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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 Time Zone.



Registration Now Open!

Saturday, April 10, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, “The Joy of Irish Research”



Guest instructor Joe Hunter will discuss the research plan, records, strategy, and unique opportunity that the inclusion of DNA analysis and social networking plays in locating those distant connections. The speaker will also provide suggestions for additional research, and leave you smiling! In Irish Research, in many instances, traditional methods are not enough. [Click here for more information](#)

[and to register](#). Cost: \$10 members, \$20 non-members.

Monday, April 12, 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, Board Meeting

All members are welcome to attend. Free to all. Email webmaster@rvgslibrary.org for a Zoom link.

Tuesday, April 13, 11:00 AM - 12:30 Noon, German Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Mary Robsman.

Tuesday, April 13, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

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

Wednesday, April 14, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Jeff Roberts.

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



Following a short member meeting, Deb Root Shell, Historian and President of Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society of Ohio, 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. She presents a case study of how better research methods led to the discovery of a “real” direct ancestor. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, “Let’s Talk Genealogy Roundtable”



All are welcome to join in on our open discussions related to genealogy. We will meet every other month with a focused topic, but don't let that limit the discussions. It's a time for sharing new info you've run across, great books

or websites you've discovered, your success stories, a history lesson, classes you've attended, sharing handouts or whatever comes to your mind. 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 rvgslibrary.org > Programs & Classes menu > 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.

Tuesday, April 27, 1:30 - 2:30 PM, Heirloom Genealogy, “Ira and Red Clay”

Follow Sue Waldron’s research as she explores her great-grandfather’s unique life story. How and why did Ira C. Jones, Minnesota Native, become involved with clay, where did it lead him, and what did he do with it? Minnesota to Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Medford, Oregon. Cost: Members \$5, Non-members \$10.

Thursday, April 29, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, “Facebook for Genealogy”



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, instructor 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.

Monday, May 10, 9:30 AM - Noon, Board Meeting

All members are welcome to attend. Free to all. Email webmaster@rvgslibrary.org for a Zoom link.

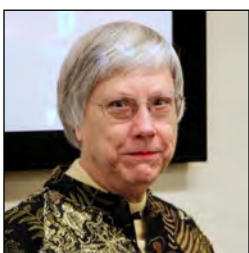
Monday, May 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, “Introduction to Canadian Research and Resources”

Kathy Griffin will lead this class. If your family story includes ancestors who emigrated from Canada to the United States, this workshop may help you find

out when and where they arrived in Canada, where they were born, where they lived, and what they did on the way to the United States. The class will explore resources available to trace your Canadian ancestors, with a focus on the Library and Archives of Canada and its wealth of information. We will talk about how to access the Archives, which includes – Birth, Marriage, and death records – Census records – Immigration records – Military records – Much more. We will also look at resources available here in the United States.

Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members

Thursday, May 13, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, “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, May 15, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, “Brick Wall Roundtable” with 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 closer 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

Wednesday, May 19, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon, “Mapping Your Ancestors”



In this class, Jeanne Hoadley will review the types of maps that may be useful to a genealogist, including an overview of the map collection at the Jackson County Genealogy Library.

The class will take a look at the David Rumsey Collection of Historical Maps and discuss how these

can be used to help tell your ancestor’s story. Finally, we will have a lesson in understanding the Public Land Survey System with case studies showing how to locate your ancestor’s homestead on a topographic map. Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Monday, May 24, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, DNA Class Series: “Color Clustering Plus”



Learn what color clustering is and how to do it. You will see tools Lorita Cushman has developed to enhance color clustering. We

will take time in class to work on your DNA color clustering. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Tuesday, May 25, 1:30 - 2:30 PM, Heirloom Genealogy - “Finding Friends in Talent”

Jan Wright will present this talk. Who knows you best? Is it your family or your friends? An example of how genealogical research can sometimes be productive through associations outside of the family will be revealed through a 1937 friendship quilt from Talent, Oregon. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Virtual Opportunities

