

RVGS-JCGL eNews ~ March 2018



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](#)
- (2) [RVGS News of member and society activities](#)
- (3) [JCGL News about our book collection and internet resources](#)

CLASSES & EVENTS

Jackson County Genealogy Library Classes & Events

To register in advance for classes and events:

- email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com,
- telephone: 541-512-2340,
- or stop by the library Mon-Sat, 10 AM - 4 PM, and Tuesdays until 9 PM



Monday, March 5, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting

Members are welcome. Free to all. (Note: This month's meeting is a week earlier than normal.)



Thursday, March 8, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)



Monday, March 12, 1:00-3 PM, Advanced DNA Interest Group

This interest group is for those who have had their DNA tested and are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics.

Free to members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)



Tuesday, March 13, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group for PC and MAC Users.

Free to members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)



Tuesday, March 13, 3:30-5:00 PM, German Interest Group

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)



Monday, March 19, 10:30-12:30 PM, "Anatomy of a Case Study"

Certified Genealogist Melinda Henningfield will present steps in doing quality genealogy. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)



Tuesday, March 20, 1:30-3:00 PM, Public Program and General Membership Meeting
“Forest Creek, 5.5 miles of Jackson County Road and 140 Years of Progress” by Annice Black. Free for all.



Wednesday, March 21, 10:30-12:30 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group
 Free for members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)



Saturday, March 24, 10:30-12:30 PM, “Researching World War II Records”
 Barbara Northrop will share techniques in researching hard to find World War II Records.
 \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)



Monday, March 26, 1:00-3:00 PM, Beginning DNA Interest Group
 This interest group is for those who have not yet had their DNA tested or are beginners.
 Free for members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)



Tuesday, March 27, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilt and Genealogy Talk, “Crazy/Signature Quilt Research” Dorothy Cotton will share the results of the research done on this quilt made in South Dakota in the 1930’s.

Library Tours Saturday March 3, 24 & 31

Between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Jackson County Genealogy Library tours will be conducted on March 3, 24, & 31 for the public and anyone interested in seeing what our library contains. Come find some hidden treasures! The tours are FREE to everyone. [Register in advance.](#)



Public Program and Membership Meetings

February's Program, “Unmarked Graves and Forgotten Cemeteries” was a wonderful program. Roger Roberts and Chuck Eccleston showed us photos and maps of several of the hidden graveyards in the county, told us how to spot them (watch for wild irises where irises usually wouldn't grow) and shared the fascinating method they have to discover unmarked graves. (We even saw them discover two “bodies” kindly provided by helpful audience members!) Apparently dowsing isn't just for locating water wells – divining rods can pick up radiation from buried bodies, and even determine whether it was a male or female. Chuck and Roger have found hundreds of unmarked graves and have cleaned up and preserved many family cemeteries, rescuing gravestones from the underbrush and mapping out the location of the forgotten pioneers. This was a fun and interesting event.



The March Public Program (Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 – 3:00) we will welcome Annice Black, who will tell us of “Forest Creek, 5.5 miles of Jackson County Road and 140 Years of Progress”. Ms Black has studied the Rogue Valley for years and has many fascinating tales to tell – this should be a wonderful adventure back in time.

All monthly programs are open to the public and free of charge! Come join us!

RVGS Spring Workshop & Seminar

OUR ANCESTORS

Did They Serve? Did They Plow? Did They Move?

Presenters: Rick & Pam Sayre

WORKSHOP: The Power of Google Earth

PRESENTER: Rick Sayre, CG, CGL

WHEN: April 20, 2018, 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

WHERE: Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, Oregon

COST: Members \$30. Non-Members \$40.

Rick is a 31-year career Army veteran and this class is **not** just for genealogists. Learn about the tools available to all of us on Google Earth.



SEMINAR: Our Ancestors: Did They Serve? Did They Plow? Did They Move?

PRESENTERS: Rick & Pam Sayre, CG, CGL

WHEN: April 21, 2018, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Registration: 8:30 to 9:00.)

COST: Members: \$45. Non-Members \$55.

Seminar classes include: Did He Serve? Researching Military Service Records; The Civil War; Rural Research; and Clues in Missouri Migration.

Registration is now open for all. Please visit our website at www.rvgslibrary.org or www.rvgsociety.org for information, registration, and speaker details or call 541-512-2340 Monday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Lunch is not included.

