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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



## 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!

### Monday, December 6, 9:30 - Noon, Board Meeting

All members are welcome to attend. Email [webmaster@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:webmaster@rvgslibrary.org) if you would like to attend.

Cost: Free to all

### Wednesday, December 8, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Jeff Roberts.

Cost: Free to members, Non-members \$5

### Thursday, December 9, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

Barbara Northrop hosts our newest interest group. Genealogy Newbies! This group is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes for topical structured content and the last half of the session will be open for general questions.

Cost: Free to members, Non-members \$5



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

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors.

Cost: Free to members, Non-members \$5



**Saturday, December 11, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Volunteer Recognition, Holiday Program, and Membership Meeting.** 2022 officers will be installed. JCGL will be closed during this event so our

volunteers may participate. Event via Zoom.  
Cost: Free for all

**Tuesday, December 14, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, German Interest Group**

This group is facilitated by Mary Robsman.  
Cost: Free to members, Non-members \$5

**Tuesday, December 14 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.  
Cost: Free to members, Non-members \$5

**December 20 - 25 and January 1, Jackson County Genealogy Library CLOSED for the holidays.**

## Event Notes

### Heirloom Genealogy Programs Suspended

Heirloom Genealogy programs, usually scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of the month, have been cancelled for the time being. Quilts and other three-dimensional heirlooms do not translate very well on zoom. Attendance has been too low, especially considering the extensive effort which goes into preparing and presenting each program. Stay tuned for future announcements.



## Coming Soon!

**Saturday, February 5, 2022, Virtual Seminar: "Genealogy Potpourri"**

Our first 2022 seminar, "Genealogy Potpourri" presenter will be Jane Neff Rollins of Sherlock Combs Genealogy. Registration is open now at [www.rvgslibrary.org](http://www.rvgslibrary.org) > Programs & Classes > Seminars. Jane's childhood hero and inspiration for her career in genealogy was Sherlock Holmes who solved mysteries. Join us next February for four different topics, a definite potpourri of something for everyone! Classes and descriptions are listed on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society website, [click here for more information](#).

## Local Happenings



**Wednesday, December 1, Noon – 1:00 PM, Windows in Time (Online): "If These Walls Could Talk: Stories from Southern Oregon's National Register-listed Properties."**

Join George Kramer as he explores the history and stories from some of southern Oregon's most historic buildings and provides a fun and informative look at why these buildings are significant. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

**Wednesday, Jan. 5, Noon – 1:00 PM Windows in Time (Online): "When the Trains Came"**

Historian and quilt maker Sue Waldron will share two history-themed quilts from the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society's quilt collection. The quilts were made by the Jacksonville Museum Quilters over thirty years ago to remember the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Oregon & California railroad in the Rogue Valley. The Medford Railroad Centennial Quilt is on display at the Jackson County Genealogy Library throughout December. The Ashland Railroad Quilt will be on display at the Jackson County Genealogy Library throughout January. [Click here](#) to register for "When the Trains Came" by RVGS member Sue Waldron.

## Virtual Opportunities



### Wednesday, Dec. 15, 11:00 AM – Noon Legacy Family Tree Webinars: “Navigating the NARA Website”

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) website has a wealth of resources that can be used

for genealogical research. Information about records located at NARA in Washington, DC, and the NARA regional branches is online and waiting for you to discover them. Some of the actual records are even online and don't require a visit. This lecture by Julie Miller, CG, CGL, will guide you through the different areas of the website, show the resources available there, and how to use those resources for your research. [Click here](#) to register for FREE.

### Friday, Dec. 17, 11:00 AM – Noon, Legacy Family Tree Webinars: “Effective Use of England’s National Archives Website”



Join Paul Milner to learn how to effectively use the research tools, indexes and catalogs

on this large website to find your ancestors and to put them into their correct historical context. [Click here](#) to register for FREE.

## RVGS NEWS

### Welcome New Members!



**Welcome** to the newest members of RVGS: Dannielle Snell-Trother, William Taft, Nancy Strahl, Ruth Devore, and Terri Smith-Weller! Welcome back to rejoining members Gordon Hull, Heather Grove, and Sheila Baker!



