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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

JCGL is open with temporary hours, Monday - Saturday, 1:00—4:00 PM

## The RVGS eNews



### Jackson County Genealogy Library is OPEN!



The Jackson County Genealogy Library has reopened with temporary limited hours. The library is open for research Monday – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Come on down and find your family! Our friendly volunteer librarians are here to help you. Keep an eye on the eNews, our website, and Facebook for updates and changes. We are working on a plan for events that take place both on Zoom and in person at the library. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new world.

### 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!

**Note:** During the months of July and August, the Program and Member Meeting as well as the Heirloom Genealogy talk will not be presented.

### Friday, August 6, 10:30 - Noon, “The DAR Genealogical System”



Take a guided tour of the multi-faceted Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System (GRS). The GRS is available to everyone. It offers a variety of publications, indexes, and original documents, many of which cannot be found elsewhere. Carla S. Cegielski, guest speaker, is a full-time genealogical researcher, lecturer and writer who speaks frequently to societies and at

conferences. She writes the Tech Tips column in the quarterly *NGS Magazine*.

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

### **Monday, August 9, 9:30 - Noon, Board Meeting**

This meeting will be in person at JCGL. All members are welcome to attend. The library is closed in the mornings, so come to the side door and ring the bell. If not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask to the meeting. Proof of vaccination is required for the first visit. Free to all

### **Tuesday, August 10, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, German Interest Group**

This group is facilitated by Mary Robsman.

### **Tuesday, August 10, 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, August 11, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group**

This group is facilitated by Jeff Roberts.

### **Thursday, August 12, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, "Using Zoom"**



This repeat class has just been added to the calendar for those who missed the first class and for those who need a review. "Using Zoom" will be taught by Kim Thurman. There is no charge for this class, but you must register in advance to get the link.

Cost: Free to all.

### **Tuesday, August 17, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Let's Talk Genealogy Roundtable**



Let's talk about Scandinavia! Andrea Patterson will join us with a 10-minute PowerPoint overview of researching your family in the Scandinavian countries. What do you have, what have you done, what tools do you need, and where will you start your research? The big question: are you ready to "jump the pond" to Sweden, Norway, Finland, or

Denmark? The group may share reasons families immigrated. Facilitated by Pat Jenkins.

Free to all.

### **Wednesday, August 25, 10:30 - Noon, "Ready to Research on Site? Homework Before You Go!"**



Planning a research trip? Whether it's a library, archive, or historical center, in this class Deb Shell (a retired librarian, archivist, and published genealogy and history author) will help you prepare to make a

successful trip. Emphasis is on locating free internet sources, viewing a repository's catalog, and making a plan. Don't waste your time, prepare, prepare, prepare!

Cost: Members \$10, Non-Members \$20.

## **Coming Soon!**

### **Friday, September 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group**

Facilitated by Barbara Halvorsen.

### **Saturday, September 18 and Monday thru Friday, September 20 - 24, Genealogy Week**

FREE classes!

### **Saturday, September 25, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Seminar, "North American Migration; In, Out and Across" with Tricia Oberndorf. See website for details.**

Cost: \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members.

### **Thursday, October 14, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, CLASS: "Building Your Family Tree on Ancestry" with Rich Miles**

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

### **Tuesday, October 19, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, PROGRAM: "Cemetery Superstitions" with Cathy Wallace**

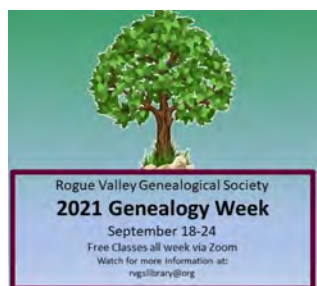
Cost: Free to all

## **Irish Interest Group to Restart**

The Irish Interest Group will begin again on

September 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, via Zoom. The group will continue to meet on the second Friday of each month at the same time. All the meetings will initially be virtual. If you want to join the group, sign into the RVGS website, [rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org), click on "Program & Classes," go to "About Our Interest Groups" and follow the directions in the first paragraph. The link for the meeting will be emailed to you the afternoon before the meeting. If you have any questions, please email Barbara Halvorsen at [bjahh97504@gmail.com](mailto:bjahh97504@gmail.com).  
Cost: Free for members, \$5.00 for non-members.

