

## eNews March 2016

The monthly eNewsletter (eNews) for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) and Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) has three sections:

(1) Classes and Events both at the library and elsewhere in the US,

(2) RVGS News of member and society activities, and

(3) JCGL News about our book collection and internet resources.

You can access the current issue of the eNews from either of our websites, [RVGS](#) or [JCGL](#). Past issues are archived on the Publications page of the RVGS website.

The March 2016 issue of our quarterly genealogical periodical, **The Rogue Digger**, is available online at <http://www.rvgsociety.org/RD/RD2016-03.pdf>

Items of interest concerning genealogy are frequently posted on our [blog](#), on our Facebook page [Friends of Jackson County Genealogy Library](#), or on [Twitter](#) as well as other social media sites.

*We're here to help you research your family history.*

## Classes and Events

Unless otherwise noted all classes and events are held at Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford OR

**Tue, Mar 1**



**Family Tree Maker User Group for PC Users, 1:30 – 3pm.** Uses of this software will be discussed. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Sat, Mar 5**



**Genealogy Brick Wall Round Table, 10:30am – 12:30pm.** Elaine Goodner and Steve Kious will facilitate the session. Bring your genealogy research questions and discuss with others ways to break through the brick wall in your research. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Tue, Mar 8**



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**German Genealogy Interest Group, 3:30pm – 5:30pm.** Mary Robsman facilitates this group interested in genealogical research and the history of German-speaking countries. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person. Learn more about this interest group in the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the eNews containing RVGS news.

**Wed, Mar 9**

**Family Tree Maker ~ MAC User Group, 10:00am – 11:30am.**



Family Tree Maker User Group (Mac computers). Barbara MacMillen facilitates this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy, and Mac computers. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Tue, Mar 15**

**Program and Members Meeting: DNA Panel Discussion, 1:30pm – 3:00pm** Panel Discussion on DNA



with Cara Davis Jacobson, Donna Rae Hayes, Al Ayres, Steve Kious, Lorita Cushman, and Vern Arnold. These six members of the RVGS will discuss the various testing companies and the types of tests they used. They will share some of their reasons for testing, e.g., to find Native American ancestry, cousin matches with different name spellings, relative connections, and medical information. They will share some of their discoveries and issues with the process or results. Free.

**Thu, Mar 17**

**Irish Genealogy Interest Group, 1pm – 3pm**



Bruce McGarvey will facilitate this session where attendees meet to discuss their research and interest in Irish genealogy and history. Please bring your favorite Irish book to share with the group. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Tue, Mar 22**

**Quilts and Genealogy Talks: "The Helman Quilts - More Mysteries in Our Backyard," 1:30pm – 2:30pm.**



The Helman Quilts: More Mysteries in Our Backyard, by Lynn Ransford. Two quilts donated to JCGL by Julia Powell, daughter of the well-known local quilter, Dena Powell, may or may not have been quilted by the same person. The Brown Diamond quilt was, indeed, pieced by a Helman relative, but probably not by the wife of Ashland's founder. What about the other quilt? Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Fri, Mar 25**

**How To Start Your Genealogy Project, 10:30am – 12:30pm**



Charleen Brown will again teach this popular class for people who are thinking about starting or are just beginning their projects. She will share the important steps to take to get you off to a good start. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.icgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.icgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Family Tree Maker Basics, 1:30pm – 3:30pm.**



Charleen Brown teaches an introduction to FTM, presenting basic knowledge and skills to open the program and navigate the software and use its unique interface and tools. With an understanding of the basic structure, you can confidently begin building your tree. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.icgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.icgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Sat, Apr 2**

**Family Tree Maker: Documenting Sources, 10:30 – 12:30.**



When you cite a source you are proving to others which records were used to support your facts. Each time you add information to your tree you will want to create a source and source citation that describe where you found the information. Charleen Brown teaches this informative class. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.icgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.icgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Tue, Apr 5**

**Family Tree Maker PC User Group, 1:30pm – 3:00pm.**



This informal, casual group usually meets the first Tuesday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns, etc. and as a group we try and deal with them. This group provides a great way to keep connected and share information. Free and Fun! Please register in advance by email at: [reception.icgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.icgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**LOCAL EVENTS**

**Mar 2 and Mar 9**

“Spiritualism in Southern Oregon at the Turn of the Century.” This noon lecture will be presented by Jan Wright on Wednesday, March 2, at the Medford Branch Library, 205 South Central Avenue, and Wednesday, March 9, at the Ashland Branch Library, 410 Siskiyou Boulevard.

