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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



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I am finding myself a bit floored to realize that in only a few weeks our wonderful library will have been *temporarily* closed for a year due to COVID-19. A year! I know I speak for the entire Board when I say that we would have never predicted this in any crystal ball.

What can we do with this continued “free” time? Personally, I’ve turned to education—something that COVID-19 hasn’t managed to stop in our genealogy community. While we are all feeling the loss of not seeing each other’s smiling faces in person, I am excited about our Zoom classes and seminars. If you’ve already joined us for a class (or five), thank you! I’ve found them to be not only informative, but also a chance to fellowship with new and familiar faces about our favorite topic—our ancestors! If you aren’t the Zoom type, I encourage you to select a book from your collection that you may have been putting off reading or check out a circulation copy from our own library. I must admit to assembling my own collection of books over the years and realized that I hadn’t made time to read most of them cover to cover. I selected Val D. Greenwood’s *The Researcher’s Guide to American Genealogy* last week and am trying to read a chapter a day. I hope you’ll join me in turning this lemon of a year into an opportunity to expand our knowledge. It will ultimately help us grow as researchers and keep our minds active in the process.

Kim Thurman, RVGS President

### 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 Time Zone.

## Registration Now Open!

### Tuesday, March 2, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, Class: "Murder in the Family"



In this class, Deb Root Shell will describe how reading a mysterious word on a cemetery headstone set the presenter off on a yearlong search for the "rest of the story." The presentation takes the listener

through the research technique and sources used in her research, making a number of twists and turns along the way, and unraveling a family "secret" and community event that is still discussed and debated today. Cost: Members \$10, Non-members \$20

### Friday, March 5, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Class: "I Have a Civil War Ancestor... Now What?"



Brian Rhinehart will teach this second of the Civil War classes. Civil War soldiers often left a rich genealogical paper trail. Many of these records are tucked away at the National Archives in Washington DC. Learn what records are available for your

ancestors only at the National Archives, what records are online already, and how to access all of them. These records may unlock some of the family stories that have been forgotten over time, as well as break down a brick wall or two. Cost: Members \$10, Non-members \$20

### Monday, March 8, 9:30 - 12:00 Noon, Board Mtg

All members are welcome to attend. Free to all.

### Tuesday, March 9, 11:00 - 12:30 PM, German Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Mary Robsman.

### Tuesday, March 9, 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, March 10, 10:30 - 12:00 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Jeff Roberts.

### Thursday, March 11, and REPEATED May 13, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Class: "Introduction to Genealogy"



Anne Billeter will teach this class for genealogy beginners: how to start, forms to use, documentation to seek, helpful clues, FamilySearch and subscription websites, online library catalogs, and why

deduction is important.

Cost: \$5 for all.

### Saturday, March 13, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, "Brick Wall Roundtable" facilitated by Jan Dole

This discussion is open to all. Bring your questions, your puzzles, your brick walls, and we will put our heads together to see if we can find a way to get you close to your goal. You don't even have to have a "wall" to join us. We welcome you anyway and who knows, you may have a nugget that would help someone else. Cost: Free to all

### Tuesday, March 16, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting: "Are You Getting the Most Out of the RVGS Website?"



Following a short member meeting, Rich Miles, webmaster for RVGS/JCGL, will be conducting a tutorial on the ins and outs of getting the most out of the new RVGS website. Did you know you can subscribe? Do you know how to search

records? Can you filter the calendar events? Do you know how to access the library subscription websites? Come join us and learn the answers to all these questions and more. Cost: Free for all.

**Thursday, March 18, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, Class: "Creating a Family Memory Book" with Marilyn Ayres.**

Learn how to create a memory book to share with your family at your family reunion or at any time. This class is designed to help you put together your own and/or your family's memories, important family stories and lore, family genealogy, photographs and more in your own style and format. It is to be your book, you decide who will be your audience, the content, and its focus. We will also discuss necessary permissions, and printing locally, publishing online, or working with an editor and publisher for your finished product. Cost: \$10 members/\$20 non-members.