April 1 - May 31, Virtual NERGC 2021, “Springing from the Past into the Future”



Springing From the Past Into the Future

The traditional NERGC (New England Regional Genealogical Consortium)

conference is a three-day event. The virtual event will have three Gathering Days with scheduled presentations and a live chat with the featured speakers. In addition to the Gathering Days, there are three additional ‘tracks,’ at an additional cost to attendees that will occur on Saturdays. Each is a set of four presentations as well as a speaker’s panel discussion on a specific topic. Another aspect of the

Virtual NERGC 2021 is a set of 60 additional presentations that are recorded and available 'on-demand' until May 31, 2021. Additional activities throughout the 61 days include – SIG's, Ancestor Road Show, Society Fair, Library & Archive, and Exhibit Hall, open 24x7 for 61 days, with many vendors opting to include scheduled appointments and/or video chats as optional activities at their booths. [Click here for more information.](#)

Friday, April 9 - 10, Indiana Genealogical Society 2021 Annual Conference

The [Indiana Genealogical Society 2021 Annual Conference](#) is a 2-day virtual conference. Librarians from the Allen County Public Library will present four sessions on Friday, 9 April 2021. Lisa Louise Cooke will present four sessions on Saturday, 10 April 2021. This Zoom conference is being sponsored by VIVID-PIX and will be free to everyone. See the [IGS website for a complete schedule and links to register.](#)



Friday, April 16 - 18, Genealogical Forum of Oregon presents "Genealogy Zoomboree"

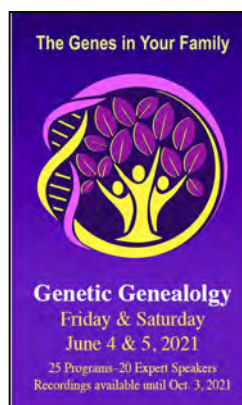
Join GFO for a multicultural Genealogy Zoomboree! Four nationally known experts show you how to track seemingly invisible records and people. This is a three-day, live, and online event. Registration for one, two, three or all four speakers is online only. The Zoom link for the event will be emailed to you about one week prior to the event, along with the handouts. All handouts are electronic and are included with your registration. All sessions will be recorded and videos available to registrants through May 2. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)



May 7 - 8, 2021 Heartland Family History Conference, "Finding New Connections"

The Heartland Family History Conference will be hosting a virtual event again this year, with two days of "live" programming on May 7-8, followed by 90 days of on-demand access to recorded content, their virtual exhibit hall, and participant networking opportunities. The featured speaker this year is Billie Stone Fogarty, who will be presenting four sessions. In addition, they will be offering more than 30 breakout sessions presented by regional, national, and international speakers. More details and registration information can be found on the [conference website.](#)

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.

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 who are new to Jamboree. Visit <https://genealogyjamboree.com/> for complete details on both virtual seminars.

genealogist for the Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society (VHAS).

On most days, Joe can be found pursuing some forgotten ancestor, in an obscure place. As his wife likes to say, "Joe, you have more dead friends, than living ones." Genealogy is the gift that keeps on giving. No time to waste!

Cost: \$10 members, \$20 non-members. [Click here to register](#). Registration closes, and the Zoom link will be sent out the day before the class.

The Joy of Irish Research with Joe Hunter



Saturday, April 10, 10:00 - 11:30 AM via Zoom

The search for Irish ancestors is much more than finding birth, marriage, and death records. As in life, the journey to finding Irish

ancestors is far more interesting than the destination! This presentation will include interesting findings, and compelling ideas, for incorporating unique strategies to locate distant ancestors, and finding family in Ireland, even today, using the speaker's personal experiences, and ever evolving research plan. Begin, with the end in mind. The speaker will discuss the research plan, records, strategy, and unique opportunity that the inclusion of DNA analysis and social networking plays in locating those distant connections. The speaker will also provide suggestions for additional research and leave you smiling! In Irish Research, in many instances, traditional methods are not enough.