The workshop and seminar are funded, in part, by the Jackson County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust, together investing in Oregon's arts, heritage, and humanities.

Pamela and Richard Sayre are professional researchers, educators, authors, and lecturers specializing in records in the Washington, DC area, Missouri, western Pennsylvania; and Ohio. Pam & Rick develop, coordinate, and teach courses for University-affiliated programs in genealogy, and they lecture regularly at national and regional genealogy conferences across the United States.



Rick was born and educated in Colorado, and during his thirty-one-year Army career, he traveled the world. Rick coordinates the Using Maps in Genealogy course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University. He also instructs courses in Advanced Methodology, Techniques and Technology, Advanced Military, and a variety of other IGHR courses. Rick and Pam coordinate the Advanced Land course and Researching in Washington, DC.



Pam is a fifth-generation Missourian by birth, and a New Mexican by upbringing. Pam has taught in Boston University's Professional Certificate Program in Genealogy, and she developed an NGS self-paced Social Security course for family historians. Pam is First Vice President of the Utah Genealogical Association; former NGS director of education and publications; former board member of NGS and FGS; and is the co-author of *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet* (2003) and *Research in Missouri* (1999, 2007).

Feeling Lucky? Enter our Spring Raffle!

Purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win one of the following bundles. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Purchase tickets at the Spring Workshop & Seminar or anytime at the Jackson County Genealogy Library. The drawing will be held at the end of the seminar on April 21. You do not need to be present to win!

Bundle 1

- Ancestry DNA Kit
- Pandigital Hand Held Scanner
- Tablet & Bluetooth Keyboard with leather case
- Quick Reference Guides: Using DNA
- 17th Century New England Research
- Organizing Your Research
- Family Logbook of History
- \$45 Gift Certificate to Fred Meyers
- Office Supplies

Bundle 2

- Ancestry World Explorer 6-Month Subscription
- Fold3 1-Year Subscription
- Newspapers.com 1-Year Subscription
- Beginners Guide to Genealogy
- RootsMagic 7 Software & Instruction Book
- Halo Mouse Scanner
- Thumb Drive
- One-Year Membership to Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
- \$20 Gift Certificate to Fred Meyer
- Office Supplies



REGIONAL EVENTS



Genealogy Seminar: Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors Sunday, 18 March, Seattle WA (9:00am-5:00pm)

Location: Seattle Center

Host: Irish Heritage Club, Seattle & the Seattle Galway Sister City Assoc.

Web: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irish-genealogy-seminar-tickets-42301967323>

Contact: Jean Roth

Tel: 206-782-2629

Email: genealogy@irishclub.org

Program: 'The Irish Are Coming' – Tracing Irish & Scots-Irish Ancestors

Saturday, 17 March, Fair Oaks CA - (9:00am-4:45pm)

Location: Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Host: Root Cellar – Sacramento Genealogical Society

Web: www.rootcellar.org/cpage.php?pt=42

Info email: info@rootcellar.org

No Reservations accepted after March 3, 2018



LOCAL INTEREST

Visit the Pioneer/Indian Museum, I-5, Exit 98

The Pioneer/Indian Museum is located in Canyonville, Oregon, at the mouth of the dreaded “Canyon” on the Applegate Trail. The Museum’s mission is to preserve south Douglas County history with exhibits in our buildings and to record that history annually with a booklet about our past.

The Cow Creek Tribe has items displayed here as well as a traditional plank house on the museum grounds.



There is a new exhibit this year in the Pickett Building of a wheelwright and blacksmith shop. All the old tools used in the trades are on display. A logging and mining exhibit will be next as well as many items from the Pickett family. The Pickett’s were lumbermen when they came to the Canyonville area in the late 1800s. Historical photos of many area buildings and bridges show the Pickett family building them and providing the lumber.

The Museum opened for the season on February 14 and remains open until the second week in December, Wednesday through Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Group tours can be arranged. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. We choose to not have an admission cost to encourage more families with children to attend.

DIRECTIONS: If you are northbound, the Museum is located on the west side of I-5, exit 98. Turn left under the overpass at the exit 98 off ramp, the museum will be in front of you. If you are southbound on I-5, take exit 98 south. At the stop sign, go straight ahead on Frontage Road. Turn right on 5th Street to the museum gate.

Submitted by, Susie Waddle, Editor, *Pioneer Days in the South Umpqua Valley*
South Umpqua Historical Society, Douglas County, Oregon

Is there a Southern Oregon Dialect?