**Monday, March 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, DNA Class Series: "What Else Can I Do With My Raw DNA? Uploading to GEDmatch, MyHeritage and More"**

In this class, Lorita Cushman will talk about other sites you can upload your raw DNA to. You will learn how to upload to GEDmatch and MyHeritage. There will be time in class to do so. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

**Tuesday, March 23, 1:30 - 2:30 PM, Heirloom Genealogy Case Studies, "The Four Sisters' Basket Quilt"**



The Four Sisters' Basket Quilt is being presented as part of Women's History Month. Katie Haugse will tell us how she pieced together their life events, their ups and downs, and the heartache of the four sisters who made this basket quilt. She will explain how the quilt assisted her

genealogy search for more information about her Grandma's ancestors, how she discovered and pieced together more than she learned as a child about her family, and how through the box of newspaper clippings, voter records, and timelines she learned why Grandma wouldn't eat watermelon! Cost: Members \$5, Non-members \$10

**Thursday, March 25, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, "Timelines - Why Bother?"**



This class will be taught by Jan Dole. Have you hit one of those brick walls yet? If not, you will at some point as sure as summer follows spring. We all have brick walls and there are tools available to assist us in busting through them. You will be surprised how much a

timeline can help you and how many new connections you can make using one. A Timeline can also help you when you have multiple people with the same names. Cost: Members \$10, Non-Members \$20.

**Saturday, April 10, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, "The Joy of Irish Research"**

Conducting Irish research is an ongoing project. Our instructor, Joseph Hunter, spends most of his research time in Ireland, for himself and others. He has traced all sixteen of his 2X great-grandparents back to both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. He has utilized many record collections to do this, obtained a dual citizenship via the foreign birth register, and taken a research trip to Belfast to visit the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) with the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), in Boston. Cost: \$10 members/\$20 non-members.

**Tuesday, April 20, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, "Mistaken Roots: A Genealogical Cautionary Tale"**



Following a short member meeting, this program is presented by Deb Root Shell, Historian and President of Greater Cleveland, Ohio Genealogical Society. She will explain how a long-believed unsourced genealogy, and a much larger work based on it, took the presenter down the wrong research trail for years in work on that family line. It presents a case study of how better research methods led to the discovery of a "real" direct ancestor. Cost: Free to all.

**Saturday, April 24, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Seminar:  
"Research Like a Pro!"**



Do you have your research in order? Do you have a plan? Learn how to Research Like a Pro! Registration is open now! Join us for the RVGS virtual spring seminar, Research Like a Pro. Author of *Research Like A Pro, A*

*Genealogist's Guide*, Diana Elder, will present morning classes outlining steps to develop a research plan and organizing what research you have using solid methodology. In the afternoon, learn about the types of probate records created at the death of your ancestor and what tax records reveal. Go to [rvgslibray.org](http://rvgslibray.org) > Programs & Classes > About Our Seminars for more information.

**Monday, April 26, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, DNA Class Series, GEDmatch, I've joined, I see my matches, NOW WHAT?**

This class, taught by Lorita Cushman, will teach you about the different tools on GEDmatch and how to use them.

**Thursday, April 29, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, "Facebook for Genealogy"**



This class will be taught by Rich Miles. If you're not using Facebook as one of the tools in your genealogy toolbox, then you are missing out on a treasure-trove of resources.

Facebook has over 14,500 groups and pages related to genealogy. In this class, Rich Miles will teach you about the different types of genealogical resources on Facebook and how to navigate them. Come join us even if you are currently not a Facebook user. Cost: Members \$10, Non-members \$20.

## Virtual Opportunities

**Saturday, March 13, 2021, "Irish Internet Sites for Genealogical Research" with David Rencher presented by the Kentucky Genealogical Society**  
David Rencher is the head of the Family History



Library in Salt Lake City and chief genealogical officer for Family Search ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)). He is one of the world's leading Irish genealogical researchers.

With many archives and libraries currently closed, much of our Irish research needs to be conducted online. This session will focus on ways that you can accomplish much of your research and planning for future research while working online. In addition to the three major websites for Irish research, FamilySearch, FindMyPast, and Ancestry, there are a myriad of other research sites that offer excellent information and indexes for research.