Joe has been researching his family history for the last 24 years, having traced all (16) of his 2X great-grandparents back to Ireland. Joe has utilized his research to obtain dual citizenship with Ireland and participated in a research trip with New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) to the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in 2012.

Joe has a certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University (OL29), is a current participant in the ProGen (50) Study Groups and is on the Board of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of APG. He is the presentation coordinator for The Main Line Genealogy Club (MLGC) and is a volunteer

Register NOW for our Spring Seminar



Do you have your research in order? Do you have a plan? Learn how to Research Like a Pro! Join us for the RVGS virtual spring seminar with the author of *Research Like A Pro, A Genealogist's Guide*, Diana

Elder. Sessions include:

- **Research Objectives and Timeline Analysis:** Learn how to form an objective that will focus the research, then how to review your research by creating a timeline analysis.
- **Location and Research Planning:** Discover the value of constructing a locality guide to direct your research, then how to create a research plan using the best resources for the objective.
- **Citations and Research Logs:** Learn a simple method to style source citations and how to set up a research log to organize and track your searches.
- **Research Reports:** Discover the importance of writing your research conclusions in a report detailing your findings for future research.
- **Find Your Family in Probate Records:** Learn about the types of probate records created upon an individual's death, how to locate them, and how to use them in your research.
- **Tax Records Tell the Story - Cluster and Neighborhood Research:** Learn how tax records can help locate individuals, identify neighborhood groupings, and separate individuals from others of the same name.

Go to rvgslibrary.org > Programs & Classes > About Our Seminars for more information.

Welcome New Members!



Welcome to Paula Daniels, Jamie Fields, Scott Henselman, Linda L. McKeen, I. Joela Oetterer, Connie Silver, Sharon Stewart, Sarah Tugman, Waverly Williams, and Dixie Wonser, the newest members of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society!

RVGS eNews Subscriptions

New RVGS members are automatically subscribed to the eNews mailing list. If you are not a member, you can [subscribe by clicking here](#). If you choose to unsubscribe through Constant Contact, be advised that RVGS will not be able to send you ANY emails, including those for classes and events. Instead, email webmaster@rvgslibrary.org to have your name removed from the eNews list but remain in our database for other mailings.

Researching a Family Secret

By Andrea Patterson



Rogue Valley Genealogical Society presented guest speaker Deb Shell for a class entitled “Murder in the Family: Researching a 111-Year-Old Mystery.”

Her curiosity reading a tombstone inscription that said, “Homer Hart...Killed Jan. 31, 1910” took her on a two-year research journey to find out how and why.

She began with newspaper research in Washington Co., Ohio, where the murder took place. Deb said she soon wanted more details and began many trips to libraries and archives. She subsequently viewed original indictments, manuscripts, and trial documents in addition to newspaper reports.

The suspect, Clement Coulter, was found guilty of 2nd degree murder and sentenced to life in 1912. So

why was he listed in a 1920 Census Record of Ohio living with his wife and children?

Educating the class attendees with this case study, Shell continued explaining her research strategies using records of the Court of Common Pleas, pardon papers, and affidavits written to the Governor asking for a release so “he could continue to care for his family.” Coulter received a Governor’s pardon in 1914 for “honorary behavior” both in prison and in his work release program at a sanitorium. Shell highlighted [Bertillon Cards on FamilySearch](#), a new research tool for many of us.

While there was no trial transcript, she learned from newspaper research that the all-male jury had their pictures and names on the front page of the [Ohio] Weekly Register. She learned of the family members who were witnesses to the murder of his neighbor with whom he had arguments over land and timber.

Deb Shell a retired librarian, author and current President of the Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society demonstrated how to get the story behind a family secret which led to much more information than dates and places for her family.

