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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society 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

RVGS Library is open Monday -
Saturday, 1:00—4:00 PM



President's Message – A Call to Action



Readers of the *RVGS eNews* are likely familiar with our monthly volunteer vacancy announcements. Speak to any non-profit, and leadership will tell you that this is not a new problem for their organization. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted volunteer roles in a manner similar to employment opportunities in our

community—there are more openings than people willing to serve. The result has led to our inability to restore library hours to pre-COVID levels and required Board members to fill multiple roles across committees to keep the society running efficiently. Eighty percent of the Board has served three years or longer, focused on shifting our pre-pandemic strategy to ensure financial viability and strength of membership.

For the Society to continue its mission, we need members willing to serve. Your incumbent elected officers – Katie Hauge (Vice President), Loretta Barker (Secretary), Marijo Medcraft (Treasurer), Lynne Hunter (Trustee), and myself, will not run for reelection in 2023. We plan to continue volunteering with RVGS in other capacities and will be available to help new leaders transition into their roles successfully. We're making this announcement now to give members notice to consider running when nominations are opened this fall. **It is critical that these roles are filled.** If you are interested, we would be happy to discuss the position requirements with you. All of us are proud of the work that the Board of Directors has done to ensure the Society's future during the previous three years.

In addition, we have several non-elected positions open. Please see page 5 in this *eNews* issue for more information. If you are interested in volunteering or running for office, please go to www.rvgslibrary.org > Support Us and complete a Volunteer Application.

Kim Thurman, 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!

Monday, August 8, 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon, RVGS Board Meeting,

All members are welcome. Come to library side door and ring doorbell.

Cost: Free to all

Monday, August 8, 2:00-3:30 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

Jeanne Hoadley will be focusing on the original 13 colonies in this interest group. Join her and bring your stories and research experiences. The group meets the second Monday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

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

Mary Robsman facilitates this interest group concentrating on German history and research. They meet the second Tuesday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, August 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. They meet the second Tuesday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, August 10, 10:30 AM-Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, August 10, 1:30-3:00 PM, Great Lakes Interest Group

Kim Thurman facilitates this group discussing genealogy research in the Great Lakes region. Primary focus will be the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. This interest group is co-sponsored by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and meets on the second Wednesday every other month.

Cost: Free to all.

Friday, August 12, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture, and researching Irish ancestors. The group meets the second Friday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30-8:00 PM, Let's Talk Genealogy Roundtable

All are welcome to join in on our open discussion related to genealogy. There will be a focused discussion, but don't let that limit the discussions. It is a time for sharing new information you have run across, great books or websites you have discovered, your success stories, a history lesson, classes you have attended, sharing handouts or whatever comes to your mind.

Monday, September 5, RVGS Library closed for Labor Day

Coming Soon!

September 17-23, RVGS 2022 Genealogy Week

Free classes all week via Zoom with in-library viewing available as well. Watch for more information in the *eNews*, on our website at rvgslibrary.org, and on social media.

Special Interest Group News

Oregon Genealogical Societies Join Forces to Host Special Interest Group

Reprinted from *The Forum Insider*, Newsletter of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Vol 34, Number 1, July 2022



The Board of Directors of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) and the Rogue Valley

Genealogical Society (RVGS) approved the first collaborative Special Interest Group (SIG) sponsored by both societies. Both organizations began using Zoom to reach members during the pandemic. Now, virtual programming lends itself to a shared group venture.

The joint Great Lakes interest group is led by Kim Thurman, president of RVGS and a member of GFO. The group meets virtually every other month on the second Wednesday from 1:30–3 p.m. Pacific Time.

The first meeting was a success. Thurman shared, “Over thirty attended our inaugural collaborative Great Lakes SIG on June 8! We used our first meeting for introductions and discussion of potential topics for future meetings. There’s a strong interest in ethnic and religious groups within the region, migration patterns, and record access, so we’ll be concentrating on these topics during upcoming meetings.”

When asked about the project, Laurel Smith, GFO’s acting president stated, “Collaboration, in this instance, co-sponsorship of the Great Lakes Special Interest Group, benefits everyone. The group will benefit from co-promotion, the societies benefit by having more educational offerings, and volunteer time and energy is maximized. We are fortunate to have Kim Thurman as a member, volunteer, and leader, and the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society as a partner.”

Both societies hope this undertaking will inspire other societies to work together. Sharing resources can be rewarding and stretch limited resources.

