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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
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM



CLASSES & EVENTS

The following RVGS classes and events are all offered via Zoom unless noted otherwise. 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!

Thursday, November 3, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, CLASS: "Using Find a Grave"



In this class Rich Miles will show how to use the website Findagrave.com. The site is continually being updated with new features and options. Learn how to navigate the website, search for your ancestors' memorials, create memorials for your loved ones, and connect memorials of family members.
Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Sunday, November 6, 10:00 AM: RVGS Library Outside Cleanup

With the loss of our landscape maintenance person, we are all pitching in to keep our library looking its best. Please come down and join us! Bring gloves, rakes, pruner, hedgers, etc.

Tuesday, November 8, 11:00 - 12:30 PM, German Interest Group

This interest group concentrates on German history and research. After a hiatus, they will meet to discuss the future of the group and the members' vision for the future. Please join this discussion to participate in the future of the German Interest Group.
Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, November 8, 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 on the second Tuesday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, November 9, 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.

Thursday, November 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, CLASS: “Understanding Online Resources Available to Research Your Ancestors”



In this class, guest presenter Joe Hunter will review a number of online research sites and explain how to better understand

them and create a strategy to maximize your research efforts.

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

Thursday, November 10, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

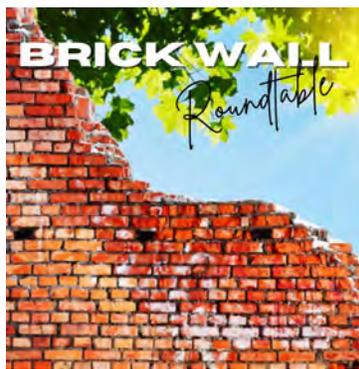
This group meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes for topical structured content and the last half of the session will be open for general questions.

Cost: Free to all.

Friday, November 11, 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.



Saturday, November 12, 10:30 - Noon, Brick Wall Roundtable

This discussion is open to all. Bring your genealogy 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.

Cost: Free for all.

Monday, November 14, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting (in person at library)

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

Cost: Free to all

Monday, November 14, 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, November 15, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program and Member Mtg., “The Cookbook as Autobiography” presented by Maureen Battistella.



Part genealogy, part history, part gender study, cookbooks record the lives and roles of women.

More than mere recipes, community

cookbooks record the foodways that sustain the physical being and nourish the soul.

A member meeting will precede the presentation.

Member attendance is critical as we will be electing officers and voting on the 2023 budget.

Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, November 23 – Sunday, November 27, LIBRARY CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

Coming Soon!

- Wednesday, December 7, 2:00 PM, Class: "Using Fold3"
- Saturday, December 10, Noon, Member Meeting & Volunteer Recognition (library closed)
- Wednesday, December 21, 1:30 PM, Let's Talk Genealogy Roundtable

Special Interest Group News



Family Tree Maker Interest Group Family Tree Maker 2019 Update 24.1 Event Info

Family Tree Maker has released a new

free update. Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker Ambassador, will be giving a zoom presentation to our interest group on November 8, 2022. Some of the topics he will be covering include how to get the update, preparing your current program before updating, downloading the update, syncing the update to Ancestry, and the main features of the update. Join the discussion about the update and get your questions answered. If you're not a member of the FTM user group, you can [register on our website](#); if you are a member of the FTM user group you will receive the Zoom link invitation via email. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be recorded and available to members for 30 days following the presentation.



German Genealogy Interest Group

The German Genealogy Interest Group will resume meeting on

November 8, at its usual day and time, second Tuesday of the month, 11 AM – 12:30 PM. We will be discussing the future of the group and our members' vision for the future. Ann Baracker will serve as interim facilitator.



Colonial America Interest Group

The next meeting of the Colonial America Interest Group will be held via zoom on

Monday, November 14, at 2:00 PM. Our focus for this month will be Rhode Island. Founded by religious rebels and outcasts, Rhode Island has a history of greater religious tolerance than any other colony. Join facilitator Jeanne Hoadley to learn more about the settlement of Rhode Island and resources to help you dig deeper into your ancestors' histories. Please bring stories to share about your Rhode Island ancestors. The Colonial America Interest Group will take a break in December but will return in January to take a closer look at New York in the colonial period.

Local Happenings

Wednesday, November 2, Noon – 1:00 PM

Windows in Time: Remarkable Women in Southern Oregon History

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. Women have long been making history in Southern Oregon. In this talk, Dr. Anna Sloan will highlight

the stories of just a few of the extraordinary women who made their mark on our region over the past 150 years, including Fredericka Wetterer, Sybil Harber, Ann Haseltine Hill, Grace Fountain, Wong Soo Lue, and the women of the Hanley family.

Dr. Anna Sloan received her PhD in Anthropology from the University of Oregon in 2021. Her anthropological research has focused on intersections of gender, social identity, and heritage, interests that she now brings to her work as Curator

of Collections at the Southern Oregon Historical Society and as an archaeologist at the Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology. [Click here to register.](#)

Wednesday, December 7, Noon – 1:00 PM
Windows in Time: Stories of the 1970s and 1980s, 18+ Years

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. [Click here to register.](#)

The 1970's and 1980's were a tumultuous period in America and a transitional period for southern Oregon. Kevin Keating will show, through pictures and stories, the culture of the area and how it navigated this period.

Virtual Opportunities

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, GFO
Fall Seminar: "Have You Searched Everywhere? Beyond the Basics."



As summer begins to wind down, it isn't too soon to start thinking about the exciting program planned for this year's GFO Fall Seminar; *Have You Searched Everywhere?*

Beyond the Basics. Registration is now open for this one-day event on Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. It is affordably priced with a \$15 discount for GFO members.