### Family Tree Maker Interest Group Special Presentation

On November 9th, Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker Ambassador, met with our Family Tree Maker interest group to answer questions about the software. Joining him were the representatives of Book Creator and Charting Companion, who demonstrated those two plug-ins for FTM. They graciously gave permission to record the session and make it available to our members for 30 days. You can watch the recording by going to the Membership menu on our website, [www.rvgslibrary.org](http://www.rvgslibrary.org) and selecting Member Resources. You must be logged into the site to access the page. Select the Log In button at the top of any page to sign in. There is also a link for buying Family Tree Maker at a discounted price.

During the presentation, Mark shared some websites that might be useful to those using Family Tree Maker:

- Family Tree Maker Support - <https://support.mackiev.com/>
- Rootstech Overview Videos - <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/expohall/family-tree-maker>
- Family Book Creator Intro Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=id2dPHT-UuI>
- Charting Companion Overview Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VVXdkFiJNM>
- Facebook User Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FamilyTreeMakerUsers>
- Fixing Relationship Issues - <https://support.mackiev.com/854327-Fixing-Relationship-Mistakes-in-FTM-2017-2019>

### In Memoriam: Anita Seulean (1924–2021)

RVGS member Anita Seulean died at the age of 97 on 8 October 2021. The daughter of Samuel P. Roseberry and Leila F. Cooper, Anita was born on 28



April 1924 in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana. She married Augustine Seulean on 28 September 1946 in Indianapolis; Augustine predeceased her on 4 March 2013 in Medford. Anita leaves two sons, David (Nancy) and Andrew, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family.

Anita was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and extremely passionate about genealogy. Much of her research involved German Palatine immigrants in Pennsylvania. She was particularly proud of her Waldschmidt lineage, which included her DAR patriot and Hamilton County, Ohio pioneer, Christian Waldschmidt, and his father, Reverend John Waldschmidt, a German native and early leader of the Reformed churches in Lancaster, Berks, and Lebanon counties of Pennsylvania.



### RVGS Quilt Raffle Tickets for Sale

The Giant Dahlia pattern is a medallion quilt designed by Hubert Ver Mehren of Des Moines, Iowa. The Iowa Button and Pleating Company was based in Des

Moines and was Ver Mehren's primary business. He sold embroidery designs stamped on textiles in the mid-1920s under the name of Home Art Studios. Eventually he and his wife, Mayme Jacobs, began creating full-sized medallion quilt patterns and kits. The Giant Dahlia pattern, either pieced or appliqued, was their most popular pattern during the 1930s.

The queen-sized quilt pictured here was machine pieced by Karen Asche of Medford, Oregon, in 2007 from templates by Marti Michell. Sherry Dewey, of Nebraska, did the long-arm quilting. The quilt is included in the Oregon Quilt Registry Project.

Raffle tickets for the "Giant Dahlia" quilt are \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; or 30 for \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Jackson County Genealogy Library.

### Scholarship Offered for 2022



The RVGS Scholarship Committee is very grateful to the members and community friends who have supported the scholarship program

through your generous donations and through your time serving on the Scholarship Committee. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.

This year, for the seventh year, we are again offering a \$1,500 scholarship award opportunity open to high school seniors residing in Jackson County. Application packets were sent to high schools in the county in October. Home school and online students can also apply through the high school from which they will receive their diploma. The application packet is posted on the [RVGS website](#). The deadline for us to receive completed applications and supporting documents is Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The successful candidate will be notified in writing by March 29, 2022.

Please spread the word to encourage students to apply for this scholarship. If you have any questions or if you would be interested in serving on the scholarship committee, please contact Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship Chairman, at [aayres@aol.com](mailto:aayres@aol.com).



### Last Chance to Donate to the 2021 RVGS Annual Fund Drive

Your donation to the RVGS Annual Fund Drive before the end of this year can serve us both, you receive a tax deduction just by donating 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 2021! Your contribution makes a difference! See below on how to turn your donation into a tax credit.



## Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credit

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.