This program is being made available free as a public service by the Kentucky Genealogical Society. To become a member, visit [www.kygs.org](http://www.kygs.org). Annual individual membership is \$20 and includes valuable member benefits, programs, and tools to help you research your Kentucky ancestors. [Click here to register.](#)

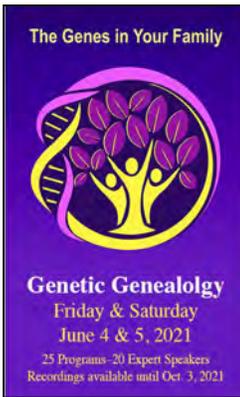
**Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 6:30 PM "Tracing Rural Residents: County Township Atlases, Plat Books, and Other Seldom-Used Sources, presented by Melinda Kashuba, Shasta Genealogical Society.**



Were your ancestors law-abiding people who lived in the countryside? Did they rent property rather than own it? Did they live quietly, without legal complications brought from disorderly or illegal behaviors? Perhaps your rural ancestor moved around from small town to small town, never rooting themselves in place? This lecture provides several strategies to research these hard-to-find rural ancestors that tended not to generate many of the typical records a genealogist might seek. Most of the presentation will feature county-level records. Request Zoom link from [sgs.edit@shastagen.org](mailto:sgs.edit@shastagen.org).

**June 4 - 5, Genetic Genealogy 2021, "The Genes in Your Family"**

DNA testing is an increasingly popular tool for genealogists. Learn the difference between



autosomal DNA, mtDNA and Y-DNA and which tool is useful for what type of investigation. There will be presentations from AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, Living DNA and MyHeritage DNA. The keynoter will be blogger Roberta Estes, MBA. Other notables presenting include Maurice J. Gleeson, MD of Genetic Genealogy Ireland,

Leah La Perle Larkin, PhD, creator of WATO, and DNA authors Emily Aulicino, MEd, and Richard Hill, MBA.



### AND June 11 - 12, Jamboree 2021 "The Stars in Your Family"

The 51st Genealogy Jamboree brings you nationally known speakers keeping you in touch with the latest developments in the field of genealogy. From coast to coast, from North to South, from our neighbors - Canada and Mexico - and from the Old World, our speakers can

help you find your ancestors' lives and stories. You'll be able to learn from many tried and true speakers and get surprising insights from speakers that are new to Jamboree.

Visit <https://genealogyjamboree.com/> for complete details on both virtual seminars.

## RVGS NEWS

### Welcome New Members!

**Welcome** to Vicki Bamman, Pamela Clarke, Carolyn Embry, Nancy Lester, Sue & Linda Lopez, Valerie Neelund, Pamela Ridley, Julie Traverse, and Julia Ann Wood, the newest members of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society!



### Volunteers Needed

#### Volunteer Director Opening

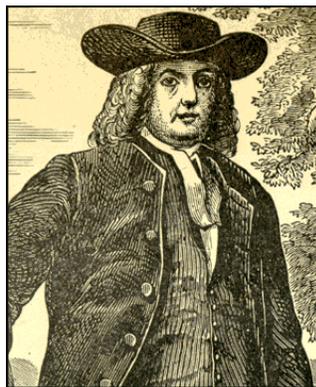
Are you looking for an opportunity

to be more involved with the society and meet new people who share your interest in genealogy? We have an opening for Volunteer Director that may be just right for you! This position is appointed by the President with the approval of the Board, is a voting member of the Board, and the term is one year. If you are interested, contact Kim Thurman at [president@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:president@rvgslibrary.org).

#### Love to Research?

With our library temporarily closed due to COVID, we have fellow members who are unable to access a computer to conduct their family research. If you are interested in helping a fellow member with growing their family tree during this time, we would be happy to connect you with those in need. If you can help, just [click here to fill out the Volunteer Application](#) on our website. Be sure to put "family research" in the "Other skills?" box.

### Quaker Seminar



Rogue Valley Genealogical Society hosted a successful seminar entitled *Profile of a Quaker: Finding a Friend In Colonial America*. Steven W. Morrison, speaker, had great slides and taught four classes to an enthusiastic Zoom audience. Attendees

reported the location of their Quaker families as well as research challenges, with which Steven assisted. Anne Billeter, Library Director, advised that we have a large collection of Quaker books at the Genealogy Library. Some books are circulating and can be checked out right now by sending an email to [reception@rvgslibrary.com](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.com).