Shell will be guest presenter at the RVGS Program & Member Meeting April 20th at 1:30 presenting “Mistaken Roots: A Genealogical Cautionary Tale.”

RVGS Family History Library Research Trip Scheduled

October 3 to October 10, 2021

Who would have thought that it would be 2021 before we could get our annual research trip back on track? As we start looking into a very realistic future, we have rescheduled our Salt Lake City research trip for this coming October 3 through October 10. The fresh air of autumn in the Rockies will be fabulous! We now have a chance to experience that climate and the ultimate genealogy research trip with fellow RVGS members and friends. Come join us to explore the five floors of research treasures only found in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Researching in the library, with its resources and on-

hand experts, has no comparison. At this time the Family History Library remains closed, but they hope to be open and available in time by October.

RVGS has reserved 15 rooms at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel for the week beginning October 3 through October 10, 2021. Please call the hotel directly at 800-366-3684 to reserve your room, asking for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society discounted rate. Our rooms are only being held until September 1. No penalty room cancellation is allowed up to 72 hours prior to arrival date.



Delta Airlines still offers direct flights to Salt Lake City, but connecting flights are also available

through Alaska Air and United. If you are adventurous or would feel safer, driving is another option. All of these airlines allow flexible rescheduling without penalty.

When you make your decision to join our October trip, reserve your room, schedule your flight, and notify Ann Baracker that you plan to attend. Your name will be added to the list of attendees. The SLC binder will be back in the library as soon as we reopen. Please also email Ann Baracker if you have any questions or concerns at abaracker@gmail.com.

To get you in the mood to research at the Family History Library this fall, see the link below to classes available at their online site. There is a wealth of information ranging from Beginning Research Techniques to German and Danish Census Records Classes. [Click here to check it out!](#)

National Archives “History Hub”

By Pat Jenkins

With the National Archives closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it looked like we would not be able to



access information for a while. However, in an article that caught my attention in the

December issue of the *NGS Magazine*, it appears that the United States Archivist, David S. Ferriero, announced a pilot project called “History Hub” in which researchers could connect with others interested in their topic and expertise. It would be a kind of a “support community for researchers, citizen historians, historians, archival professionals, and open government advocates to provide the answers, interpretations, and perspectives.” The pilot was such a success that it became a permanent and active website. The site remains open for remote inquiries and requests. Students and their history professors, other history buffs with expertise in the appropriate areas and the NARA staff familiar with the records, check in and offer their assistance to the inquiries. The home page, historyhub.history.gov, offers useful blog posts and popular content, connections to special interest groups and more. Just click on “Get Started!” and find out how to register for free and how to ask a question. There is also a video about “[Exploring History Hub for Genealogists and Researchers](#).”

German Interest Group Resource Webpage Recognized

By Mary Tsui



Members of the RVGS German Interest Group (GIG) were astonished and delighted to find out that Family

Tree Tours / Kathy Wurth listed their recently introduced webpage in the seven sites singled out for mention in their “Little Known Ways to Research Your German Ancestors” webinar. The page on the RVGS website was developed by the German Interest Group members through a subcommittee led by GIG Facilitator Mary Robsman, assisted by Ann Baracker and Mary Tsui. Everything was, of course, channeled through Webmaster Rich Miles

who demonstrated heroic patience and skill with the many iterations the site passed through on its way to presentation. The page was developed as a means of preserving and organizing the many resources identified by GIG members; that it can be used by other researchers across the world is a pleasant surprise. [Click here to explore the GIG Resource Page](#). To find it on our website go to: rvgslibrary.org > Programs & Classes > About Our Interest Groups > Visit the GIG resource page.