**Mar 8**



Grants Pass Genealogical Society next meeting and program March 8, 1:30 pm at the LDS Church, 1969 Williams Hwy, Grants Pass.

“Understanding Your DNA,” by Guest Speaker Jacque Campbell, Consultant at the Grants Pass Family History Center. Free. Board of Directors Meeting 12:30-1:15

**Mar 13**

### **Stories & Songs from the Gold Rush**

Relive the “days of old when we dug up gold” on Sunday, March 13, when folk singer and historian David Gordon brings the Gold Rush of California and Oregon to life through original songs from the era along with the stories behind them. “Stories and Songs from the Gold Rush,” is part of Historic Jacksonville’s on-going monthly series, “Pioneer History in Story & Song.” Due to the overwhelming response to this series, Gordon will be offering this program at 2 pm and repeating it again at 3:30 pm in the Naversen Room of the Jacksonville Library located at 340 West C Street. Seating for each performance is limited to the first 60 people so reservations are strongly encouraged! Admission is \$3, with proceeds dedicated to maintaining and preserving historic structures in Jacksonville, Oregon, and bringing their history to life.

## **OREGON EVENTS**

**Mar 12 and 13**

### **Want to Discover Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors?**



Many people believe that researching Irish ancestors is impossible because of the destruction of the Public Record Office in 1922. While many records were destroyed, others survived and have come online in recent years. Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research

or have been doing research for years, you won’t want to miss these workshops!

Researching Irish Ancestry - Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie, OR 97222

Researching Irish Ancestry – Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 2505 SE 11th Ave., Suite B-18, Portland, OR 97202

More information about the seminars can be obtained by e-mail: [seminar@gfo.org](mailto:seminar@gfo.org), or by accessing the following pdf file, [http://www.gfo.org/IrishSeminar\\_Mar2016.pdf](http://www.gfo.org/IrishSeminar_Mar2016.pdf)

**Apr 23**

**Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar** features Lisa Louise Cooke of [Genealogy Gems](#).



**Lisa Louise Cooke**

BGS has been getting to know Lisa through her podcasts, several of which have been shown at meetings over the last year, including Evernote most recently.

Her teaching skills shine in the podcasts. She carefully explains topics in an easy-to-understand manner, so everyone, from beginner to advanced genealogist, learns a lot.

The Spring Seminar is your chance to learn from Lisa in person! Planned Seminar topics are:

1. Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers.
  2. Genealogy Podcasts 101: Learn everything you need to know about how to find and listen to genealogy and history podcasts.
  3. Time Travel with Google Earth: Experience historic maps, images and videos coming together to create stunning time travel experiences in the free Google Earth program.
  4. Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogists in Your Family. Lisa's website is full of Genealogy Gems for everyone. Check it out today: <http://lislouiscooke.com/>
- Spring Seminar registration is now open, to access registration forms and more information click on the following link, [http://www.rvgsociety.org/pdf/2016BGS\\_SeminarFlyer--RegisForm--DetourMap.pdf](http://www.rvgsociety.org/pdf/2016BGS_SeminarFlyer--RegisForm--DetourMap.pdf).

#### **Jun 28-30**

**Genealogical Council of Oregon Programs: Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon  
Western Institute of Genealogy 2016**

#### **July 28 & 29**

**Write It Up**, a two-day event, Western Institute of Genealogy (WIG) has limited spaces and will fill quickly. Speakers are Thomas Jones and John Colletta. Please note that the WIG courses are for intermediate or advanced genealogists. We will soon open up registration for non-APG members, so get your seat soon! Download the [flyer](#) for more information.



**Thomas Jones**

#### **July 30**

##### **Summer Genealogy Fest**

A one-day event for genealogists of all skill levels. Download the [flyer](#) for more information. Thomas Jones and John Colletta will present at the Fest as well as at the Institute. To learn about both events offered by GCO, go to, [GCO Conference](#).

#### **FLORIDA**

#### **May 4-7**

##### **NGS (National Genealogical Society) Conference**

Registration is open for the National Genealogical Society's thirty-eighth annual Family History Conference, "Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time," which will be held May 4-7 2016 at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center. To register on or after 1 December 2015,

visit the NGS website at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/> and complete the online registration form.