The winner of the donated book, "Our Quaker Ancestors: Finding Them in Quaker Records" by Ellen Thomas Berry and David Allen Berry. c. 1987 was won by David Morris of Lacey, Washington. The 24-page Quaker Bibliography donated by Steven Morrison was won by Dorothy Cotton of Medford.

## Life Member Chuck Eccleston has died

Life Member, Past President, Volunteer Director extraordinaire, cemetery sleuth, land researcher. These are only a few of the best-known volunteer positions that Chuck held during his many years (at least 27) with RVGS. Chuck became Publicity Co-Chair with his wife Colleen in 1994, Vice President in 1996 (Jean Maack was President), President in 1997, Past President and Programs Chair in 1998, and Education chair in 1999 and 2000. Through a combination of Board level resignations, he once again took on the role of Past President in 2006 and continued in the role through 2013 when Charleen Brown stepped down from her 14-year presidency. Chuck then took on his last formal role, which was truly his signature accomplishment



throughout his entire volunteer years with RVGS, Volunteer Director. A few years ago, during a Board retreat attended by a number of active non-Board member volunteers, all but two people in attendance pointed to Chuck as the person who recruited them to RVGS. That is an accomplishment without equal!

RVGS was Chuck's passion. He was such a people person, engaging anyone and everyone in conversation, learning their interests and enthusiasms, then gently (or somewhat firmly) suggesting ways they could volunteer at RVGS. He undertook the highly successful Cemetery Project, partnering with Roger Roberts and Ron Brown to locate, research, and clean-up many burial locations throughout Jackson County, then recruiting caretakers to continue caring for them. His engineering background resulted in effective state highway signs directing people to RVGS. (This was especially important when we were located blocks from the highway in Phoenix!)

Charles Glenn Eccleston was 84 when he died 29 Jan 2021 at his home in Jackson County, Oregon. He is survived by his wife Colleen, sister Linda Vanderlip, brother Eugene Eccleston, daughter Karen Eccleston, son Craig Eccleston, and grandson Joshua. We mourn Chuck's loss and extend our sympathy to Colleen.

### Memories of Chuck

**Andrea Patterson:** "Chuck greeted me when I walked in the library door at 133 S. Central in 1996. The next thing I knew I was on a committee with him, Bruce McGarvey, and others. From there, he helped me navigate the library, fill out family group sheets and show me how to research in the Salt Lake City Library. In early 2014 he invited me to lunch and the next thing I knew I was society president after 9 years on the Board. His own research took a back seat to always helping others. He was the first person to become a Life Member. His dedication to the current building remodel was above the call of duty. He was there every day with a hammer or broom. His classes on Land Records and genealogy lectures were enjoyed by all. He had a passion for locating "forgotten" gravestones and cleaning up many old burial sites. In Medford, we had a special lady with mental disabilities who wore white gloves, walked the streets, and was known to all. When she passed, Chuck took it upon himself to locate her family and made every effort to find a home for "the white gloved lady's" ashes. That's who he was. How can one volunteer be so involved and effective? A lost treasure with his passing, but he will not be forgotten."

**Janie Stewart:** "John's and my friendship with Chuck and Colleen began somewhere around 2003 after we

met at Jacksonville Presbyterian Church. Soon, we were sharing dinner or dessert, followed by rousing games of cribbage a couple of times a month! And of course, the conversations were laced with stories of genealogy. Our interest sparked; we were introduced to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society in which the Ecclestons were very involved. I began searching for the Irish ancestors I thought I might have, but due to the very limited amount of information I had, I was unable to find anything about them. Remember, this was back in the days of Soundex and having to do most of the work required in searching the Internet. Well, Chuck was not one to admit, or allow me to admit defeat! One day he asked the name of my maternal great grandfather Columbus McGee. After searching under all the possible spellings of McGee and finding nothing, Chuck brilliantly entered the first name of 'Columbus' in the Pennsylvania Census Data Base! Lo and behold, there he was: Columbus MEGE. Who would ever have thought to spell it that way??? With his wife Isabella and their children, including my grandfather, I was off to the races and haven't stopped yet. With Chuck and Colleen's help and guidance, John, too, was able to trace his family back to Ireland and Scotland, with roots in his mother's line from three of the passengers on the Mayflower. We enjoyed several trips to Salt Lake City with the Ecclestons during the ensuing years, spent many hours rejoicing over breakthroughs and surprises, and our wonderful friendship continues to this day both here on earth and in Heaven."