## How Genealogists Use the Digital Public Library of America



DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OF AMERICA

by Maureen Battistella

DPLA has released a video recording of the November 2021 seminar on how to use the Digital Public Library for genealogical research. ([Click here to view.](#)). The webinar drew more than 100 enthusiastic participants. As an adjunct to the program the [DPLA Family Research Guide](#) extends the content of the webinar.

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) was formally launched in 2013 to establish a free and publicly available repository of the nation's documented heritage and is a union catalog of content contributed by libraries, museums, archives, and other cultural heritage organizations.

Today, there are more than 44,500,000 images, texts, videos, and sounds in the collection providing a single access point and cultural gateway, aggregating content from contributing institutions and allowing search across multiple institutions. Regional content hubs feed DPLA and in Oregon, universities feed through the Orbis Cascade Alliance and other institutions feed through Northwest Digital Heritage. Northwest Digital Heritage is managed by the State Library of Oregon and the Oregon Heritage Commission and is hosted as a partnership with the Washington State Library.

Because DPLA participants are not those typically participating in Ancestry.com or other commercial entities, content is largely unique and so serves as a remarkable and significant research repository. This one-hour informational genealogy webinar using DPLA resources was presented on October 19, 2021, by the Outreach and Accessibility working group and Allison Ryall, Genealogy Specialist for the Orange County Library System. The webinar covers

some DPLA basics, such as search techniques and a metadata overview, as well as genealogy tips and tricks. Allison provides several case studies using DPLA resources and highlighting how to navigate DPLA's collection and use available primary source sets. Viewers will become familiar with the various DPLA resources that are relevant to genealogy research and will gain insight in genealogical search strategies.

Allison Ryall is the Genealogy Specialist for the Orange County Library System (OCLS) and an instructor in Boston University's Genealogical Research Program. Other presenters were Sarah Zimmerman (Chicago Public Library) who described the depth and breadth of the collection with specific attention to genealogy, Ann Hanlon (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) who's search tips and strategy were important because of the abundance and variety of the collection.

## JCGL NEWS



### Home Access to Ancestry Ending

As expected, remote access at home to the JCGL Ancestry Library Edition subscription will end at the close of December 2021. Ancestry generously provided remote access to libraries with subscriptions during the pandemic when so many libraries were closed. With most libraries now reopened in some capacity, they are ending the service. You will still be able to use Ancestry Library Edition at the Jackson County Genealogy Library as you have in the past. We are open from 1:00 - 4:00 PM Monday - Saturday, except for the holiday closures listed below. As a reminder, masks are still required for everyone while in the library.



### Library Holiday Closures

The Jackson County Genealogy Library will be closed on the following dates:

- Saturday, December 11, so all our volunteers can attend the December Membership meeting via Zoom. The meeting will include recognition of and thank you to all the RVGS volunteers, installation of 2022 elected officers, and some holiday cheer.
- Monday, December 20 – Saturday, December 25, Winter Holidays
- Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day

### Inventory: An opportunity to volunteer for a short-term project



It's time to take our annual inventory of the library collection. This is an opportunity to discover treasures in the library...and help with an essential task. On Thursdays, December 2 and 9, we will take

inventory from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Monday through Thursday, December 13 - 16, 20 - 23, and 27 - 30, we will take inventory from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

Inventory is done by teams of two people working together, so if you have a friend or family member you would like to spend time with, sign up together. If you don't, we will pair you with a new friend! Training is provided...no previous experience is necessary. Email [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org), call 541-512-2340 between 1:00 and 4:00, or come to the JCGL Reception Desk to sign up. Questions? Email [annebilleteroregon@gmail.com](mailto:annebilleteroregon@gmail.com).

### Medford Railroad Centennial Quilt on Display

One of the quilts in the small select collection owned by RVGS which was donated by the Jacksonville Museum Quilters, celebrates the 1985 Medford Railroad Centennial. The quilt will be on display at JCGL throughout December. Come see the quilt during the genealogy library's open hours, Monday – Saturday, 1-4 PM.



