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### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. is to inspire interest in genealogy, inform and educate the public, and maintain a growing sustainable library with a strong online presence.

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### LIBRARY HOURS

The Jackson County Genealogy Library is temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

## The RVGS eNews



### CLASSES & EVENTS

The following RVGS classes and events are all offered via Zoom.

- Most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Programs & Classes** menu on our [website](#). Registration closes for most events the day before the event unless capacity is reached before then.
- New members to Interest Groups will need to register by [clicking here](#) to find the interest group of your choice.
- For more details, [click here](#) to view our website calendar.
- [Click here to find Zoom help on our website.](#)
- All times listed are Pacific Daylight Times.



### December Events – Registration now open

Monday, December 7, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, **Class: “Using Fold3 for Research”**  
Are you finding it difficult to effectively browse or search Fold3? Not sure what types of collections are available? Join us to learn navigation tips and tricks to ease your research efforts. We will also spotlight popular military conflict records found on Fold3, as well as some favorite non-military gems. The library edition of Fold3 is available to RVGS members through our website!  
Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for Non-members.

Monday, December 7, 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, **RVGS Board Meeting**  
All members are welcome to attend. Free to all.

Tuesday, December 8, **German Interest Group is canceled for December**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, **Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using "Family Tree Maker" software.

Wednesday, December 9, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, **Genetic Genealogy Interest Group**

This group is facilitated by Jeff Roberts.

Monday, December 14, **DNA Class Series "Success Stories and Brick Walls" – This class has been canceled.** The DNA Class Series will be relaunched in 2021. Watch the eNews and website.

Tuesday, December 15, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, **Program and Member meeting, "Board Officers Member Faire Affair."** Ever wonder what got someone interested in genealogy and what it was that kick-started their search? Come to this year's Member Faire Affair and hear what started our newly elected officers down the road to genealogy madness and addiction. Also, members will be voting on the 2021 proposed budget. Free to all.



**Coming Attractions – Registration opens soon, watch the website!**

Friday, January 8, 2021, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, **Class: "Was My Ancestor in the Civil War?"**

Brian Rhinehart will help us discover if our ancestors were among the nine percent of the population that fought in the American Civil War in the 1860's. Learn some tips on how to determine if your ancestor was in the Civil War, using (mostly) free resources. This is the first of two classes on researching Civil War records. Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Thursday, January 14, March 11, and May 13, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, **Class: "Introduction to Genealogy"** Anne Billeter will teach this class for genealogy

beginners including how to start, forms to use, documentation to seek, helpful clues, family search and subscription websites, online library catalogs, and why deduction is important. (The class is being repeated on each of the dates listed.) Cost: \$5 for all.

Saturday, January 16, 2021, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, **"Brick Wall Roundtable"**

Dave Horton will be the facilitator as we try and break down our brick walls. Please provide your questions at time of registration on the registration form. Free to all.

Tuesday, January 18, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, **Program and Member Meeting, "Protect Yourself Online"**

In this presentation and demo, Jeff Roberts will cover the high points of online security, with recommendations and references to further information. Free to all.

Tuesday, January 26, 1:30 - 2:30 PM, **Heirloom Genealogy, "The Life of the Walker Family Quilt"**

Linda Walker-Turner will trace the meandering family journey of the crazy quilt made by Mary (Molly) Elizabeth (Perry) Walker in the late 1880's. She will share how she came to be the current protector of this family heirloom and what she has learned about her great grandmother (the quilt maker) and subsequent family quilt caretakers. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Thursday, February 4, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, **Class: "Planning Your Successful Family Reunion"** with Marilyn Ayres.

Tuesday, February 16, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, **Program and Member Meeting, "Nectar of the Gods; The Mysteries and Histories of Rogue Valley Wines"** with Maureen Battistella.

Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, **"Let's Talk Genealogy Roundtable"** This is a new program, an open discussion re genealogy issues. All are welcome. Free to all.

Saturday, February 20, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM,  
**Seminar: "Profile of a Quaker; Finding a Friend in Colonial America"** with Steven W. Morrison.

## Register Now! Profile of a Quaker: Finding a Friend in Colonial America.



Saturday, February 20, 2021, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society presents

Profile of A Quaker: Finding a Friend in Colonial America

A virtual seminar with Steven W. Morrison via Zoom

Classes include:

- \* Profile of a Quaker - Finding a Friend in Colonial America
- \* Simply Amazing - US Quaker Records Online
- \* Quaker Migrations - Across Ye United States
- \* Ye Best Books - for Quaker Research

[Click here](#) for class details. Members \$45, non-members \$55. This event is supported in part by a grant from the Jackson County Cultural Coalition funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust investing in Oregon's arts, humanities, and heritage.