Darrell and Margaret (Darneille) Stafford



We just learned of the death of RVGS member Darrell Stafford, who died 12 Feb 2020 in Grants Pass. His wife Margaret (Darneille) Stafford preceded

him 23 Sep 2015. Darrell and Margaret met on the school bus while in the 8th grade, just prior to attending Grants Pass High School. Margaret was a fifth generation Oregonian. They married 2 Sep 1951 at Newman United Methodist Church in Grants Pass. Darrell received a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering from Oregon State College (now OSU) in 1953. The Staffords moved to Peoria, Illinois, where Darrell worked for Caterpillar Inc. for over 40 years, after a two-year hiatus as a member of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. They summered in the Redwood area of Grants Pass during their years in Illinois, joined the Josephine County Historical Society (JCHS) in 1962, and joined RVGS in January 1998, just prior to retiring to Grants Pass. Darrell was an active volunteer with JCHS, serving as Board Parliamentarian and as a Living History Player. (Reprinted with additions, from *The New Oldtimer*, Josephine County Historical Society, April 2020.)

Hit a Brick Wall? Have you tried Facebook?

By Kathie Ordal
Lately, I've been trying to sort out four Jesse

Palmers, all born around the same time while censuses were all about tallying rather than naming family members, all in Tennessee, and all married to a Martha. I dove into Ancestry, FamilySearch, TN GenWeb, Rootsweb, county histories, and more, but got nowhere. So, I went onto Facebook and searched for a genealogy group for that state and county. I specifically outlined my issue and within two hours, the administrator of the page sent me nine messages with information and tips I hadn't come up with on my own, and then she nailed it home with DNA. This not only enabled me to find the right Jesse, but it also got me back two more generations!



This isn't the first time I've turned to genealogy groups on Facebook; in fact, I belong to quite a few. My family came from Counties Roscommon and Wexford in Ireland, and I "chat" regularly with people in those counties, including the author of the book *Landed Estates of County Roscommon*. I grew up in Tillamook, Oregon, and belong to Old Tillamook Times where we all work out old photos, families, stories and details about the early years when Tillamook was being settled. My mother is Finnish, and I can't tell you how much fun it is to follow Finnish Genealogy on Facebook. Many times, someone will put in a message that they are totally stuck and can't decipher the Finnish or find out anything about their ancestor. Usually within 24 hours the Finns will have everything worked out and that person will know who their ancestors were, where they lived, what church they went to, when they migrated and on what ship, and they will have links to the documents. It's incredibly inspiring to watch them at work.

There won't be an answer for every inquiry. However, through these groups you can learn about the area where your ancestor lived, learn about the cemeteries in the area, migration waves, historical gossip, and so much more to help make your story more complete. I've literally met my own cousins and cousins of people whose history I'm researching in these groups and it's a real hoot. I have stories

about my family and others that you'll never find online that have given the stories I write so much more character than I ever imagined. My favorite? A dad, not liking his daughter's fiancé, offered her one of his farms if she didn't marry him. She did it anyway and he gave her the farm anyway. The husband lost the farm in a gambling scheme and as it was being auctioned off, a horseman came flying out to her farm to tell her that her farm was on the auction block. She jumped on her own horse, rode into town, bid on her farm and got it back.

Happy hunting!
Kathie Ordal



Editor's note: To learn more about using Facebook for genealogical research, join instructor Rich Miles for "Facebook for Genealogy" April 29, 1:30 PM. [Click here for more information.](#)

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.



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.

JCGL NEWS

Library Services available to RVGS members:

- **Check out** circulating books (Circ) 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 only 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, and Newspapers.com Oregon Collection.



Email reception@rvgslibrary.org with your specific request.

Oregon State Archives Recognized



FamilyTree magazine recently announced their list of the "75 Best State Genealogy Websites of 2020." Oregon State Archives: Archival Records was listed! [Click here to visit the site.](#) Collections with genealogy

records are indicated in green. For example, the Oregon Historical County Records Guide includes county maps, histories and record inventories. The Oregon Historical Records Index covers names from county records, including vital, naturalization and probate records.