## CALIFORNIA

June 3-5

### Burbank, CA Southern California Genealogy Jamboree



Jamboree 2016 offers an exceptional educational opportunity for family historians and genealogists of all experience levels. The theme for Jamboree 2016 is "Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past." We welcome all attendees who are interested in genealogy and in preserving the past for future generations. Our heritage focus will be on German, Eastern European, and African-American research. Topics covered will include research methods, analysis and problem solving, organization techniques, family history writing, the use of technology, and more. SCGS will hold its fourth **Genetic Genealogy Conference**, "The Future of the Past: Genetic Genealogy 2016," on Thursday, June 2, 2016, also at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. Read all about this year's event by going to their [blog post](#).

## ALABAMA

June 12-17 2016 Birmingham Alabama

### Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

Registration for IGHR 2016 is open. The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at the Samford University Library provides an educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology through a week of intensive study led by nationally prominent genealogical educators. Every year, some courses fill up in a matter of minutes, so be sure to be wherever you have your fastest internet connection at registration time. In the event that a course fills, links will be provided to online wait list forms. Visit [IGHR](#) for details.

## ILLINOIS

Aug 31- Sep 5

### Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, Springfield, Illinois



Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference 2016  
August 31 - September 3, 2016 Springfield, Illinois



TIME TRAVEL: CENTURIES OF MEMORIES, A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists  
FGS and local host the Illinois State Genealogical Society invite you to join genealogists

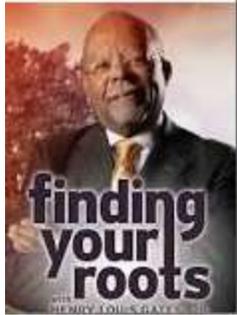
and family historians from throughout the world for some innovative time traveling experiences in Springfield, IL! Learn from exceptional speakers, network with other researchers, stroll through a large exhibit hall filled to the brim with vendors, and take in the amazing sights and sounds of Illinois' capital city.

Hotel reservations are open now. Learn more about the conference and/or book your hotel today at [FGSConference.org](http://FGSConference.org).

## ON TELEVISION

### Finding Your Roots: Season Three

Tue Nights at 8pm on SOPTV



Hosted and written by Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., season three of Finding Your Roots is filled with emotional moments that enrich our national discussion on race, ethnicity, and identity. Gates traces the ancestral trails of 28 new guests, including Mia Farrow, Bill Maher, Gloria Steinem, Bill O'Reilly, Julianne Moore, Sean Combs, Maya Rudolph, Richard Branson, Soledad O'Brien, Senator John McCain, Azar Nafisi, and Norman Lear.

## WEBINARS

### Finding Webinars

Webinars are online videos that you can watch on your computer or mobile device (tablet, smartphone). If you wish, you can ask questions and participate in the discussion at the end of the presentation if you have a microphone set up on your device. Each month, dozens of webinars are available to help you with your research. To look at one collection of webinars go to: <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/geneawebinars-calendar.html>. I have listed a few free live webinars for you to check out.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINARS FOR MARCH.** To register go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

**Mar 5 Julie Goucher. Origins & Evolution of One-Name Study and Surname Research.** *Free on this date at 10:00 am Pacific Time.*

**Mar 16 Thomas W. Jones. Inferential Genealogy: Deducing Ancestors' Identities Indirectly.** *Free on this date at 6:00 pm Pacific Time*

**Apr 2 Michael L. Strauss. Researching Your Civil War Ancestor: A Comprehensive Study.** *Free on this date at 10 am Pacific Time.*



## **NEW TOPIC! PODCASTS**

[Why not listen to podcasts instead of talk radio, election news, or music? Learn more genealogy while doing other stuff.]

1. Genealogy Guys Podcast with George C. Morgan and Drew Smith, go to <http://genealogyguys.com/>.
2. Genealogy Gems Podcasts with Lisa Louise Cooke, go to <http://lialouisecooke.com/podcasts-2/>
3. The Genealogy Professional Podcast, go to <http://www.thegenealogyprofessional.com/>
4. For even more podcast resources check out the listing on Cyndi's List, <http://www.cyndislist.com/podcasts/general/>

## Rogue Valley Genealogical Society News



"Our 50 Year Heritage" A Celebration

### SAVE THE DATES!

September 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> RVGS will celebrate 50 years as an all-volunteer genealogy society with events, classes and programs. We will be reporting on each of these in the *eNews* monthly. Here is a brief summary of what you have to look forward to:

Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM Opening Day Ceremony. We will have a guest speaker, a RVGS presentation, Anniversary Quilt Presentation, and refreshments.

Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Genealogy Classes Begin. They will be offered all week with the library open to the public free of charge.

Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Wine and Cheese Reception. 3pm-5pm. Enjoy a social time with music, wine & cheese. It will be a time to honor our valued volunteers.

Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Fun and Festive Ice Cream Social with sundaes, cones and floats! Beginning NOW is the Writing Contest, so get your writing hat on as there will be some very nice prizes. The Photo Contest deadline is July 16<sup>th</sup> Winners of the Writing and Photo Contests will be announced Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ice Cream Social. Join us that afternoon to see who wins the Grand Prizes for these contests.

Monday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 6-9PM An Evening Banquet & Speaker, Judy Russell, at Inn at the Commons.

Tuesday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, all-day Seminar 8:30am—4pm, with a buffet lunch on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at Inn at the Commons. Our speaker is The Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell, a renowned lecturer in the genealogy world. She comes to us from New Jersey and no one should miss her presentations. Registrations will be required with times and dates announced soon, so follow "Our 50 Year Heritage" celebration links with event details to be provided in the coming months.

### 2016 FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST



"True Stories from the Past"

\$100.00 1<sup>st</sup> Place Cash Prize    \$75.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Cash Prize    \$50.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cash Prize

Please submit stories between June 1 and July 15, 2016.

Winning entries will be notified and honored at "Our 50th Year Heritage" events in September 2016. Click on the following link to read [Rules & Regulations](#) and to download the "Entry Form."

### 2016 FAMILY HISTORY PHOTO CONTEST

### “Show Off Your Favorite Family Photos”

Prizes are awarded for each category:

Military—Group—Children—Funniest Ancestor—Wedding—Transportation—Occupation—Most handsome—Most beautiful—Oldest photo—Most interesting photo—Open category

Please click this link to access [contest rules and submission instructions](#).

### **VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED**



Please help out with the many events planned for our 50th Celebration. Stop by at Jackson County Genealogy Library to examine the bulletin board to find a niche for your talents. The bulletin board is located in the Reading Room. Thank you! We depend so much on our volunteers. If stopping by is inconvenient, please call (541) 512-2340 and leave a message for Andrea Patterson, RVGS President.

### **DEDICATED TREASURER RETIRES FROM BOARD**



Colista Bailey has been the RVGS Board Treasurer for many years and now has retired and is enjoying some travels with her daughter, free from bills and statements!

She was honored at small reception with some of the members attending the January Public Program. Andrea Patterson thanked her on behalf of the board and membership and provided her with a “small, TO DO

LIST” of her upcoming job and committee assignments! She will continue service for RVGS in many needed ways.

### **E.D. FOUNDRAY, JACKSON COUNTY PIONEER**

Story submitted by Dorothy Cotton, Pioneer Files Chairperson



The Pioneer Files at the Rogue Valley Genealogy Library are devoted to the pioneers that settled the Jackson County area. Currently there are 800 pioneers and their families in the Pioneer Files; more added each week. Some of the files are large and contain over 100 pages of information while others may only have a couple of pages. The information in the files has been added by JCGL members or visitors who share their local family information or by the pioneer name being noticed and research being done by volunteers. The files might contain genealogy, stories, pictures, or other items relating to the pioneer, his/her family and/or

the family's place in local history. The online file index can be accessed on the JCGL website by selecting the link *Family Records* and then *Pioneer Families*. A Google search of the JCGL website for *Foundray* or any other pioneer family name would also yield access to the file index.