## Local Happenings

December 2, Noon- 1:00 PM, "**Windows in Time: Persistence: Chinese Labor and the Southern Oregon Railroads**"

Historian Larry Mullaly blends photographs and contemporary accounts into the story of the Chinese workers who helped bring railroads to Southern Oregon in the 1880s. Set against a social background of anti-Chinese sentiment, two major railroad companies pitted thousands of Chinese workers into the effort to join the Pacific Coast's two major railroads at the Oregon/California border. This epic, five-year struggle was among the last of the great Chinese building projects of the Far West. [Click here](#) to register.



December 6, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, "**Creating a Family Memory Book**" with Marilyn Ayres

There is one class left in the "Who Am I?" series presented by RVGS and Jackson County Library Services. FREE to the public. Registration is available now on the [JCLS website](https://jcls.libcal.com) (<https://jcls.libcal.com>) under Programs & Events/JCLS Events Calendar.

## Virtual Opportunities



February 25-27, 2021, **RootsTech Connect: A Free Online Conference Experience**

For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free. Get ready to celebrate shared connections with people from around the world. Connect with friends, your family, your past, and your heritage and homelands—all from the comfort of your home and in your browser. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Genealogy Conference Keeper

Looking for a specific class or seminar? Check out [Genealogy ConferenceKeeper.org](https://GenealogyConferenceKeeper.org), "quite simply, [ConferenceKeeper.org](https://ConferenceKeeper.org) is the most complete, entirely free, online calendar of genealogy conferences & events." The mission of ConferenceKeeper is to curate details of genealogy events and freely share the information on a single, organized website and across various social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram. Our goal is to increase the availability of information about opportunities for genealogists and family historians by providing details on Genealogy Conferences & Events, to genealogists' knowledge, skills, and enjoyment of genealogical research.

## RVGS NEWS

### Welcome New Members!



**Welcome** to Dolores Patricia Kauffman, April Diane Lewis, Lila Burmeister, Pamela Murphy, and Linda Vick, the newest members of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society!

## Successful Society Seminar

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society held a virtual seminar November 7 with Annette Burke Lytle as guest speaker. The nationally known genealogist from Florida delivered four classes. Her morning topics included using the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) for quality research practices and why a research plan can help produce positive outcomes with our genealogical challenges. The first afternoon session focused on how to research online newspapers and the free sites available. The last presentation was a case study about her Uncle William and how to reconstruct the life of an ancestor through factual evidence. She demonstrated this by using newspapers, military records, family notes, occupations, land records, burials, and his wives' histories. How many wives can one man have??? A partial quote from the Cheyenne daily newspaper described her Uncle William as "...a man much married...."



Enthusiasm was expressed for our speaker by local participants as well as those from far away in Montana and Northern Scotland. Keep in touch with the event calendar on our [website](#), the [eNews](#), and our [Facebook page](#) for future classes and programs, and [register now](#) for our next seminar: **"Profile of a Quaker: Finding a Friend in Colonial America"** on February 20, 2021, with speaker Steven W. Morrison.

## Free Vital Record Copies Available for Oregon Fire Victims



If you know anyone affected by Oregon's devastating wildfires, let them know the state will give them free duplicate copies of vital records.

The State Vital Records office *"will provide up to three (3) certified copies of a birth, death, marriage, divorce, domestic partnership or dissolution of domestic partnership free of charge if the record is requested in connection with Executive Order 20-35 related to wildfire response."*

This applies only to fires in Oregon. The waiver of fees lasts until March 1, 2021. [Full details are online here.](#)

## Heirloom Genealogy: Case Studies



Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. "The Life of the Walker Family Quilt" by Linda Walker-Turner. Mary (Mollie) Elizabeth Perry, born in a mining camp in 1865 in the Sierra Nevada mountains between Marysville and Nevada City, California,

moved with her family to Oregon, eventually settling in the Fruitdale district of Grants Pass. Here she married William Richard Walker, started a family, and created the crazy quilt now known as the Walker Family Quilt. Linda Walker-Turner will share her research discoveries about her great-grandmother, the quiltmaker, including the move to the Gold Hill area and the opening of a boarding house, restaurant, and livery stable. Linda's great aunt Della, oldest of the seven Walker children, inherited the quilt. Linda's research reveals how she came to be the honored caretaker of this family treasure, a beautiful crazy quilt.

## RVGS High School Scholarship

For the sixth year in a row, the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior residing in Jackson County and planning to attend a college or university in the state of Oregon in any field of study. Students in any Jackson County public, private, or charter high school, or home school are eligible to apply. Previous winners of the scholarship have come from



five different high schools. Application packets have been sent to all the high schools in Jackson County. A copy of the application can also be [found on our website](#). Help us spread the word! If you know a

student that you think would like to apply, please let them know. The application deadline is February 26, 2021. Contact [Marilyn Ayres](#), Scholarship Chairman, with any questions.