Help find out by participating in a linguistics study this fall. A local research group is looking for participants who grew up near or in Jackson and Josephine Counties, grew up as monolingual English speakers, and are at least 18 years old. Tasks will include filling out a questionnaire, giving verbal answers to questions about the area, and reading aloud.

If interested, contact Anna Moroz at akmoroz@uw.edu for more information or to schedule an interview

RVGS NEWS

Oh so
LUCKY
to have
you!

New Members

Welcome to our new RVGS members!

Welcome to our newest members: David Nienow, Mike Tillinghast, Karen Lundgren, Sonja Friedman, Ron Henri, Lorna Eaton, Dave Horton, Marlene Baker, Elizabeth Knight, Diana & Richard Kothenbeutal, Mary & Bob Lima, Anna Vendt, Amy Molthan, Lisa Ann Trujillo, Inez Melvia, Audrey Jones, Susanne Krieg, Vita Lawson, Luigi & Calleen Tinonga, and Felicia Acrea.

Rogue Digger Contributors Needed

Do you have an interesting story about researching your ancestors? Did you receive unexpected DNA results that changed your research goals? How about the story of an object, e.g., a quilt, a ring, an old pot, that led you on a search or shed light on your family or local history? Have you found a technique or resource that has helped you in your research or that might help others? Have you discovered something interesting in local history or genealogy that you would be willing to write about and share with our membership? If your answer to any of the above questions is YES, our semi-annual publication, *The Rogue Digger*, needs you!

The Rogue Digger is a genealogical periodical that reports information helpful to researchers, as well as the results of genealogical investigations, especially as related to the Rogue Valley or to our membership. Submissions can be a mere page long or up to 10 pages long with or without photos or illustrations. If you have an idea but don't quite know how to pull it together, our editor can advise and help; contact her at caradavisjacobson@gmail.com.

Jackson County Library District and SOHS Form a New Partnership

On Thursday, February 8, the Jackson County Library District Board voted unanimously to support SOHS Library efforts to provide improved public access. Soon the SOHS Library will be open Tuesday - Saturday, noon to 4:00 p.m., and access will be free for Jackson County residents. Pat Harper, the SOHS Archivist, is looking forward to working with JCLD staff to raise awareness of SOHS materials and improve services. The SOHS website, which already provides extensive indexes to photos and print materials, will also provide the full text of all SOHS magazines printed from 1980 through 2009. SOHS will also provide more scanned photos online and full text documents.



Join the Monthly Givers Club!

Every year, in place of a multitude of garage sales and baked goods sales, the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society holds an Annual Fund Drive. Members are encouraged to donate to support the programs and services that are provided through the Jackson County Genealogy Library.

It has come to our attention that some members feel they cannot afford to make a large donation, but would like to give something. Every little bit helps and adds up quickly! For those who are interested in making small donations over time, we are launching our Monthly Givers Club. Whether you donate

\$5.00 a month or \$20 a month (pick any amount you are comfortable with), club members' small donations will add up to a big difference at the end of the year.

There are no forms to fill out, just start giving! Contributions can be made in two ways:

- 1) Go to www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html to donate online using your credit card through PayPal or click on the **Donate Now** link on our Facebook page to reach PayPal.
- 2) You can drop off a donation or mail a donation to the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford, OR 97501. If you use the convenience of PayPal, you can have your donation sent to us automatically every month!

JCGL NEWS



A SIGN OF THE TIMES

Have you ever wondered how the messages on our highway signboard appear? The notices that help us (and others driving by) remember events here at JCGL don't hop up on the signboard by themselves, they are patiently placed by dedicated volunteers, who are outside in all kinds of weather, snow, rain, cold, and heat. We would like to thank MARY ROBMAN for her kind dedication to this task for the past several months, literally out there in a rainstorm with her parka protecting her face from the raindrops as she placed the letters on the board. Mary is retiring from the job, and a true gentleman and knight in shining armor has appeared, our own JAMES WILLIAMS will be taking on the task. Thank you to both of you! Our "sign-keepers" past and present!

Spotlight on Historic Cemetery Preservation

Volunteers of the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) became aware that records of many unknown or forgotten burial sites were not represented in the library's massive cemetery records collection. Efforts are now underway to add to the records collection. This a series for articles describing newly discovered cemeteries and burial sites throughout the county.