The next Great Lakes meeting is August 10, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

All GFO and RVGS Special Interest Groups are free and open to the public. Learn more about the SIGs offered by each society:

[Genealogical Forum of Oregon SIGs](#)
[Rogue Valley Genealogical Society SIGs](#)

Colonial America Interest Group



The Colonial America Interest Group continues to meet monthly to learn

about and discuss topics of interest in researching our colonial ancestors. In July we focused on the Plymouth Colony with emphasis on how the Colony grew and expanded after the first Thanksgiving. We learned about the importance of records such as the land division of 1623, the cattle division of 1627 and the list of men able to bear arms in 1643 as census substitutes. We also discussed William Bradford’s history of the colony as reported in his book *Of Plimouth Plantation*. (973.2 H388 BRA at RVGS Library.)

In August we will turn our attention to the immigration of the Scotch Irish during the 18th century. It is estimated that over 200,000 people of Scotch descent came to North America from the province of Ulster in Ireland during this time. Join us August 8 to learn more about these immigrants and how to determine if some of your ancestors may have been among them. [New attendees click here for an invitation.](#)

Local Happenings

Wednesday, August 3, Noon – 1:00 PM Windows in Time (Online or limited in-person): “Rogue River Preserve: Deep Roots in Jackson County History”



Pat Acklin, Professor Emerita of Geography and Environmental Studies at Southern Oregon University, will explain how the Rogue River Preserve is recognized by

naturalists and conservationists in Southern Oregon as one of the most important natural areas in the upper Rogue Valley. This 2.4 miles of unbroken and largely intact forest along the Rogue River is located north of Dodge Bridge on Highway 234.

A resident of the Rogue Valley since 1971, Pat Acklin has taught local geography and land use planning for 25 years. She also was employed as a Land Use Planner and Sanitarian/Soil Scientist for what is now Jackson County Development Services and as Citizen Involvement Coordinator for a regional transportation planning effort coordinated by the Rogue Valley Council of Governments. [Click here](#) to register.

Wednesday, September 7, Noon – 1:00 PM Windows in Time: “The Many C’s of the YMCA: Civics, Christianity, Physical Culture, Community”

Ashland: Watch a livestream of this month’s presentation. Viewers will be able to ask questions of the presenter via Chat, facilitated by library staff.

Medford: Online or limited in-person.

The Young Men’s Christian Association helped define American civic and moral values at the turn of the last century, but today, many chapters are more concerned with healthy living and a broader sense of community. In this Windows in Time presentation, historian and researcher Maureen Flanagan Battistella describes how the Young Men’s Christian Association influenced civic infrastructure, social relationships, and the lives of young men and women in Southern Oregon and the Pacific Northwest over the last 150 years.

Maureen Flanagan Battistella is on the Sociology/ Anthropology faculty at Southern Oregon University. She is a curator of the Stories of Southern Oregon collection in the Southern Oregon Digital Archives at SOU’s Hannon Library, on YouTube, and in the Internet Archives. Battistella’s research focuses on contemporary land use, agricultural heritage, and culinary narrative in Southern Oregon. [Click here to register](#)

Virtual Opportunities

August 16, 8:00 AM, The IFLA Workshop for highlighting experiences integrating local history and genealogy materials with K-12 students

The Local History and Genealogy Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is hosting a virtual panel highlighting experiences introducing local history and genealogy research to K-12 students on August 16 at 8:00 am CDT. The presentations will relate to the theme of the IFLA World Library Information Congress – Inspire, Engage, Enable, and Connect. This event is part one of a two-day 2022 Virtual IFLA Local History and Genealogy Meeting. Registration is now open. To register for the free event and learn more about the speakers, [go here](#).

August 19 – 27, Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree



Over 60 speakers in three events over nine days! The three virtual conferences include Solving Your DNA Puzzles, JamboreeFREE, and Preserving Your

Family Tales. For 51 years the Southern California Genealogical Society has held a Genealogy Jamboree, and for the last 9 years a Genetic Genealogy Conference, with nationally known speakers covering the latest developments in genealogy. From across our nation, from neighbors Canada and Mexico and from the Old World, Jamboree speakers helped us discover our ancestors' lives and stories. Register at GenealogyJamboree.com.

SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome New Members!



Welcome to the newest members of RVGS: Pam Reeves, Steven Isaacson, Judith Kerr, Diane Friedlander, and Jane Bardin! Welcome back to Stephanie Johnson, May Widener, and Cordelia Fisk!