## Medford Railroad Centennial

Dimensions: 82 inches x 75 ½ inches  
Completed: 1985

This quilt is a striking example of applique showing the effective use of perspective as the railroad engine

steams forward. It is also an innovative example of the use of fabric to create illusions of shadows, reflections, and foreshortening.

The Oregon & California Railroad began laying track outside Portland, Oregon, in 1869. Lack of money ended road construction in 1874 when the tracks reached Roseburg. After a ten-year delay building resumed, new roadbeds were cleared, tunnels dug, and trestles built. Construction began in the empty field that would become the Medford depot in January 1885. It took almost three years for the railroad builders to conquer the Siskiyou Mountains further south. December 17, 1887, a “gold spike ceremony” was held in Ashland commemorating the connection of Oregon and California by rail.

In the fall 1984 Jacksonville Museum Quilters contacted local artist Carl Strand. Carl had been a chemical engineer with Shell Oil Company until his retirement in 1974. At that time, he and his wife moved to Ashland, and he took up watercolor painting. Strand agreed to create the full-sized drawing of the engine using a photograph from the Southern Oregon Historical Society’s extensive photograph collection.

The lightly textured fabric with shaded values proved an ideal background for the stark black engine. If you look closely, there are several different fabrics that make up the details. A black marbled fabric gives motion to the wheels and an illusion of steam. Striped fabrics provide definition for seams in the engine tank and to the cowcatcher. The striped fabric used to represent the rails has been given a tuck so that the width of the white

strip diminishes giving the illusion of distance. Headlights are of light grey gingham and the bell is a plush fabric with additional padding to give it dimension.

The quilt appears to have numerous borders, but in reality, has six. Three of the borders were created from a striped fabric that has been selectively cut to make use of the complex striping. The wide black border is quilted with gray thread using a design discovered on a headstone in Jacksonville’s Historic Cemetery. The inner rusty-red border includes appliqued groupings of two pears as a reminder of the connection between the local fruit industry and the railroad.

## Facebook Focus



Facebook is a wonderful resource for genealogists. There are a wealth of groups and pages that provide resources for everything from organizing, photos, and graveyards, to groups and pages focused on research in specific counties, states, countries, and even specific surnames. There is something for everyone.

This month our focus is on the Facebook group *Genealogy and Newspapers* which is a “private” group. This means only members of the group can see who is in the group and what they have posted. “This open group is for anyone who uses newspapers for genealogy and family history research. Members are ENCOURAGED to post links to newspaper resources (whether online or offline), ask questions about how to use newspapers for research and share stories about how finding a newspaper article about an ancestor enhanced their research. And please feel free to post your own articles and links that you have written about the use of newspapers in genealogy research.” The group has about 13,700 members, so getting help with your newspaper questions is very likely. The admin regularly posts updates from *The Ancestor Hunt* website. If you’re on Facebook, check it out!

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

### American Ancestors

- American Ancestors/New England Historic Genealogical Society Announces New Database: Searchable Records Now Available for Only Surviving Copy of 1810 Federal Census for Salem, Mass., Recently Discovered at the Peabody Essex Museum



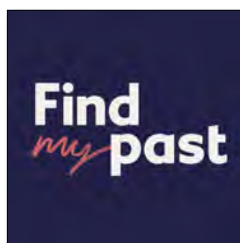
### Ancestry

- Finland, Population Tax Lists, 1809-1920 (in Finnish)
- International Patents, 1890-2020
- Samara, Russia, Church Books, 1748-1934 (in Russian)
- Delaware, World War I Service Cards, 1917-1919
- Mississippi, World War I Service Cards, 1917-1919
- Nebraska, U.S., Birth Ledgers, Birth Index, 1912-1994
- North Carolina, World War I Service Cards, 1917-1919
- Virginia, U.S., Wills & Probate Records, 1652-1900



### FindMyPast

- In partnership with The National Archives and the Office for National Statistics, we're delighted to announce that the 1921 Census of England and Wales will be exclusively available online at FindMyPast from 6 January 2022. The 1921 Census release may be the last of its kind in our lifetimes. The 1931 Census was destroyed in a fire and no census was taken during wartime in 1941.
- We've created a shiny new search feature to help you find special interest groups in the 1939 Register. Using our new search field, you can focus your research on disabled people, evacuees, Welsh language speakers, and more. There are over 17,000 evacuees listed in our new



1939 Register special interest group. Those included in the group were explicitly noted as having been evacuated. Many others were not.