Forgotten Cemetery

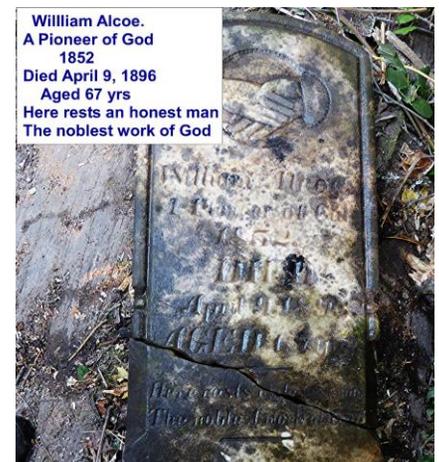
By Chuck Eccleston and Roger Roberts, JCGL Cemetery Committee Volunteers

Nestled in a thick bed of green vinca vine, hidden behind a large blackberry growth, is the small white headstone of five-year-old Ollie Tucker. Little Ollie was born on June 3, 1896. She drowned on May 5, 1901, while playing nearby on the bank of the Rogue River. She left a large family to mourn her untimely death. Her parents were Jasper Savannah Clay Tucker (1855-1937) and Mary Elizabeth Moore Tucker (1861-1944). Ollie's extended Tucker family invented and manufactured the famous Tucker Sno-Cat here in Medford.



A great niece of Ollie's was recently sent a copy of the headstone photo shown in this article. She had wondered for years where Ollie's last resting place might be.

Nearby is the broken stone of William Alcoe (1829-1893). His headstone was found lying on top of a huge fallen Oak tree. Evidence suggests that this stone may have originally been located near the base of the old tree but was knocked over and broken when the tree fell.



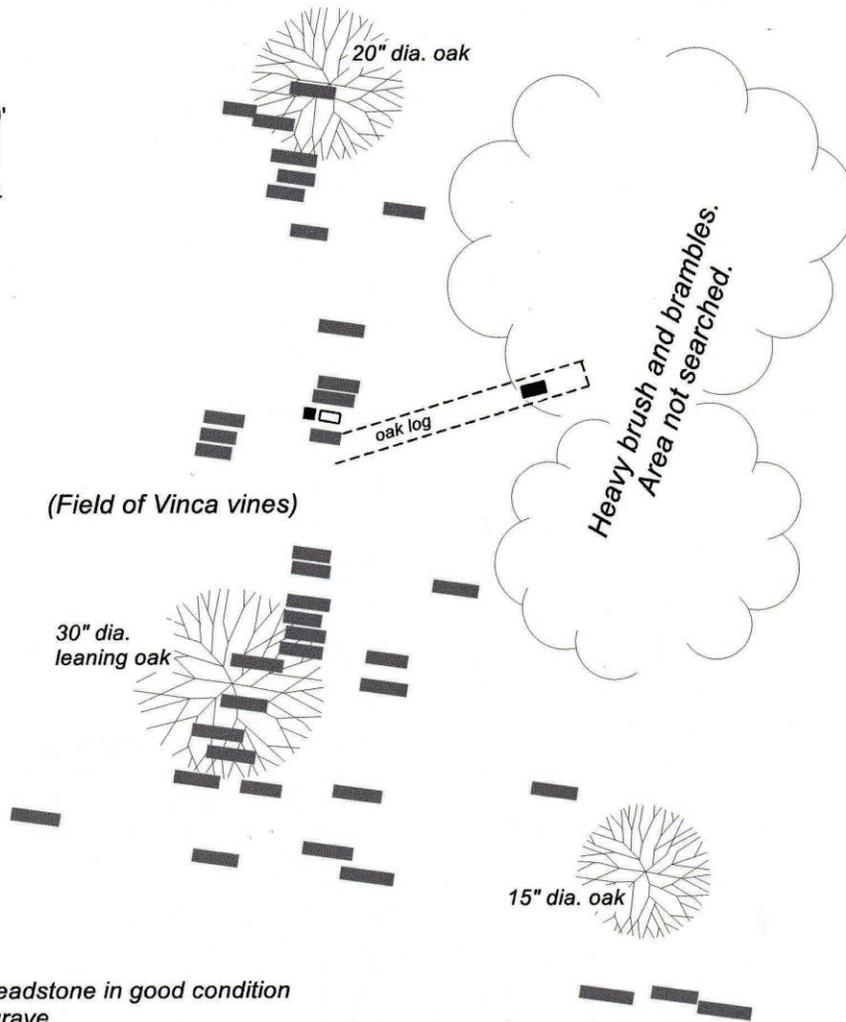
William Alcoe was apparently a well-known bachelor pioneer and cattleman with considerable holdings at the time of his death. His prominent stone, in the proximity of a large Oak and in a field of vinca vine, suggests that additional graves may be present. A search, conducted using the dowsing rod method, revealed the locations of 39 unmarked graves all within the confines of the vinca vine field. (See map below.) Due to privacy concerns, the general location of this site is recorded as Township 33 South Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian.