## Save the Date for Genealogy Week!



RVGS Genealogy week is back for 2021, September 18 - 24. Enjoy six days of FREE classes, two classes a day, followed by our fall seminar on Saturday, September 25! There's something for everyone.

All classes will be presented via Zoom. Sign up for one, sign up for some, or sign up for all! More information on classes and registration will be available soon, watch for details on our website at [rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org).

## Registration is now open for Virtual RVGS Fall Seminar

### NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION: IN, OUT, and ACROSS

**Saturday, September 25, 2021, 10:00 - 4:00 PDT**



**Tricia Oberndorf,  
Genealogist  
\$45 Members; \$55 non-Members**

North American trails and their expanding development over the years put researchers in a position to examine new strategies and resources to discover more about our ancestors. You won't want to miss our seminar in September covering how to explore colonial migration to North America and travels westward.

Sessions include:

- Getting Started: Who, What, When, Where and

### Why of Migration

- Colonial Migration to North America
- Expansion of a New Nation
- Fulfilling Manifest Destiny
- Migration Research and Resources

To register, go to [www.rvgslibrary.org](http://www.rvgslibrary.org) > Programs & Classes > About Our Seminars. [Click here for a printable flyer.](#) [Click here to read Tricia's bio.](#)

## Local Happenings

### Wednesday, Aug 4, Noon – 1:00 PM, Windows in Time: "Making History Together: the 75-year story of the Southern Oregon Historical Society"



From the beginning, the story of the Southern Oregon Historical Society (SOHS) was one of people coming together to enhance their community. In this talk, Alice Mullaly

will focus on the stages of development that made SOHS a leader in historic preservation and regional history education. Join us to learn more about SOHS's past and get a preview of how SOHS will be integral to our community in the future. Presented via zoom by Southern Oregon Historical Society and Jackson County Library Services. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for this FREE event.

### August 7 - September 5, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Jacksonville Historic C.C. Beekman Bank tours resume.

Tours are FREE, but donations are encouraged since all monies go towards the preservation and maintenance of this historic legacy! Additional information is available at 541-245-3650; [info@historicjacksonville.org](mailto:info@historicjacksonville.org); and [www.historicjacksonville.org/behind-the-counter/](http://www.historicjacksonville.org/behind-the-counter/).

## Virtual Opportunities

### Saturday, August 7, 11:00 AM, "Researching Your Cuban Roots"

**Digital Cuba** is a nonprofit startup to preserve Cuban

culture and heritage through digitization projects. Join its director, Brian Tosko Bello, for a free online presentation, Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 11 a.m. (Pacific), discussing how to research your Cuban roots using online resources, DNA testing, and social media. He will discuss how to develop the most effective strategy for doing challenging research in Cuba using parish records, cemetery records, and other online sources. He will also discuss the future of offline sources coming online soon. To request a meeting link in advance, email [gshasocal@gmail.com](mailto:gshasocal@gmail.com).

**Saturday, August 7, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM,  
"Seventeenth Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar"**



As a family tree climber, you face many challenges in your family history research. Like, how to make sense of the clues available in different documents and resources. Knowing what clues

from DNA can help you discover the identity of your ancestors. Understanding how to compile your research into a book that your family will enjoy. Family history fanatics Andy and Devon Noel Lee can help you with all these challenges in person at this upcoming day-long event in Boerne, Texas. The Hill Country Family History Seminar, celebrating its seventeenth year, has expanded from an in-person setting to also include a virtual experience. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to register.

**Virtual Nordic Genealogy Conference Available Through September 2021**



All sessions of the National Nordic Museum's Virtual Nordic Genealogy Conference are now available to watch on demand. The 2020 conference videos provide resources about family history and lineage taught by

internationally renowned experts. The September 2020 virtual conference's keynote lectures and workshops will be available to view through September 2021. Professional genealogists and subject matter experts from North America and the

Nordic countries share insights about family history research. Let them guide you in tracing heritage origins through a wide range of resources including folk literature, immigration records, and genetic testing. This Virtual Nordic Genealogy Conference is designed for every level of familiarity with genealogical research, from beginners and enthusiasts to experts. [Check out the full list of sessions featuring Nordic history and culture here.](#)

**Applied Genealogy Institute**

Great news for those of you looking for a virtual genealogical institute that provides a "learn by doing" approach! The Applied Genealogy Institute (AppGen) is launching their inaugural class offerings this Fall. Do not miss the opportunity to learn from Certified Genealogists from the comfort of your home! Classes slated to begin in October/November include Irish Research, Land Research, and Exploring Broad Context. Class content is considered intermediate to advanced level and emphasizes small class size with hands-on assignments. For more information regarding signups, see AppGen's website at <https://appgen.institute>.

