820-1930: Sources and Strategies for Challenging Cases.** Discussed are a variety of alternative sources and methods for overcoming particularly challenging issues that often hinder success, such as spelling of names, conflicting arrival dates, ports of departure and missing manifests.
- **Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century.** Addresses the legal means by which non-British settlers in colonial America could become naturalized citizens of Great Britain. U.S. naturalization laws and processes and the records are described. Both aliens and individual are considered. Pertinent research tools such as Internet sites, manuals and indexes are all demonstrated.
- **Finding the Town of Origin: U.S. Sources for Discovering an Ancestor’s Native Town Overseas.** Addresses the challenge of discovering an immigrant ancestor’s native town in Europe. Explores a broad range of sources that may contain the coveted information. Demonstrates the importance of locating the town on a map of the ancestor’s era, rather than a modern map, in order to discover the local history and what repositories may hold the records created in that area at the time. Resources and methodologies will be discussed.
- **Discovering the REAL Stories of Your Ancestors.** Each immigrant’s story is unique. This lecture describes the original records and published materials available to discover the particular facts of your own ancestor’s story. Your story needs to evaluate facts and assemble them into a story to convey the individuality of their experience.

A 10-minute question & discussion period along with a break follows each class.

REGISTRATION

Members: --Registration Opens November 1, 2019 * Non-Members: Opens January 15, 2020

Make checks payable to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, and mail your completed registration form and check to the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR 97501. Or you may sign up at the library.

Cancellation Policy: Refund requests must be in writing and received by April 13.

Thank you, Jackson County Cultural Coalition & Oregon Cultural Trust, for your support!

Please print legibly. Registration confirmations will be given by email (or in-house receipt).

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