Volunteers Needed Now

RVGS is run completely by volunteers. We have no paid employees. Without volunteers there will be no society or library. Over the last two years, we have lost volunteers in key Society positions and volunteers who already have responsibilities had to pick up the extra workload. The list of needed volunteers is growing. RVGS is still looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Trustee
- Treasurer
- Finance Director
- Volunteer Director
- *Rogue Digger* Editor
- Maintenance Coordinator
- Grounds Maintenance
- Education Committee
- Quilt Committee
- Zoom Hosts

For more information on these vital positions, see the **Support Us** menu > Volunteers Needed on our [website](#).

Oregon BottleDrop Winner!

This summer the Oregon BottleDrop organization held a BottleDrop Hidden Bottle Hunt where a special bottle was hidden in each of six zones across Oregon. Clues were posted daily to guide hunters to each bottle along with a prize of \$1000 per bottle to be donated to the BottleDrop Give registered non-profit of the finder's choice.



Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to our president Kim Thurman and her friend Rob for finding the Zone 3 bottle in the BottleDrop Hidden Bottle Hunt! They solved the clues [posted here](#) and found the bottle near the Jacksonville Cemetery (how appropriate). The \$1,000 reward will go to our library! The bottle Kim found will be on display at the RVGS Library during August to help promote the Oregon BottleDrop program.

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is registered with the Oregon BottleDrop program and benefits from generous donors designating their bottle returns to us. **If you would like to participate and help out the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library, just [click here to learn how](#).**

The Curious Case of the Phoenix Recorder and a Heroic Genealogist

By Maureen Battistella



June's Member Meeting presentation, *The Curious Case of the Phoenix Recorder and a*

Heroic Genealogist drew lots of questions and comments that day and since then by email. Phyllis Zegers' remarkable and moving work to unite forgotten remains at the Oregon State Hospital with families is impressive and powerful. As a lead to the

work that Zegers has been doing since 2014, the presentation revealed Oregon's dark history of care for the mentally ill, the abuse of power by local courts and superintendents of the Oregon State Hospital, and some background on the Eugenics Movement. The historical state of medicine and treatment of mental illness certainly gave rise to confusion in diagnosis and care of those with mental disabilities, physical challenges, socially acceptable or unacceptable behavior and criminal violence. This history helps us understand why copper canisters filled with the ashes of the dead were forgotten from 1914 to 2004.

If you missed the presentation at the June membership meeting or if you want more information, [stop by the Stories of Southern Oregon project on YouTube](#) and watch an extended interview with Phyllis Zegers.

RVGS Research Trip to the Family History Library, Salt Lake City

Arrive SLC – Sunday, March 05, 2023

Depart SLC - Sunday, March 12, 2023



UPDATE:
Summer is in full swing so now is the time to make your plans to travel to Salt Lake City and the Family

History Library this coming March. Past attendees have not only found many answers to their frustrating research brick walls, but also had a great time socializing with fellow researchers in the evening.

Our Plaza Hotel discounted room rates only apply if reserved by February 1, 2023. Call them now to book your room. If you are flying remember that prices go up the closer we are to departure date. Reserve your flight now to save money. Email [Ann Baracker](#) to add your name and contact information to our Salt Lake City Trip list. Ann will facilitate shared room assignments, if desired.

- Research your family at the Family History Library
 - Five floors of genealogical treasures
- Stay at the nearby Plaza Hotel
 - Standard, Deluxe, and King Rooms at special RVGS discounted rates
 - Be sure to ask for your Rogue Valley Genealogical Society discounted room rate
 - Room discount will only be honored if booked before February 1, 2023
 - This discount will be honored even if you're staying less than the entire week
 - Complimentary seminar is available through the hotel if we have 12 attendees
- Several of our group will be flying direct to SLC via Delta Airlines
 - Alaska and United provide other flight options
- Make your reservations directly with hotel and airline

For Further Information and to let us know you will be attending, email Ann Baracker at abaracker@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

Denise Salthouse 1954-2022



It is with sadness that we tell of the June 24th death of Denise Salthouse after an extended illness. Denise had been a member of RVGS since 2014 and was a previous Board member, holding the position of Education Director. She left behind

a son, Eric, and daughter, Catherine (Erin). Denise was born in Newport Beach, California in 1954. Her children said that every birthday she insisted that she had just turned 28. Before coming to Oregon, Denise worked for Carden Schools as a French teacher, and she was a Girl Scout Leader for the Tres Condados Region in California. In Medford she worked for Harry and David until she retired. Denise

was always doing genealogy. Her children report that every family trip involved stops at graveyards, old farms, historic towns, and libraries. Travel time was passed with stories she shared about various ancestors' hijinks. The family is planning a celebration of life later in August.