Tucker - Alcoe Pioneer Cemetery

Located on private property in
Township 33 South, Range 1 East
Jackson County, Oregon



Scale: 1 inch = 20 ft.



- = Tucker headstone in good condition
- = Tucker grave
- = Alcoe headstone, found with bottom broken off and lying face up on top of 45 inch dia. decaying oak log
- = Possible unmarked grave (39)

Burial locations determined using the metal dowsing rod method

Surveyed by Roger Roberts and Chuck Eccleston, representing the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society

October 10, 2017

REGISTERED
PROFESSIONAL
LAND SURVEYOR

Roger Roberts

OREGON
JULY 14, 1978
ROGER A. ROBERTS
1656



Volunteer Opportunities

We are proud to be all-volunteer organization. We would not exist without the time and energy our volunteers give each month. If you want to help share the responsibilities, give of your time to help us continue to provide our many services to our members.

If you are interested in any of the positions below, please Email Anne Billeter at president.rvgs@gmail.com for more information and/or to volunteer.

Map Cataloger

Discover the maps just waiting to be added to the Genealogy Library. All they need is a willing volunteer who will follow simple instructions to catalog the maps, enter the information in the online catalog, label them, and place them in the map case. Familiarity with the Dewey Decimal System and library cataloging is preferred but not required.

Magazine Reviewer

Be the first to see our genealogy magazines! List them for the next issue of the *eNews* and highlight interesting articles. See recent back issues of the *eNews* for examples.

Volunteer Coordinator

Do you like people? Do you hang out at the Genealogy Library? Then this is the perfect volunteer opportunity for YOU. Recruit volunteers for the tasks waiting for just the right person. Help our busy Board members and committee chairs by writing “ads” (like this one...or better!) for the *eNews* and maybe other places, too. Don't like number crunching? You are in luck! We already have a volunteer who compiles the volunteer hour statistics, so you won't have that responsibility!

Ashland Chamber of Commerce Greeter

How much can you say in 30 seconds? You would be amazed at the amount of information you can convey when it is your turn to talk about RVGS and JCGL. Share our story with the Ashland business community: Share what JCGL is, what we have to offer, what upcoming events they should know about. The Ashland Chamber Greeters meet weekly at a different member business each week, on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. We need someone to represent RVGS at least monthly (more often is fine, too) to share our story. Each time you attend you will learn about other businesses you didn't know existed in your community as well as upcoming events and opportunities. Volunteer for a few hours each month and make a difference for RVGS.

RVGS Historian

Help! Our RVGS history is being neglected. Do you enjoy gathering information and presenting it in a creative and informative way? This may be the perfect volunteer position for you.

Hospitality Helpers

Help make the magic of our wonderful programs happen. We are looking for Hospitality Helpers, providing set up of coffee and refreshments, as well as clean up at our third Tuesday at 1:30 programs. If you can help, place a note in Denise Salthouse's mailbox at the library.

VOLUNTEER TODAY





WRITING

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Taylor, Tom

How to Save Your Life: One Chapter at a Time, A Step-by-Step Guide to Creating a Life Story Book

GENEALOGY HOW-TO

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929.1 Smo

Smolenyak, Megan

Hey, America, your roots are showing

929.197 Gre

Greenwood, Val D.

Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy
[4th ed., c.2017]

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

929.2 Moore

Passmore, John Andrew Moore

Ancestors and descendants of Andrew Moore, 1612-1897

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929.2 Turk

Watson, Helen Turk

Descendants of William and Margaret Archibald Turk

MINNESOTA

Circ

971.27 H388 Gil

Gilman, Rhoda R.

Red River Trails: Oxcart Routes Between St. Paul and the Selkirk Settlement 1820-1870

GEORGIA

975.8 E421 Ind

Index to Georgia's 1867-1868 Returns of Qualified Voters and Registration Oath Books (White)

INDIANA

977.235 H388 Pea

Peattie, Elia W.