### MyHeritage

- 463 Million New French Records Live on MyHeritage. We are happy to announce the publication of 463 million records from France from 5 new historical record collections: birth, marriage, death, and two censuses. This content was added thanks to MyHeritage's recent acquisition of French genealogy company Filae. The collections cover nearly every department in France and include images of the original documents. Millions of these records are exclusive to MyHeritage and Filae and cannot be found on other commercial sites.



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

- Alaska, Vital Records, 1816-2005
- Massachusetts, Boston Tax Records, 1822-1918
- Michigan, Eastern and Western Districts, Naturalization Records, 1837-1993
- Minnesota, Brown County, Obituaries, 1855-1990 (40,777 obituaries!)
- New Jersey, Death Index, 1901-1903, 1916-1929
- Washington, Western District, Naturalization Records, 1853-1957



\*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.

## 29 New Books added to JCGL in November

During our Fall Seminar, "North American Migration: In, Out, and Across," presenter Patricia Oberndorf recommended the trail series of books by Carrie Eldridge. JCGL already owned *Atlas of the Southern Trails to the Mississippi* (Atlas 975 A841 Eld). A

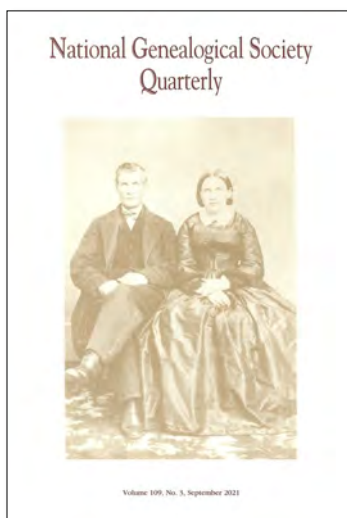
seminar attendee kindly donated *Appalachian Trails to the Ohio River* (Atlas 973 A841 Eld). These oversized books provide very useful maps as one tries to imagine how our ancestors traveled from one place to another in our vast country. Other titles added in November include five about Scotland (941.1), four about Ireland (941.5 and 941.6) and a wide variety of other subjects, from Quilts to Writing, Heraldry to Kansas to Washington. [Click here to see the detailed list.](#)

## New Periodicals on the Shelf



*American Spirit*,  
Daughters of the  
American Revolution  
Circ 929.05 AS Nov/Dec  
2021  
History of the Tomb of  
the Unknown Soldier; the  
Nelson House in  
Yorktown, VA; travel  
notes to Ogden, UT;  
Bethel, ME; Lake Placid,  
NY; Big Bear Lake, CA; and

Travelers Rest, SC; and a longer article on “twin cities” Fargo, ND and Moorhead, MN; Yaupon holly tea, an indigenous plant from southeast US; Shay’s Rebellion; Colonial wives left to manage; the US trade war with France (1798-1800); and American Indian Louis ‘Atayataghronghta’ Cook’s participation in the Revolution.

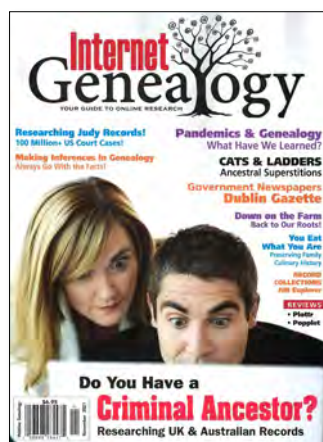


*National Genealogical Society Quarterly*  
Circ 929.05 NGSQ v.109  
(5) [September 2021]  
Kin for Washington  
Graham of Arkansas and  
Missouri; A father for  
Joel Wooley (OH, NY,  
NJ); Parents of Willis  
Ballenger (Parker Co.,  
TX); John Bray of  
Cornwall, England; and  
Notes on John Porter  
Langdon. (Seattle to CA).