LIBRARY NEWS

RVGS Adds Over 290,000 Names to Website Database



In March of 2020, we launched our new website. A major feature and upgrade of the website was a searchable database like those utilized on Ancestry and FamilySearch.

Researchers are now able to search our records for their Jackson and Josephine County ancestors, rather than scroll through pages and pages of indexes.

At the time of website launch, only about two thirds of our record indexes were uploaded. We have now completed a major update to our database adding over 290,000 names from Jackson and Josephine counties. The additions cover 41 volumes of records. Indexes to the following volumes are now part of our searchable database:

- Funeral Records from Hull & Hull Mortuary, Grants Pass, 1942-1965
- Funeral Records from L.B. Hall Funeral Home, Grants Pass, 1904-1949
- Josephine County Obituaries, 1850-1977
- Obituaries from the Grants Pass *Daily Courier*, 1972-1974, 1980, 1984-1985, 1988-2017
- Clippings from various Oregon newspapers, including Jackson County, Abt. 1890-1980
- *Oregon Sentinel* [Jacksonville] Newspaper Abstracts, 1856-1873
- The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society's *Rogue Digger*, 1966-2011 [later issues already uploaded]
- *Southern Oregonian* [Medford], 1902-1909
- Vital and miscellaneous records from the Grants Pass *Daily Courier*, 1980, 1984-1985.

There is more to come! Stay tuned for updates as more collections and more recent indexes are added to our website database. Future uploads include the index to the vast digitized map collection of Roger Roberts, the *Table Rock Sentinel*, [Newsletter of the Southern Oregon Historical Society] and much more!

Quilt in the Niche – Maryum's Yellow Rose

by Char Wirfs



If you have been admiring the beautiful pioneer yellow rose that blooms from June through August throughout Jackson County, you will be pleased to hear that the Jacksonville

Museum Quilters didn't miss an opportunity to showcase this lovely flower when they finished the quilt on June 20, 1984. It recently celebrated its 38th birthday. This stunning quilt is on display at RVGS Library for the month of August. When you enter the library be sure to look up and you will see a gorgeous splash of hand-applied yellow roses blooming against a field of forest green. If you step closer, you will be met with a log cabin center block surrounded by 14 hand-quilted blocks depicting the story of how the rose came into the Rogue River Valley.

Evelyn Williams, a current resident of Upper Applegate, is the artist who designed the blocks. She was inspired not only to tell the story of how the rose arrived in Oregon Territory in 1853, but of the woman who carried it across the plains from her home in Sullivan County, MO. Her name is Maryum (Bowen) McKee (1832-1908), wife of John McKee. She also would become the third great grandmother of Evelyn Williams. The young family entered the Bear Creek Area in August 1853. Arriving with them was a start, or cutting, of the Harrison rose which

soon became affectionately known as “The Logtown Rose.”

In the same wagon train was Maryum’s father and her stepmother, Roxy Ann Bowen. When the families established land claims a few miles from Fort Gasburg, which was later renamed Phoenix, the rose cutting was planted outside the McKee home.



By 1863 the McKee family had moved to Logtown, which was a miners’ supply point on Poorman’s Creek. It was near today’s Ruch. John McKee built a log house for his family, which is featured in the center

block of the quilt. Of course, Maryum took a cutting from her hardy, yellow rose and planted it at the front gate to her Logtown home. It thrived there for many, many years.

We know this because of the following article published in *The Mail Tribune; 1858 Rose Bush Begins New Life*, Friday, May 20, 1983, Medford, OR. It reads:

A 125-year-old yellow rose bush at the site of Logtown on highway 238, near Ruch, is starting a new life. Eighteen months ago, in December 1981, a car crashed into the marble marker and rose bush. A new marker was installed by a group of about 50 people, many descended (from Maryum and John McKee). The new marker is made of sugar pine and carved by Myrtle Krause, ‘Logtown Rose, Maryum McKee (1832-1908)’.

The article also hailed the District 9 Fire Department for keeping the old rose bush faithfully watered and the Applegate Garden Club, formed in 1958, who maintained the rose bush, taking cuttings from it and planting them along the Logtown Cemetery fence.