**Jack Patterson:** "I got to know Chuck during the summer we remodeled the old Mexican restaurant into our library today. Not only was he an enthusiastic and energetic worker, but he was also friendly to anyone who entered and wanted to work or just look. He spent many hours doing a lot of the menial jobs and became known as our 'beloved swamper,' the one who cleaned up the messes no one else wanted to. Chuck was full of great ideas and took tremendous pride in the finished product. He will be missed."

**Charleen Brown:** "Chuck was a great people person. He could talk you into doing almost anything."

**Marilyn Maloney:** "He and Dirk Siedlecki helped the Lake Creek Historical Society with restoring our Lake Creek Cemetery, also known as Peck Cemetery. He was such a nice and helpful person."

Chuck credited his low membership number of 43 to that of his wife, Colleen. In order to pretend to be a founding member he said he had to pick out the prettiest member with the lowest number and marry her!

## BottleDrop Update

By Nancy Roberts, RVGS Recycle Coordinator



The RVGS Blue Bag BottleDrop fundraiser account for RVGS has been growing and growing! We just recently transferred over \$700 into the RVGS account! A huge thank you to all those who have

been consistently filling their Blue Bags with cans and bottles and either dropping them off at the library or the drop door at the redemption center.

BottleDrop Centers recently announced the opening of a new drop door site for Green and Blue Bags at the South Fred Meyer in Medford. You will find this new drop site on the south side of South Fred Meyer. See photo. This new BottleDrop Express site works like the Green and Blue Bag drop door at the Medford BottleDrop Redemption Center. Just scan your BottleDrop label to open the drop door and put your bags through. As many of us have experienced, the Medford Redemption Center can be very busy at times. This will be a welcome addition to the BottleDrop Green and Blue Bag Deposit program and its customers.

You can continue to pick up your Blue Bags at the library by simply emailing [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org) to make arrangements



for pick up. You may also continue to leave your FULL Blue Bags at the library, and we will deposit them for you, or you can use the new drop door at the South Fred Meyer or the drop door at the BottleDrop Redemption Center.

We are pleased to announce that there is another way to continue your donations to RVGS. The GREEN Bags!! Set up your own BottleDrop account online at [www.bottledropcenters.com/return-green-bags/](http://www.bottledropcenters.com/return-green-bags/). Search the participating **nonprofits** and choose the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society to benefit from your bottle and can deposits and click 'Donate' to transfer funds from a BottleDrop account to RVGS.

To obtain your Green Bags, go directly to the customer service desk at our local BottleDrop Redemption site to buy Green Bags. You do not have to wait your turn outside, just let the security person know you are purchasing Green Bags. The Green Bags cost 20 cents each, plus there is a 40-cent processing fee when returned. (RVGS pays those fees for the **Blue Bags**.) If any of you choose the Green Bag option for your donations, please let us know how it worked for you, just email [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org).

## 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 FamilySearch 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 seven subscription websites:

- \* American Ancestors

- \* Ancestry
  - \* FindMyPast
  - \* Fold3
  - \* HistoryGeo
  - \* MyHeritage
  - \* Newspapers.com Oregon Collection
- Email [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org) with your specific request.

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

#### Ancestry.com

- Germany, Bornheim, Births (1798-1900), Marriages (1798-1932), Deaths (1799-1932) [in German]
- Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1920-1951
- North Dakota, Naturalizations, 1873-1952



#### FindMyPast

- England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935
- Wales, Denbighshire Parish Records
- New York Roman Catholic Parish Records: new additions: Harlem, The Bronx, Yonkers, and Ulster County



#### MyHeritage

- American Overseas Military Burials, 1917-1974
- Ohio, Birth Index, 1959-1998
- U.S., Border Crossings from Canada, 1895-1956



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- Australia, Victoria Petty Sessions Registers, 1858-1985
- France, Isere, Parish & Civil Registration, 1540-1900



- Georgia, Tax Digests, 1787-1900
- \*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.