**RVGS NEWS**

**Welcome New Members!**



**Welcome** to James Seagraves, Lindsey Breen, Merrilyn McCourt, and Charles Morris, the newest members of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society! Welcome back to Harry Eberly, Lynn Bernstein, and John McGlothlin!

**RVGS Family History Library Research Trip is a GO!**

Our research trip to Salt Lake City looks like a go! There is still some time to join us. RVGS members and friends are finalizing plans to research the comprehensive genealogical collection at the Family History Library this coming October 3 through 10.



Currently, the Family History Library is open Monday through Friday, 9 AM until 5 PM. They are taking special safety protocols, following the latest government guidelines. The

workstations have more spacing between each one and are regularly sanitized. The library has rearranged the layout for safety and better research flow. The number of large scanners has tripled and are strategically placed for ease of use. Photocopies are now free. Lighting has been improved throughout the facility. Even the break room has been expanded and rest rooms remodeled for researcher's comfort.

The most exciting reason to join us in Salt Lake though is that the library is adding about 50,000 new books to their already extensive collection.

There are still a few SLC Plaza Hotel rooms available for our attending members. Now is the time to reserve your room. Just call the Plaza Hotel at 1-800-366-3684 before September 1<sup>st</sup> and ask for the discounted Rogue Valley Genealogical Society rate.

For more information contact Ann Baracker at [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com). Ann will keep those who are going up to date with FHL announcements, as they become available. Hope to see you at the Family History Library this October.



### Volunteer NOW!

With JCGL reopening, we are in need of volunteers more than ever. RVGS/JCGL is an **all-volunteer organization** that would not operate or exist without the members who

donate so much of their valuable time. If you enjoy and take advantage of our services, please consider becoming a volunteer. You will learn new skills, meet new friends, and become a supporter of one of the largest genealogical societies in the state!

### Treasurer Opening

This position is an elected member of the Board. Our current Treasurer, Barbara Shrewsberry, is looking forward to retiring from the Board to enjoy time with her family. As such, we're looking for a member willing to train with Barbara now to ensure a smooth transition. The Treasurer maintains the Society's financial records, as well as works with our Finance Director, Cashier, and external accounting firm. Bookkeeping experience, including using QuickBooks Online, is a plus. [Click here to read a detailed position description](#). If you are interested, contact Kim Thurman at [president@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:president@rvgslibrary.org).

### 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 Officers, is a voting member of the Board, and the term is one year. [Click here to read a detailed position description](#). If you are interested, contact Kim Thurman at [president@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:president@rvgslibrary.org).

### Librarians

As we prepare to reopen the library, we are in need of volunteer librarians. Learn more about the Genealogy Library's hidden treasures by volunteering to be a librarian. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Shifts will be determined once a reopening expansion plan is developed. Contact Library Director Anne Billeter at [annebilleteroregon@gmail.com](mailto:annebilleteroregon@gmail.com) for additional information.

### Love to Research?

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, 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.

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

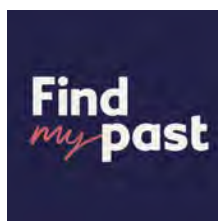
### Ancestry

- Ireland, Indexes to Wills, Probate Administration, Marriage Bonds and Licenses, 1591-1866
- Ireland, National School Registers, 1847-1959
- North Dakota, U.S., Cemetery Records, 1877-1999



### FindMyPast

- Canada, Manitoba Vital Records
- England, Southwark, Roman Catholic Parish Records
- Ireland, Donegal County, Petty Sessions Court Registers
- Ireland, Court of Chancery Bill Books, 1627-1884
- Ireland, Court of Exchequer Bill Books, 1627-1884
- Scotland, Dumfries & Galloway Census & Population Lists, 1792-1821 (Annan & Balmaclellan)
- United States, Census of Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1840
- United States, British Loyalists



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

- England, Middlesex Parish Registers, 1539-1988

\*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.