New Digitized Newspaper Site Launched



For those of you researching in Colorado and Wyoming, we're

happy to pass along that the *Plains to Peaks Historic Newspapers* database launched in December 2020 and is FREE for use! A collaboration between the Colorado and Wyoming State Libraries and the

University of Wyoming, the collection can be either searched or browsed by date, location, and title. Be sure to bookmark the site for your newspaper research, www.ppc-historicnewspapers.org!

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

Ancestry

- Oregon, State Divorces, 1925-1968
- Ireland, Poor Law and Board of Guardian Records, 1839-1920
- Ireland, Valuation Records, 1824-1856



FindMyPast

- London Fire Brigade Reports, 1915-1918 (damage from World War I bombing, with names and addresses)
- National Burial Index for England and Wales
- Cambridgeshire, Licensed Victuallers (pub landlords)
- Durham, Diocese, Marriage Licenses
- Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Monumental Inscriptions
- Essex Baptisms
- Kent Baptisms and Marriages
- U.S. Black Loyalists evacuated in 1783 by British from New York after defeat in American War for Independence



MyHeritage

The Lithuanian-Jewish Records from LitvakSIG, 1795–1940 collection consists of several million historical records and covers the era from the Russian Empire (1795 to World War I) to the period of independent Lithuania (1919–1940). The majority of records are from places in present-day Lithuania. However, due to various geopolitical changes during the time period covered, the records



are not limited to the modern boundaries of Lithuania; they also cover areas located in present-day Poland, Belarus, or other neighboring countries. The records in this compilation include vital records, census records, tax and voter lists, conscription lists, household registers, directories, emigration lists, and more.

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

- California, Great Registers, 1850-1920
- Illinois, Cook County, Birth Certificates, 1871-1949
- Missouri, Pre-World War II Adjutant General Enlistment Contracts, 1900-1941
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c1955 (28 of the 30 federal land states: Alaska and Missouri are not included)

*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.



138 New Books and 11 CD-ROMs Added to JCGL in March

149 new "items" were added to the JCGL collection in March, including:

- **45 pamphlets about English research (942 P144)**
- **25 books about Indiana (977.2)**
- **10 books about Massachusetts (974.4)**
- **5 books about Indians of North America (970.004.)**



[Click here to see the complete 13-page list.](#) Remember: Books with "Circ" at the beginning of the call number may be checked out by emailing reception@rvgslibrary.org to arrange a time to pick them up at the Genealogy Library.

New Periodicals



American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution, Circ 929.05 AmS March/April 2021

Colonial cakes (with recipes); the Davenport House Museum, Savannah; Women in the Revolution (and a discussion of Coverture records); Susan Rowson, America's first bestselling

novelist; "The power of conversation," the salon system; and the 1793 yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia.



Internet Genealogy
Circ 929.1 Int March 2021

Understanding historical medical terminology, Mail-order catalogs, State fair lists, Railroad records, Taxes on clocks and watches [who knew?], MacFamilyTree 9, WPA records, and Organizing your computer files. *Internet Genealogy* is available on-line on the RVGS website.



American Ancestors, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Circ 974 P273 AA Winter 2021

Exploring the digital records of the Society on-line (available to you during the pandemic through your membership in RVGS); Ancestry of Pres. Joe Biden;

Boston archaeology; Hector's passenger list; The story of two families from Lebanon (Shamon and Assaf) who settled in Boston; and "Were Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee related?"

Heir Lines, Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County [CA], Circ 979.421 P273 Hei Jan 2021

Chiefly transcriptions of news articles from California newspapers about happenings in Northern California. Happily, there is an index to people mentioned.

Douglas County Pioneer, Genealogical Society of Douglas County (Oregon), Circ 979.529 P273 Dou v.35(1)

Thumbnails about the Santa Fe Trail, Bridges named for Douglas county women (Mary Beckley, Martha Rice, Mary Moore, Caroline Raymond); List of Douglas County Turkey Growers, 1935; Early photographers of Douglas County; and transcriptions of records -- Marriage Book 6; Guardianship vol. 2; 1907 School census for Oak Knoll, Millwood (Hubbard Creek), Green Valley, Ruckles (Dole); Petition for naturalization Ledger 6 -- Oberholzer, McDonald, Sjogren, Madden, Lubcke, and Hedberg.