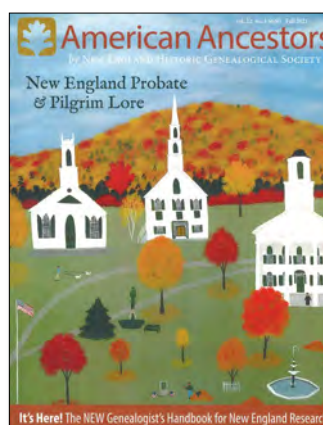
The entire issue deals with the US census: the 1950 census coming, how to search, evolution of instructions for the census taker, how to find hard-to-find entries, social statistics and mortality schedules.

*NGS Magazine*, National  
Genealogical Society  
Circ 929.05 NGSM v.47  
(4), [Oct-Dec 2021]  
The entire issue deals with the US census: the 1950 census coming, how to search, evolution of instructions for the census taker, how to find hard-to-find entries, social



genealogists have learned during the pandemic; sources related to farm experiences; preserving family culinary history; using Plottr and Popplet for organization and writing; finding US court cases; and making inferences in genealogy.

*Internet Genealogy*  
Circ 929.1 Int Nov 2021  
(and available to RVGS  
members online)  
Convict records to  
Australia; the value of  
official government  
newspapers;  
superstitions; a review of  
AM Explorer (Adam  
Matthew Digital  
Collection); what



available. Articles include Working with probate records (New England style); the Pilgrim story in popular culture; Portuguese American resources.

*American Ancestors*, New  
England Historic  
Genealogical Society  
Circ 974 P273 AA v.22 (3)  
[Fall 2021]  
“New databases on  
American Ancestors” is  
always worth looking at to  
see if something touches  
you. The 6<sup>th</sup> Genealogist’s  
Handbook for New  
England Research is now



## *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*

Circ 974.7 G242 New v.152 (4) [October 2021]

Records and notes on the following families: Conklin Osborn of East Hampton; Johannes Ramsen of Flatlands; Salomon Schut of Kingston; the brothers William and Thomas Becraft of Albany and environs; John and Rachel (Love) Ackerson in New York and California; Abigail C Dart; and a conclusion on research "Who was the Jackson's adopted niece?"

## Surplus Sale Books for December 2021

- *Everything Irish History and Heritage Book* by Amy Hackney Blackwell & Ryan Hackney, 2004. \$3.00
- *Twin Cities Then and Now [Minnesota]* by Larry Millett, 1996. \$4.00
- *Chicago & Cook County: A Guide to Research* by Loretto Dennis Szucs, 1996. \$3.00
- *Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History*, by James G. Ryan, Rev. ed, 1997. \$4.00
- *Compendium of Historical Sources: The How and Where of American Genealogy* by Ronald A. Bremer, c.1983. \$3.00
- *Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815* by William Dollarhide, 2000. \$18.00
- *German Maps & Facts for Genealogy* by Wendy K. Uncapher and Linda M. Herrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, 2002. \$18.00
- *Finding Your German Ancestors: A Beginners Guide* by Kevan M. Hansen, 1999. \$3.00
- *Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia* by George Way of Pleau and Romilly Squire, 1998. \$3.00
- *New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland* by Brian Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2002. \$9.00



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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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**The RVGS eNews**

Editor: Rich Miles

Submissions due 20th of Month to [enews@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:enews@rvgslibrary.org)

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**Holiday Gifts that Keep on Giving,  
Available at JCGL!**

**The holidays are upon us, get the genealogist in your family a gift they really want!**



**RVGS Membership**

- \$40 for one year, \$55 for two in a household for one year
- \$500 for Lifetime Membership
- \$5000 for Life Benefactor Membership

**Guest Pass Packet**

- \$5 for a day at JCGL
- \$10 for three day passes (a \$15 value), bring your family & friends!

**Gift Certificate**

- \$15 for one hour of RESEARCH
- \$15 for one hour of MENTORING
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