A lot of local history can be found by just reading the files on our pioneers. One example is the file on Elbert Downes Foundray. E.D. (as he was known) was born in Foundraysburg, Kentucky in 1821. After finishing his schooling, he left his home and set out to explore the country. He stopped first in Virginia then went on to South Carolina and Louisiana. In New Orleans E.D. signed on as a seaman on the merchant schooner the *St. Mary* and in 1849 headed for California and the gold fields. After a few narrow escapes with shipwrecks around Cape Horn, E.D. arrived in San Francisco. Mining didn't go as well as planned so he began a pack mule business supplying miners with much-needed supplies. Still following the gold, he heard good reports coming from Jacksonville, Oregon. E.D. continued with his pack train business in the Southern Oregon area a few years. Then around 1853, he gave up the pack train business and became a bookkeeper in Jacksonville. Around that time he also became owner of the grist mill in Phoenix. Over the years, E.D. was elected deputy sheriff of Jacksonville, Justice of the Peace and was nominated as Democratic Representative. In 1862 E.D. married Sarah Colver. She was the daughter of a Phoenix-area pioneer, Hiram Colver. Many improvements in county affairs were traceable to the support and assistance of Mr. Foundray, and it was principally through his influence in the legislature in 1866 that a bill was introduced advocating the building of a railroad through Phoenix. E.D. died in 1903. This pioneer file is invaluable to E.D.'s family in Kentucky doing research on the

family. By searching online, any family related to someone in the 800 pioneer family files could find information about where their family member migrated to and a great deal about that person's history.

## **GERMAN INTEREST GROUP**

By Mary Timpe Robsman, German Interest Group Facilitator



The German Interest Group held its first meeting at JCGL in September 2015. We told about our ancestors in Germanic areas from the Netherlands to Ukraine, from France to northern Italy, and Germans in Russia and South America. Several came with specific research questions. Many felt a need to know more history and geography that affected immigration and our ability to locate records. Future meetings were scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. At each meeting we share successes and problems. So far, we located resources in JCGL, viewed a brief history online at Family Search's Learning Center/German genealogy, and made an enlarged map of the German Empire in 1870 for reference. We learned of German documents such as Reisen Paß (travel pass), intent-to-immigrate forms, and the Ahnentafel (pedigree chart) required in the Nazi era. A group member wisely pointed out that here in the U.S., land records and wills provide details to help locate towns and ancestors overseas.

Each month I send an email reminder of meeting time. This includes an updated list of surnames being researched. A list of resources and helpful hints sent to me by group members has been compiled. Subgroups such as Hesse and Emlanders have been formed and they correspond separately. Genealogy goes better (though not necessarily easier) when working with persons who share interests.

## **WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING RVGS MEMBERS**

Jean	Adams
Mary L.	Bertrand
Leigh	Brinkman
Cathleen	Callahan
Albert & Janis	Coder
	Dunwald- Urlig
Laura	Etienne
Robert	Farmer
Lindy	Forler
Jude	

Holli & Reid, Steward B.	Hanalei
Mark	Lavis
Emily	Minah
Diane	Mueller
Cathy	Penland
Robert	Seaman
Darlene R. & Walt	Shontz
May	Smith
Connie	Trantham
Ray & Starlyn	White
Bill	Williams

#### **VICKI BRYDEN UPDATES SOHS INFORMATION FOR THE RVGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



The guest speaker at the Feb 2016 RVGS Board meeting was Vicki Bryden, member of Southern Oregon Historical Society and manager of the Research Library. She provided the Board with an overview and update of

SOHS.

The SOHS library is open Tuesday through Friday from 12 – 4pm. Research of local historical information and photos is made available for members and non-members. Many seasonal activities are provided for the public at the Hanley Farm near Jacksonville. Other SOHS sponsored events are “Windows in Time”, presentations on Southern Oregon history held at the Medford and Ashland libraries each month and “Tales from the Collection” held the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at the SOHS Research Library. Currently they are presenting an exhibit at the Rogue Valley Mall entitled “Courage in the Golden Valley: Southern Oregon Chinese History”. The exhibit runs through April 17 during Mall hours.

RVGS encourages support for all organizations with an emphasis genealogy and history of Southern Oregon. You can obtain event schedules of Southern Oregon Historical Society activities at the Jackson County Genealogy Library.

### **MAPS OF JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC PROGRAM**



Roger Roberts, a land surveyor and former Jackson County Surveyor, presented an overview of the Maps of Jackson County Project at Jackson County Genealogy Library on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 2016. After obtaining thousands of old maps, Roger, Chuck Eccleston, Barbara MacMillen, and others contributed thousands of hours to index and scan these maps. A sampling of these scanned maps was presented on that day. Even those with no local history found the presentation interesting while others recognized names on land plots from their own ancestral history of the valley. Barbara MacMillen gave an explanation of the

grant received to obtain the equipment and services needed for this huge project. The long term goal is to put all scanned maps in a file and link the index to an image to be accessed on the website by researchers.