History of Gibson County, Indiana

OREGON – JACKSON COUNTY

979.527 C242 Pho

Phoenix Cemetery, Old Book

979.527 D218 Dea 1965

Death Certificates for Jackson County, Oregon, 1965

979.527 L142 Mar

Married Women's Property Rights from Jackson County Circuit Court Records, Jackson County, Oregon

979.527 N189 Nat

Naturalizations from Jackson County Circuit Court Records, Jackson County, Oregon

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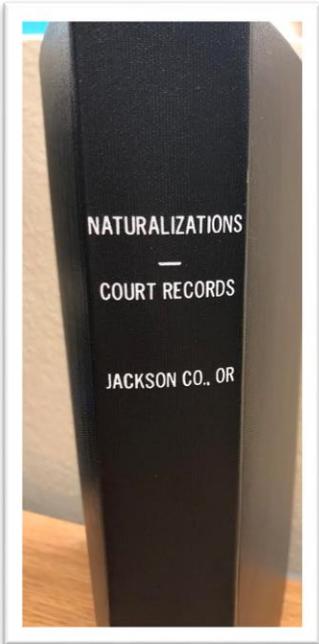
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Births from Newspapers, March 14, 1868 through September 29, 1899, Jackson County, Oregon

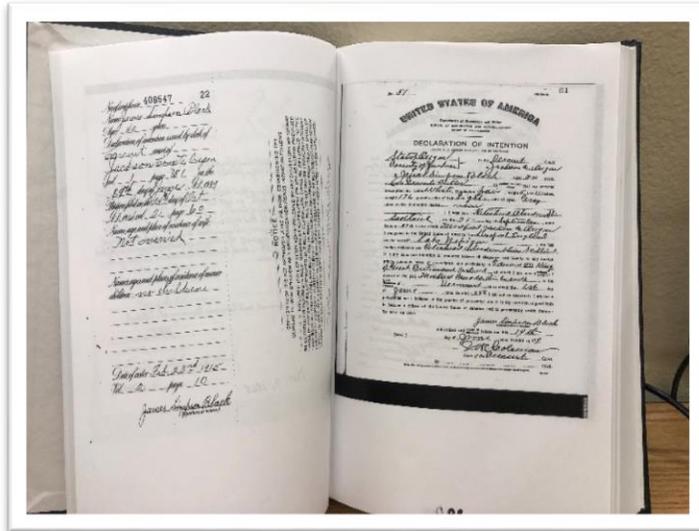
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Births from Newspapers, 1882-1960, Jackson County, Oregon

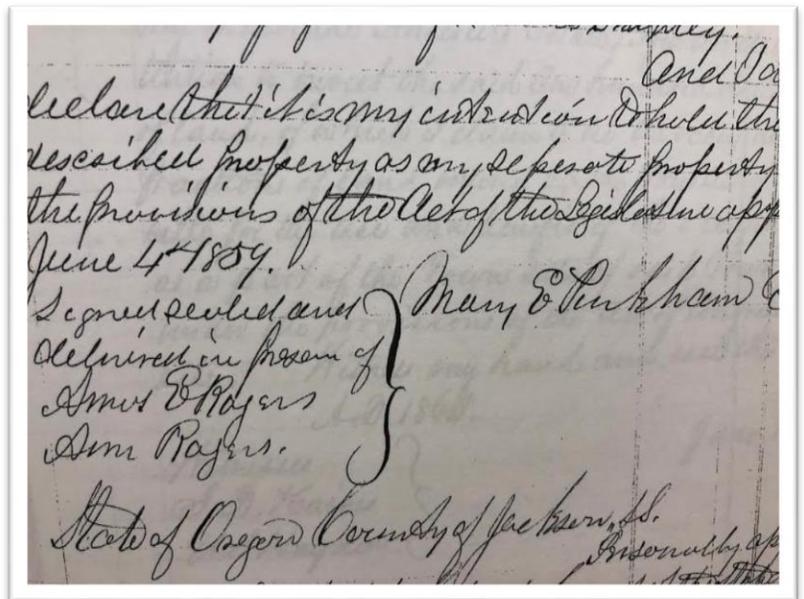
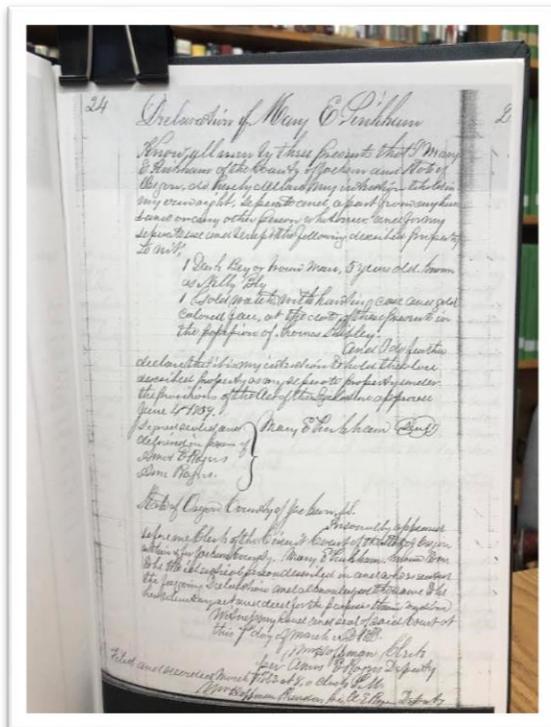
**NEW
BOOKS**