Many back-issues have also been added. The Society has been active transcribing records of interest to their members. If you have Douglas County ancestors, this newsletter might have information of value to you.

Oregon Genealogical Society Journal, (Eugene), Circ 979.531 P273 Ore v.59(1)

Oregon pioneers James Amis and Betsy McCollum; Sidney Cecelia Park (1830-1911); Searching for Kibbey/Kibbe ancestors; Lee Sawyer; Searching PERSI (hints); Records from the "Lost Wagon Train of the Elliott Cutoff" (families Beale, Millican, and McLean); News clippings, 1895; Oregon pioneers Lewis Hulick and Margaret Gobel.

The Bulletin, Quarterly Magazine of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Circ 979.549 P273 Bul v.70(3)

Mary Ellen Cheatham of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (and a look at African American records); A celebration of 75 years of the GFO and its founders; Rejected or canceled Donation Land Claims in Oregon; and Family Bibles of Joseph Linebaugh and Elizabeth C Lee, Robert Benham Burch and Anne Nichols; and Joseph P Caldwell and Mary E. Morrell.

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- *Santa Cruz, the Early Years* by Leon Rowland, 1980 \$6.00
- *Ghost Towns of the Santa Cruz Mountains* by John V. Young, 1979 \$5.50
- *Spanish-Mexican Families of Early California: 1769-1850* by Marie E. Northrop, vol. 1 & 2, 1976, 1984 \$170.00
- *Ulster County, New York Probate Records*, two volumes in one by Gustave Anjou, reprint 1996 (has loose pages) \$4.00
- *History of the Town of Marlborough, Ulster County, New York, from the First Settlement in 1712* by Captain Wm. Bond to 1887 by Charles H. Cochrane, facsimile reprint 2006 \$7.50
- *History of New Paltz, New York and its Old Families from 1678 to 1820* by Ralph Lefevre, Facsimile reprint 2003 \$21.00
- *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State* by James A. Roberts, 2nd ed 1898, bound with *New York In the Revolution as Colony and State* compiled by Frederic G. Mather, volume II, 1901, reprinted 1996 \$33.00
- *Records of the Town of Plymouth*, v. 1-3, 1636-1783, reprint 1995 \$37.00
- *Genealogical Register of Plymouth Families* by William T. Davis, reprint 1985 \$9.00
- *Monterey County Place Names* by Donald Thomas Clark \$21.00
- *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 143, #1, January 2012 Contents: Otho Oliver of New York City and Washington County, Maryland: his parents and descendants. Bankhead, Joseph and Daniel Chaplin of the town of Virgil, Cortland County, New York. Major Jelles Fonda's store ledger, 1756-1794, Caughnawaga, New York (continued). Gertrude Barber, Minnie Cowen, and Ray Sawyer: the sisters who indexed New York (continued). Persons in Suffolk County, Long Island, who took the oath of allegiance and peaceable behavior, 1778 (concluded). \$15.00
- *Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States* by Christina K. Schaefer, 1997 \$11.00
- *Old Naval Days: Sketches from the Life of Rear Admiral William Radford, U.S.N.* by Sophie Radford de Meissner, 1920 \$21.00
- *Cervantes-Walls Spanish and English Dictionary*, 1997 \$3.00
- *Law and Community on the Mexican California Frontier* by David J. Langum Sr., 2nd ed., 2006 \$3.00
- *My First Summer in the Sierra* by John Muir, hardcover, 1988 \$4.00
- *Two Years Before the Mast* by Richard Henry Dana, Jr., 1964, 2 vols., hardcover \$12.00