The many volunteers who participated in the project included: Roger Roberts, Barbara and Dick MacMillen, Chloe Sternola, Marilyn Ayres, Betty Miller, Betty Lanfear, Jan and Gerald Reichstein, Bud Gleim, Ben Truwe, Jan Wright, James Williams, Nick Jacobson, Chuck Eccleston and Rene Forncrook with over 10,000 indexed names herself!

### **RVGS PROJECTS NEED VOLUNTEERS**

#### **DO YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH SCRAPBOOKS?**

RVGS could use some repair help with our old scrapbooks. They contain clippings and photos of many years of activities for the society, but the securing tape doesn't hold items anymore. New albums may be needed. We would like someone or several people to evaluate how to update this collection. If interested, please contact Chloe Sternola, our Library Manager at 541-512-2340 and leave a message for her to call you.

#### **CAPTURING HISTORY**

RVGS needs a volunteer to be our Historian. This would mean gathering pictures (taken and placed in the HISTORIAN BOX at the library) and transferring those pictures along with news clippings of our activities to an album. We save our photos on our computer, but the pictures are difficult for guests to view. With "Our 50th Year Heritage" celebration coming this September, this is a very important volunteer position. Please

call the library (541-512-2340) and ask for Andrea Patterson, President or leave a message for her to call you.

**HELP US REACH OUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENT GOALS!**



Our goal to *Burn the Mortgage* for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in September is quickly approaching. We are down to about \$28,000 left to go! With just 6 months to go, we will need to make average payments of about \$5,000 each month, which means about \$4,200 in donations each month. We CAN DO IT with YOUR help!

Contributing is easy, simply go to [www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org) and click on the Donate button to make a donation online. A new DONATE button on our [Facebook page](#) will take you to the same place. You can also mail or drop off a donation at the library at 3405 South Pacific Hwy, Medford, 97501. When donating, please indicate that the purpose of the donation is the Leave a Legacy Fund.

All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you take Required Minimum Distributions, you can donate all or any part of the distribution directly; send your request to the administrator of your fund. In addition, if you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive a tax credit for the ENTIRE amount of your donation (maximum \$1,000 for couple; \$500 single). Just go to [www.culturaltrust.org/donate](http://www.culturaltrust.org/donate) for more details.

**WE ARE OUT OF THE GATE QUICKLY IN 2016! THANK YOU TO ALL OUR EARLY DONORS!**

**Leave a Legacy**

Audrey Berry, William & Mary Carlson, Robert Casebeer, Carita Culmer, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, Elaine Goodner, Cheryl Haas, Alice Herzberg, Horton Family Foundation, Sheila Kimball, Bruce McGarvey, Ron Nauman, Carl Shauger, Barbara Shrewsberry, April Thomas, Dale Trautman

### **5/60 Club**

Carolyn Beron, Anne Billeter, Viki Bryden, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, Terry Fischer, Gene & Charlotte Henry, Sheila Kimball, Bruce McGarvey, Barbara Shrewsberry, April Thomas, Diane Tibbitts

## **HOW TO DONATE TO RVGS WITHOUT DIPPING INTO YOUR OWN POCKET**

### **AMAZON**

Did you know? If you shop at *Amazon.com* after clicking on the Amazon ad on either of our websites, [Rogue Valley Genealogical Society](#), or [Jackson County Genealogy Library](#), a portion of the amount you spend is deposited in the RVGS bank account. Amazon currently pays us 4% of all purchases.

The link to Amazon on the society site looks like this:



Click on the word *amazon* in the upper left corner.

The link on the library site looks like this:



Click anywhere on the picture to go to the Amazon website.

In Jan and Feb of 2016, RVGS received \$89.93 from those purchases. You can also contribute to RVGS by using the Amazon Smile program while on the website. Go to <http://www.worldofchildren.org/how-to-use-amazon-smile/> to learn more about the Amazon Smile program. We are registered there as Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Each time you shop at Amazon go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) to automatically donate to RVGS.

# JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY & INTERNET NEWS

## LIBRARY NEWS

### NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL: FEBRUARY 2016

#### BIOGRAPHY

Circ 921 Fis

Fisher, Janet

*Place of Her Own: The Legacy of Oregon Pioneer Martha Poindexter Maupin*

#### FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Henton

Henton, Wiley Logan

*Henton: Some Historical Notes*

929.2 Stephens

Halbert, Lucinda Stephens

*Stephens Family Journal*

929.2 Toews

Wiese, Luella Toews

*Franz Toews, from Heubuden, West Prussia to Mountain Lake, Minnesota, 1812-1898  
and his Descendants, Toews, Toavs, Taves, Taevs*

#### GERMANY

943 H388 Unc

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Stephenson, Jean

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## **MAGAZINES RECEIVED, FEBRUARY 2016**

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack

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*American Spirit*, v 150, #1, January/February 2016. (Circ 929.05 AmS)

- "Once, They Were Americans: Our Loyalist Canadian Cousins"
- "The Paxton House and Inn: Restoring a Piece of Kentucky History"
- "Brigadier General Hugh Mercer: Physician, Jacobite, and Patriot Leader"

*National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, v 103, #4, December 2015.

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- "Reassembling a Clark Family of Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina"
- "Middle Names from 1792 and 1793 Help Reconstruct Ancestry of John Rodda Jr. at Helston, Cornwall"
- "From Slavery to Society: The Jerry Moore Family of Virginia and Pennsylvania"

*NGS Magazine*, v 42, #1, January-March 2016. (Circ 929.05 NGSM)

- "A New Deal: The WPA Records of Nicholas J. Martin"
- "For Love and Money: Pension Laws Affecting Widows of Military Veterans"
- "Researching World War II Naval Armed Guard Veteran"

*Beaver Briefs*, v 48, #1, Winter 2016. (Circ 979.53 P273 Bea)

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, when downsizing, discovered: "District #74 School Records 1899-1900 (Mehama)" and "Willamette Valley Farm Lands."

*HEIR-LINES*, v 40, #2, January 2016. (Circ 979.421 P273 Hei)

Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County's quote this month, "Genealogists don't get Alzheimer's, they just lose their census."

*Redwood Researcher*, v 48, #3, February 2016. (Circ 979.412 P273 Red)

"Humboldt Co, California Birth Index-1911"

*The Schuylerite*, v 44, #2, Fall/Winter 2015.

Schuyler Co. Genealogical Society in Rushville, IL, site of river crossings to Trails West

## **INTERNET NEWS**

## JCGL WEBSITE

### EMAIL RESEARCH SUCCESS

Joy Durrett who handles email research requests received this nice thank you after emailing two obits to a customer.

“Hi Joy,

Thanks again for your help. Both the Clyde Hicks and Betty Ward obits enabled me to find Theo. She invited me up to go through a trunk of photos and memorabilia, which I’m very excited about. Without your help none of this would be happening.

Warm regards,

Mike Russell”

### ADDITIONS TO JCGL WEBSITE

Indexes to the following resources were added to the JCGL Website during February 2016:

- Jackson County Death Certificates, 1959
- Medford Mail Tribune Obituaries, 2015
- Grants Pass Courier Obituaries, 2015
- Scanned Mail Tribune Obituaries, 1930-1934

Research requests provide a reliable stream of income to RVGS

### WAR OF 1812 PENSION FILES



The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) has spearheaded fund-raising efforts to digitize the War of 1812 Pension Files held at the National Records Administration. If you would like to contribute to this effort go to the [FGS website](#) and follow links provided there.



The files completed as a result of those efforts are available FREE on the Fold3 website so can be accessed from home. Be aware that records are not yet available for all names and work started with names beginning with A. Go to the [Fold3](#) website to check out your War of 1812 veteran’s pension files. While you are there check out other FREE files on that website. Records that are not free on Fold3 are available on all patron computers at JCGL.

## FREE RECORDS ON FINDMYPAST



Findmypast just announced the availability of *INDEXED* Irish Catholic Parish Records through March 7<sup>th</sup> along with other Irish records. Here's a quote from their newsletter:

*"We're excited to reveal the launch of 10 million new [Irish Catholic Parish Registers](#) on Findmypast today. Covering the majority of Ireland, this incredible record set includes 40 million names, 3,500 registers and over 1,000 parishes. To celebrate, we're making all 110 million Irish records free for everyone until 7th March."*

## NEWSPAPERS.COM



JCGL now provides the expanded and improved version of the Newspapers.com website. Please see the listing below of resources now available to you at JCGL on patron computers.

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*Washington Citizen, Washington, MO; Brown County World Hiawatha; Asheville Citizen-Times, Asheville, NC as well as historical newspapers.*

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