## 86 New Book, 17 Maps, and Oregonian on Microfilm Added in February



**103** new “items” were added to the JCGL collection in February, including **55** family histories. [Click here to see the complete ten-page list.](#)

Remember, books with “Circ” at the beginning of the call number may be checked out

by emailing [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org) to arrange a time to pick them up at the genealogy library.

In addition, three cabinets filled with microfilm of the *Oregonian* newspaper (1/1/1964 - 12/31/2008) are now part of the JCGL collection!

Two new purchased books deserve special mention:

*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* by John Grenham, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, 2019 is available for checkout! (Circ 941.5 D372 Gre 2019)

*Finding Early Connecticut Vital Records: The Barbour Index and Beyond* by Linda MacLachlan (974.6 V381 Mac) is an essential book for anyone researching pre-Civil War Connecticut vital records. As the author states in her introduction, “Every genealogist’s search for pre-Civil War Connecticut vital records should begin with the Barbour Index created by Lucius B. Barbour, Connecticut Examiner of Public Records from 1922 to 1934.” BUT, she goes on to say, “Resist the temptation to settle for the version of the ‘Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Records’ posted on Ancestry.com. As of 2019, it includes Barbour’s vital records from only 118 of the 149 Connecticut towns collecting them between

1640 and 1850.” The author then proceeds to provide detailed information about the exact locations of every known vital record for each of the 149 Connecticut towns, including six not included in Barbour. These exact locations include details of the rare private records accumulated and indexed by the Connecticut State Library, which is also the location of the Barbour Index (on 3 x 5 cards in an immense bank of drawers.) Following the author’s 19 page introduction, she presents a Finding Aid for each of the 149 towns. While the Genealogy Library is closed due to the pandemic, RVGS members may request a digital copy of a specific town’s finding aid (from 1-3 pages) by email, [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org)

## New Periodicals

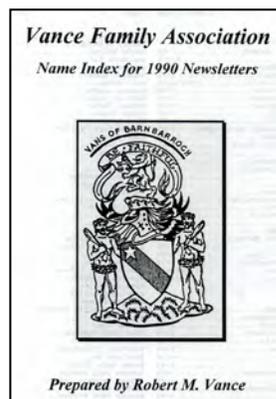


*NGS Magazine*, National Genealogical Society  
Circ 929.05 NGSM Jan-March 2021

The entire issue focuses on research in Virginia: Planning a research trip (and who has what); the Library of Virginia in Richmond (including a selected list of digital

collections available); Free Negro registers in Virginia; Legislative petitions and what they contain; Early settlers in the Shenandoah Valley; Transcription projects and how you might help; The 1918 flu pandemic; and an article on Genetic Genealogy testing options.

## New from the backlog



*Vance Family Association Newsletter*, v.1 (1985)-v.32 (2016) in 6 binders.  
Circ 929.2 Vance

If you have any **Vance** surnames in your tree, here’s the resource for you. This series is complete in the early years and includes a

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cumulative index to surnames and subjects. Holdings in the later years are more spotty but may be of use. Happily, there is a complete index to the newsletter at the Vance Family Association website. Browse on-line through the index to find the people you seek, then ask for the volumes you need. You'll find vital records, genealogies, queries and biographical sketches of Vance and related families here.

**New to the Surplus Book Sale**

Each month we will add books to the Surplus Book Sale, offering them locally (for less) before our internet book sale volunteers list them on Amazon. We want our members to have first chance! Books priced @ \$1.00 will not be listed. While the Genealogy Library is closed for the coronavirus pandemic, you may email [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org) and we will hold the books you specify for you to pick up by arrangement. Here are the books added in February:

- *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England* by James Savage, 4 vols. \$48.00
- *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* by Clarence Almon Torrey, rev. 1992 \$33.00
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