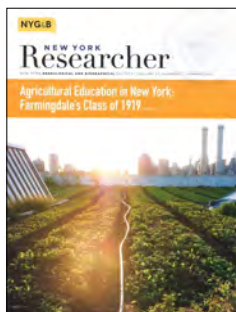


## 32 New Items Added to JCGL in July

Two new books were added to the JCGL collection in July, including an alphabetical list of interments,

1933-2007 for the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Medford, Oregon. (979.527 C242 Hil) Thirty rolls of microfilm were added, including 22 rolls of probate case files for Josephine County, Oregon, 1848-1920 and indexes through 1944 (Microfilm 979.525 P751 Pro.) [Click here](#) to see the complete list.

## New Periodicals on the Shelf



*New York Researcher*, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

Circ 974.7 P273 NYR Summer 2021

Farmingdale State College's class of 1919; The 1950 federal census (coming April 1, 2022!); Treasures you'll find in

the New York City Record

([cityrecord.engineering.nyu.edu](http://cityrecord.engineering.nyu.edu)); Oswego County; and the NYGBS blog.



*Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Oregon Historical Society  
Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ Summer 2021

How the Wold sisters helped win ratification of the 19th amendment; Researching the life of Louisa Wagenblast, wife of Portland beer brewer Henry Weinhard; "The Unified

Foundation Trust and its highest honor, the Order of the Purple Girdle", a Southern Oregon College faculty group, by RVGS member Maureen Flanagan Battistella; Women judges in Oregon; and Black-owned property in Territorial Oregon, 1853-1858.



*Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly*

Circ 979.527 SOHSQ Summer 2021

The 75th anniversary issue – history of the society, its museum, staff, buildings saved, and legacy in the community.

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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
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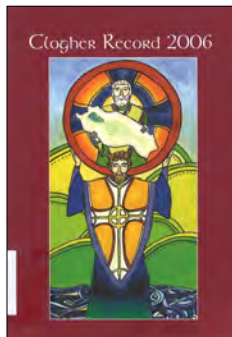
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**New Donation**

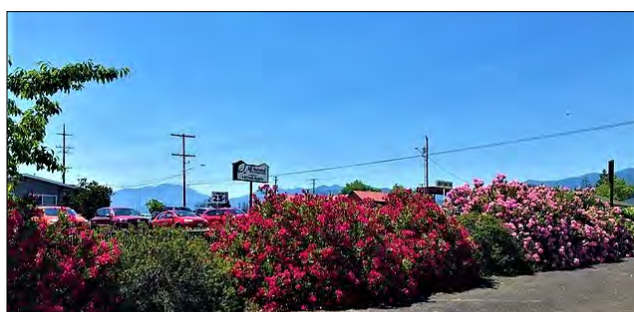
*Clogher Record*, Journal of the Clogher Historical Society  
Circ 941.69 H388 Clogher



The library has added a comprehensive run of this useful series. Printed in Monaghan, Ireland, it covers the Diocese of Clogher which straddles the line of Northern Ireland (County Tyrone) and County Monaghan, from ancient times. There are family genealogies, history and culture of the area, and literature, often in Irish. Of note are such transcriptions as “Census of First Monaghan Presbyterian Church, 1821.” The library has 1957, 1968, then every issue between 1976 and 2008.

**Surplus Sale books for July 2021**

- *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* by John Grenham, 2d ed. \$3.00
- *Scotch-Irish of Colonial Pennsylvania* by Wayland F. Dunaway. #3.00
- *Tennessee Records: Tombstone Inscriptions and Manuscripts* compiled by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen. \$30.00
- *Genealogical Map of the United States of America*. \$6.00
- *Clogher Record, 1990*. (Journal of the Clogher Historical Society, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland) \$16.00
- *1787 Census of Virginia, Augusta County [Personal Property Tax Lists]* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Love. \$7.50
- *1787 Census of Virginia, Montgomery County [Personal Property Tax Lists]* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love. \$7.50
- *1787 Census of Virginia, Botetourt County [Personal Property Tax Lists]* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Love. \$7.50
- *1787 Census of Virginia, Rockbridge County [Personal Property Tax Lists]* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love. \$7.50
- *1787 Census of Virginia, Harrison County [Personal Property Tax Lists]* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love. \$5.00
- *Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Lists: A, B & C for the Year 1788* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis. \$5.00
- *1800 Tax Lists & Abstracts of Deeds [1796-1800] of Wythe County, Virginia* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis. \$7.50



Those that visited the library at the re-opening in July, were able to view the beautiful oleander that creates the south border of the property! They at least love the weather.