Just arrived from the bindery!
 Come and check out our new additions!
 "Jackson County Court Naturalizations Records"



"Married Women's Property Rights" of Jackson County
 Mary E. Pinkham [filed 1863] declares that her horse, "Nelly Bly;" and her gold watch are hers. She and others cite the legislation of 1859. Read other declarations from the women in that early era in Jackson County, Oregon



Surplus Book Sale: Additions to the Book Sale Bookcase

Each month we will add books to the Surplus Book Sale Bookcase (near the Mentoring Printer), offering them locally (for less) before our Internet book sale volunteers list them on Amazon or eBay. We want our members to have first chance!

Books priced @ \$1.00 will not be listed in the eNews: come in to see what is on the shelf. Here are the books priced more-than-\$1.00 that were added this month:

- *The Story of Oglethorpe County* by Lena Smith Wise \$30.00
- *Ships from Ireland to Early America 1623-1850* by David Dobson \$18.00
- *An Index to the Source Records of Maryland, Genealogical, Biographical, Historical* by Eleanor Phillips Passano \$18.00
- *The Funk and Wagnalls Hammond World Atlas, 1978.* \$3.00
- *Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Cemetery Records* collected by Jeremiah Zeamer. \$21.00
- *The Dozen Neighborhoods of 100 Cumberland County Farm Tracts* by William T. Swaim \$4.00 (we have two copies available for sale)
- *The Family Tree Problem Solver* by Marsha Hoffman Rising \$3.00
- *Finding Your Ancestral Village in Slovakia, Czechy, Ukraine, Galacia and Hungary in the Former Austro Hungarian Empire* by John A. Hudick \$12.00

BOOK SALE



Recently Received Magazines

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack. Newsletters received are shelved in the neighboring wire rack.

Circ 929.05 NGSM

NGS Magazine, v 43 #4, October-December 2017.

* Inside this issue: Search Strategies

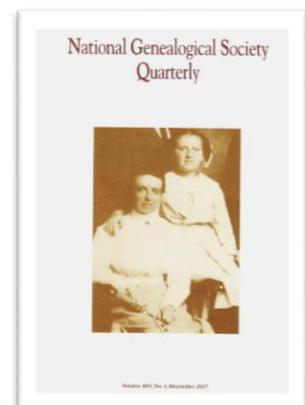
- “Misindexed: Finding Lost Families”
- “Hidden Treasures on Family Search”
- “Underground Gems on Ancestry”
- “Docket: The Court’s Index”
- “Search Methodologies”
- “The National Archives Catalog”
- “Periodical Source Index”



Circ 929.05 NGSQ

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, v 105 #4, December 2017.

* On the cover: PORTRAITS OF AMERICA: Rosalie Tenance Lutz (1871-1952) and her daughter Lucy Lutz (1900-1993) emigrated from Alsace [Germany] to Boston, afraid that Rosalie would not pass the physical at Ellis Island. The family had to promise to return their minor sons to Alsace for military service or forfeit their property. Rosalie’s husband who had served in and despised the military sold all the family’s property except one piece of land that was forfeited when the sons did not return.



Circ 979.421 P273 Hei

Heir Lines, v 42 #2, January 2018. (Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County, CA)