Fourteen children were born to John and Maryum McKee. Most of them were born in Logtown. A



terrible fire in 1885 completely destroyed Logtown, and the family moved again a few years later, leaving the old rose bush where Maryum had planted it 24 years earlier. The 1900 U.S. Census lists

the family as living in the Big Butte Precinct, Jackson County, Oregon.

Evelyn Williams, her mother, and her daughter have all placed stitches into two of the blocks of the quilt. Dora Scheidecker, master quilter of Jacksonville Museum Quilters, designed the quilt which measures 70” wide by 85” long. If you are a member today of Mountain Stars Quilt Guild or Jacksonville Museum Quilters, then you will know Doris as the founder of those groups in 1982.

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

Ancestry

- Edinburgh, Scotland, Cemetery Registers, 1771-1935
- U.S., Carded Birth Records in Military Hospitals, 1884-1916

FindMyPast

- Pennsylvania, List of British Prisoners in the War of Revolution
- Pennsylvania, Episcopalian Births and Baptisms
- Pennsylvania, Episcopalian Marriages
- Pennsylvania, Episcopalian Deaths and Burials
- Pennsylvania, Episcopalian Congregational Records
- Pennsylvania, Oaths of Allegiance Lists

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

- Alaska, Village Census Rolls, 1919-1972 (2,098 records)
- England, Lancashire, Nonconformist Church Records, 1647-1996
- Finland, Tax Lists, 1809-1915
- France, Hautes-Alpes, Parish & Civil Registration,

1583-1902

- Germany, Bavaria, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1591-1963
- Germany, Bremen, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1746-1970
- Germany, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1639-1943
- Germany, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1664-1937

*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.

MyHeritage

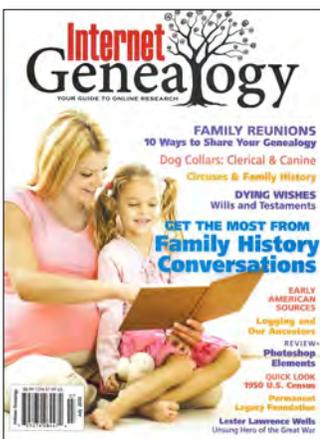
Pre-World War II Austrian Historical Records: We are delighted to announce that we have partnered with the National Library of Israel to publish an exclusive collection of digitized Jewish emigrant applications from interwar Vienna. This collection includes information about Austrian Jews during the years 1938–1939 and offers a glimpse into their lives at this pivotal moment in pre-World War II history.

19 New Books Added to the RVGS Library



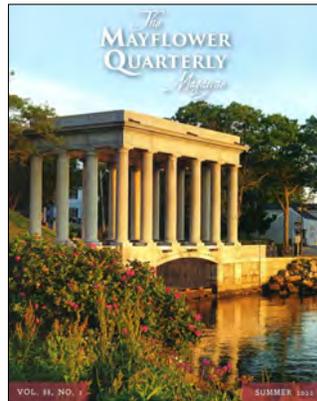
Of the 19 books new to the genealogy library in July, seven are about North Carolina (975.6), and the rest cover a wide variety of subjects and locations. [Click here for the complete list.](#)

New Periodicals on the Shelf



Internet Genealogy Circ 929.1 Int also posted on our website. Family history conversations and reunions; Circuses; Wills; Early American sources; 1950 US Census; Lester Lawrence, WWI soldier and his records; The logging industry in North

America; Dog Collars – clerical and canine; Permanent.org to store your files; Adobe Photoshop Elements 2022 – a review; and new online resources.



Mayflower Quarterly Magazine, General Society of Mayflower Descendants Circ 929.3 MayQ Summer 2022

Society business; How some of Edward Fuller’s descendants ended up in Australia; The Photo Angel project (returning historical photos to

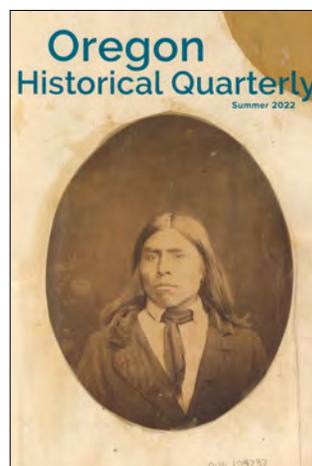
families); The “Brewster” teapot (a reproduction?); and Perils of the *Paragon*.



New York Researcher, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Circ 974. P273 NYR v.33 (2), Summer 2022

Obtaining New York City birth records; County Board of Supervisors Proceedings and what you might find there; The Society’s new education

center; Orleans County research; and New databases of interest.



Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ v.123 (2), Summer 2022

The first photographs of Native peoples in Oregon – Lorenzo Lorain, 1857-1861; Arthur Cavill and swimming promotion in Oregon; and the Mark O. Hatfield lecture series on Civil Rights in Oregon.



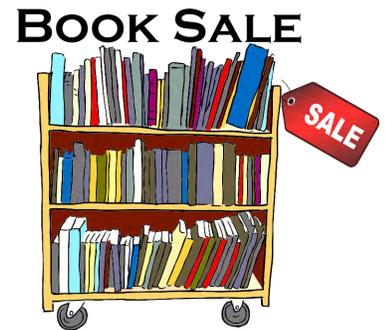
Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly
 Circ 979.527 P273 SOHSQ
 Summer 2022
 A day in the life of Ashland's railroad roundhouse, 1904; Mail-order brides and pioneer marriage laws; Virginia Card's diary at SOHS; Nitrate movie film; Douglas R Smith volunteer at SOHS; and Woodruff Meadow and bridge.

Surplus Sale books for August

- *Following the Beckwourth Trail: A Guide to the 1851 Emigrant Trail and to the Route Markers Placed by Trails West, Inc.* by Andrew and Joanne Hammond, 1999. \$15.00
- *Beckwourth Trail Driving Guide* by Bob Black, 2017. \$12.00
- *The Oregon Trail* by Francis Parkman, 1927 edition. \$4.50
- *Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey* by Lillian Schlissel, 1982. \$9.00
- *Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey* by Lillian Schlissel, expanded, 1992. \$12.00
- *Illustrated History of Plumas, Lassen, Sierra*

Counties, with California from 1513 to 1850, orig. 1882; paperback reprint. \$18.00

- *Ozarks Country* by Ernie Deane, 1975. \$4.00
- *Complete Guide to Heraldry* by Arthur Charles Fox-Davies, 1978. \$9.00
- *What Did They Mean by That? A Dictionary of Historical and Genealogical Terms Old and New* by Paul Drake, 2000. \$11.00
- *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook* by Nancy Hendrickson, 2017. \$7.50
- *New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland* by Brian Mitchell, 2nd ed., 2002. \$16.00
- *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Adjutant's General's Office, Preliminary Inventory 17 (NARA)* compiled by Lucille H. Pendell and Elizabeth Bethel, orig. 1949; repr. 2007. \$4.50
- *Overland Passages: A Guide to Overland Documents in the Oregon Historical Society*, 1993. \$3.00
- *Mother Cumberland: Tracing Your Ancestors in South-Central Pennsylvania* by Raymond M. Bell, 1989. \$7.50




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Membership is available to all interested persons.

Membership privileges include:

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

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The RVGS eNews

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Join a Special Interest Group Today



The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society sponsors a variety of virtual interest groups each month. Members and patrons with a common interest gather to share information, strategies, and help each other with troubleshooting. Interest groups are free to attend. For more information and to register for any of the following groups and receive the meeting Zoom link, [click here](#).

Colonial America Interest Group

Led by Jeanne Hoadley, it meets 2:00 - 3:30 PM on the second Monday of every month to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies.

Family Tree Maker User Group

Led by Barbara MacMillen, it meets from 1:30 - 3:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss the Family Tree Maker software program.

Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

Led by Barbara Northrop, it meets from 6:00—7:00 PM on the second Thursday of every month. This group is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions.

Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Led by Barbara Halvorsen, it meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. This group is for everyone interested in genetic genealogy.

German Interest Group (GIG)

Led by Mary Robsman, it meets the second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. The group focuses on German history and research.

Great Lakes Interest Group—Joint RVGS & GFO Group

Led by Kim Thurman, it meets from 1:30 - 3:00 PM, with subsequent meetings held **every even month** on the second Wednesday. The group meets to share, discuss, and learn about the Great Lakes states.

Irish Interest Group

Led by Barbara Halvorsen, it meets on the second Friday of the month from 1:30 - 3:00 PM. The group focuses on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) Special Interest Groups

Are we missing a Special Interest Group that you'd love to join? You may wish to [check the available FREE offerings from GFO here](#), or contact the group facilitator by clicking on the group name below.

- African American Group
- British Group
- DNA-Advanced
- DNA Q&A—The Basics
- Family Tree Maker
- French Canada Group
- Genealogy Problem Solvers
- German Group
- Irish Group
- Italian Group
- Learn & Chat
- The Q Review
- RootsMagic
- Virginia Group
- Writers' Forum