## Need a Tax Deduction for 2020?



Your donation before the end of this year can serve us both, you receive a tax deduction just by donating to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Annual Fund Drive and we can continue to provide the programs and services you need to find your ancestors!

Contributions can be made in two ways, 1) go to [www.rvgslibrary.org](http://www.rvgslibrary.org) > Support Us > Annual Fund Drive to donate online, or 2) you can mail a donation to the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford.

Thank you to all who have donated thus far in 2020!! Your contribution makes a difference!!

## Let Your Holiday Shopping Benefit RVGS!



### AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation

will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Every item available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is also available on AmazonSmile

([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Just log in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), select **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society** from the list of charities and start shopping!

### Fred Meyer Rewards

Do you use a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Did you know you can "donate" to RVGS without it costing you a dime?

- \* Go to [fredmeyer.com](http://fredmeyer.com).
- \* In the top right corner, click the Sign In button. If you have not previously created an account, you can do it here.
- \* After signing in, click in the same place, only now it displays your name, and choose My Account.
- \* Under My Account on the left side of the screen, click on Community Rewards.
- \* Here you can search for and choose your charity. We are listed as **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society**, organization number **PC623**.



## Oregon Cultural Trust Assists RVGS



Thanks to the Oregon Cultural Trust, the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society was a recent recipient of a Coronavirus Relief Fund for Cultural Support (CRFCS) grant! The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and appropriated \$150 billion to the Fund. The State of Oregon has allocated \$25,984,872 in CRF for Cultural Support (CRFCS) "for business, innovation and trade, for providing financial assistance to arts organizations and cultural and community venues that have canceled or postponed public programming because of economic conditions and executive orders associated with the COVID-19 pandemic."

The Cultural Trust was created by the state legislature in 2002 to fund culture in the state into perpetuity. Currently, more than 1,400 nonprofits, including the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc., are eligible to receive funds from the Cultural Trust.

Those funds are provided by Oregonians like you who receive a cultural tax credit for their donation to the Cultural Trust. Spreading the word about how easy it is to take advantage of the tax credit is how we grow funding for statewide culture. Here's how it works:

1. Total your donations to qualifying cultural nonprofits to which you donated all year. A full list of qualifying nonprofits can be found here: <http://culturaltrust.org/get-involved/nonprofits/>
2. Give the same amount to the Cultural Trust by Dec. 31 by mail or online
3. Claim the amount donated to the Cultural Trust as a tax credit when you file your taxes.\*

Your Cultural Trust contribution comes back to you in the form of a decreased tax bill or potentially an increased refund. You just doubled the impact of your contribution at no additional cost to you!

As you continue to support RVGS with your generous contributions, we hope you'll also match your donation with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust to strengthen funding for all of the cultural organizations that protect our great state's famous quality of life.

Remember to make your donation by December 31. Learn more or donate at [CulturalTrust.org](http://CulturalTrust.org) or (503) 986-0088 or consult your tax preparer.

\*Up to \$500 for an individual, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly or \$2,500 for Class-C corporations.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to keep busy? Do you want to become more involved at RVGS? We have projects and programs just

for you! Let us know what you like to do. We have numerous projects that need your help. Most projects can be done from the comfort of your home! Please complete the volunteer application on the website under Support Us > Volunteer Application.

## JCGL NEWS

### Library Services Available to RVGS Members

**Check out** circulating books and magazines (up to 4 at a time for 2 weeks)

**Lookups:** in a book or other item in the Jackson County Genealogy Library catalog

**Lookups:** familysearch.org images available at a family affiliate library

**Lookups:** If you DON'T have a computer or internet access, a JCGL volunteer will look up a *specific* item for you on our six subscription websites:

- \* American Ancestors
- \* Ancestry
- \* FindMyPast
- \* Fold3
- \* HistoryGeo
- \* MyHeritage

Email [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org) with your specific request.

### New Records Added to Our Accessible Subscription Websites (Partial List\*)

#### Ancestry.com

- \* Norway, Church Records, 1812-1938 (in Norwegian)
- \* Wales, Anglican Births, Marriages, and Baptisms, 1500's-1994, various locations



#### FindMyPast

- \* British Armed Forces, World War I Soldiers' Medical Records
- \* England, Warwickshire Burials, Birmingham, 1874-2016
  - \* Greater London Burial



Index, St. Olave's, Southwark, 1583-1665

- \* National School Admission Registers & Log-Books, 1870-1914
- \* Scotland, Ayrshire Census & Population Lists, 1801-1831
- \* United States, Veterans Oral History Index

**FamilySearch.org** (NOT a subscription); free, just open an account

- \* Arizona, Navajo County, Voting Records, 1895-1954

\*To see the list of updated and new record sets, on FamilySearch go to "Records," click on "Browse all Published Collections," click twice on the right-hand column heading "Last Updated" and you will see the list of the most recent updates and additions.



## 46 New Books and Maps Added in Nov.



**23** new books were added to the JCGL collection in November. Thanks to Julie Goodwine, our former map cataloger, and Jeanne Hoadley, our new map cataloger, 23 of the 46 new additions are maps! The

maps are stored in the map drawers by their call numbers (with a few exceptions) but are listed on the New Additions list with the books by Dewey number. The additions include 4 maps which are "Views of the Known World" in 1660, 1783, 1811, 1856 (Map 912). There are 9 maps of various parts of England (Map 942). There are 11 books about California (979.4) and 12 items about Oregon (979.5) including 5 maps. [Click here](#) to see the complete four-page list.



## New Periodicals

*American Spirit*, Daughters of the American Revolution [two issues]  
Circ 929.05 AmS v.154 (5), Sept/Oct 2020

New Mexico, The Dominion of

New England, Steamboats on America's waterways, Dutch influence on the American Revolution, Rug making in 18<sup>th</sup> century homes, Elizabeth Gilmore at Valley Forge.

Circ 929.05 AmS v.154 (6), Nov/Dec 2020

Historic bank buildings, Hunter's Home (last remaining Civil War mansion in Oklahoma), the Mayflower (400<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Wives of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Painter Benjamin West, Stephen Burroughs -- "colonial scoundrel", and Oneida woman Tyonajanegen and her service at the battles of Oriskany and Saratoga.



## Internet Genealogy

Circ 929.1 Int v.15 (4), Oct/Nov 2020

Spanish-language historical newspapers, Library and Archives Canada, The Bees (quilting, barn raising, threshing), Using city directories, "Non-population" US census schedules, Hats, Computer

program EverPresent and its use in digital preservation, and Finding relatives through DNA circles.

## Notable in the Backlog

*Armstrong Bulletin Board* (Circ 929.2 Armstrong), 1986-2002. Transcriptions and queries for all things Armstrong.

*Augustan (Society) Omnibus*: an international journal of history, genealogy and chivalry. (Circ 929.05 Aug)

*Genealogical Journal* (Circ 929.05 GJ) Misc issues, about 5" worth, from Utah Genealogical Association. Articles on known (and obscure) records, what's in them, how they work, where they are, with many examples from Utah genealogy.

*Macon County Historical Society* [TN] Newsletter, becomes Makin' History with v. 17. (Circ 976.8484 P273 Mac) 9 shelf inches in six binders. Another typical county historical society publication. Indexed in PERSI.

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**RVGS Membership**

Membership is available to all interested persons.

Membership privileges include:

- Free use of library
- Volunteer opportunities
- Reduced fees for genealogy classes and seminars
- Check out of materials
- Free access to subscription websites
- Society publications
- Interest groups
- Free mentoring
- Access to members-only web content

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*Smith County [TN] Historical and Genealogical Society, Quarterly Newsletter.* (Circ 976.852 P273 Smi) 1994-2013. 8 shelf inches, in seven binders. The standard transcriptions we usually see in county newsletters. Of note: Bible transcriptions (which are hard to find), and juicy bios of local characters. Indexed in PERSI and in each issue.

Small runs of new titles and fill-in issues of titles already on the shelf have been added. The following counties or societies are represented: AR: Craighead. CT: New London. GA: statewide. IN: *Hoosier Genealogist*. KY: Boone, statewide. MA: Nantucket. MO: Central Missouri. NY: Albany, Montgomery, Orange, Rensselaer, Schenectady. OH: Crawford. OR: Sherman. PA: Bradford. TN: Claiborne (Cumberland Gap), Middle Tennessee, statewide. TX: Caldwell, Fannin, Wise. VA: Washington. England: Kent, three small Catholic titles. Other: Huguenots, *Tri-State Genealogical Packet* (IL, IN, KY). Tryon County (NC, SC). *Southern Roots and Shoots* (AL, GA, TN). *Appalachian Families* (WV, VA, NC, SC, KY, TN)

Family surname publications: Barrett, Campbell (2 titles), Childers-Childress, Cleveland, Hayes, Mills, Nash, Wynne

**New Acquisition**



Ordnance Survey, Landranger series folded maps of Great Britain. (1974-current) The Society was gifted 137 of the 204 maps in this series. The scale is 1:50,000, (1 ¼ " to 1 mile). These detailed maps are a great resource for your English research. The southern two-thirds of the island are well represented in the holdings, while northern England and a good deal of Scotland are missing. The maps can be found in the Atlas (oversize) shelving below the window in the library. There is a handy instruction sheet in each box that explains how geographic reference points work in Great Britain.

If you are through with Ordnance Survey maps in your travel drawer, think about giving them to the library. A complete list of the numbers lacking can be found in the library's catalog ([rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org) > Library menu > Library Catalog). And, if you have the Ordnance Survey Gazetteer that you no longer need, send it along!