Here is a chance to become familiar with lesser-known genealogical strategies and resources. We'll start the day with two presenters. First, Leslie Brinkley Lawson will show you how to find living people. Janice M. Sellers will then help you achieve better results with your newspaper searches. The

afternoon will feature Pam Vestal who will join us for a three-hour interactive workshop on discovering your ancestors' locations. Learn how collateral research and using less-common sources can help break down those brick walls. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. [Click here to register.](#)

SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome New Members!



Welcome to the newest members of RVGS: Lynn Mergell, Karen Burg, Lynn

Taylor, Linda Oldland, and Michele Duncan!
Welcome back to Paula Daniels!

Toys for Tots and RVGS



The Toys for Tots collection box will arrive at the RVGS Library the first week of November. As you begin your holiday shopping,

buy a toy or two (or more) to donate, so all the less fortunate children in Jackson County may receive a shiny new toy. RVGS has participated for a number of years in this heartwarming endeavor and is proud to help make a difference in the lives of local children.

Volunteers Still Needed



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:

Beginning January 2023

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Trustee
- Treasurer



Immediate Openings

- Finance Director
- Volunteer Director
- *Rogue Digger* Editor
- Librarians
- Education Committee
- Quilt Committee
- Zoom Hosts

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

RVGS Genealogical Research Trip is Getting Closer

Our list of attendees is getting longer! Join your friends and fellow genealogists on our annual trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City this coming March 5 to March 12, 2023. Spend your days researching your family on the library's five floors of genealogical treasures, with the help of the well-informed staff. Spend the evenings enjoying the city sights with your fellow travelers if you desire.

The library will be open for at least 60 hours while we are there. We will be staying at the SLC Plaza Hotel, within easy walking distance to the library. Plan to join us for our no host dinner at one of the area's wonderful restaurants. Enjoy great food and fine friends. We have several new researchers going and experienced hands ready to make the trip fun and productive. Members who have been on previous RVGS research trips had this to say:

"My trip to the Family History Library was one of the best experiences I have had. The amount of research material available, the classes, and the helpful people at the library made it a fantastic trip. I brought a Swedish baptismal record with me to get help translating it. The library had a wonderfully knowledgeable person on staff who not only helped with the translation, but also explained the social background of why the minister recorded whether or not the child was vaccinated. The Family History Library has people from all over the world who can help with specific nationality or religious research. They really know their stuff!"

"I was able to review German town records that were not online. I found the address and occupation for not only my great grandfather, but also his brothers, and their extended families. Many of those people I previously knew nothing about."

If you plan to stay at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel, be sure to ask for your discounted 2023 Rogue Valley Genealogical Society rate when you book your room. The discount will be honored even if you choose to stay less than the entire week.

To add your name to our list of participants or to ask questions, just email Ann Baracker at abrvg@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

Beautification Day at RVGS Library



With the loss of our landscape maintenance person, we are all pitching in to keep our library looking its best. On Sunday, November 6, at 10:00 AM, we are planning a cleanup party for the exterior of the library! Please come on down and join us. Bring gloves, rakes, pruners, hedgers, etc. Don't forget

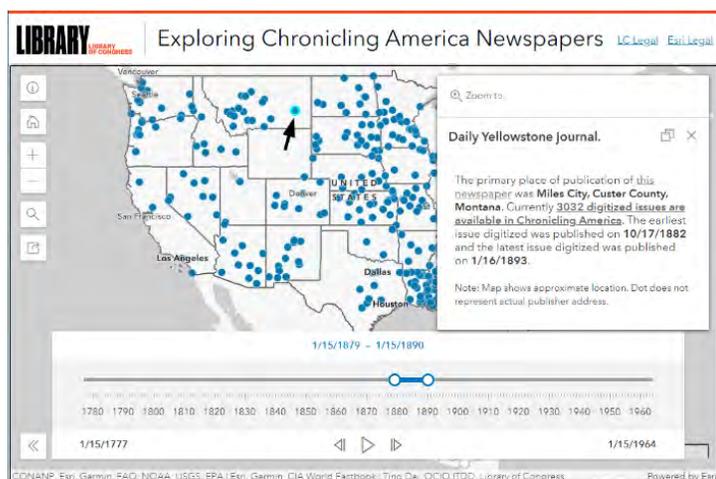
water and a snack. We'll have a truck for hauling the debris. Parking is available next door at All Natural Pest as we will be cleaning the parking lot as well. Remember, "many hands make light work!" See you there!

Library Closed for Holiday



The RVGS Library will be closed Wednesday, November 23 – Sunday, November 27 so everyone may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

Chronicling America Adds Interactive Map



CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers

Chronicling America has more than 3,000 digitized

newspapers, which can now be located geographically and by date using a new interactive map which is updated weekly. Wondering if there is a digitized newspaper near your ancestor's home in the 1860's? This is a nifty enhancement to a FREE collection of digitized newspapers published in the United States from the colonial period on (usually ending in 1922 due to copyright, but not always, so be sure to check!) There may NOT have been a newspaper in your ancestor's town...but there might have been one nearby that included regional news. Go to chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/ and click on "Maps and Visualizations" on the left.

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

Below are the new records added to our subscription websites (partial list). All **except** Ancestry.com are available at home; **all** are available at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library.

Ancestry.com

- UK, World War II Diaries, 1939-1946 (diaries created by unit commanders and military staff.) In this first release, diaries cover The Second Battle of El Alamein (23 October – 11 November 1942).
- Oregon, U.S., Masters and Owners of Vessels Oaths, 1897-1967

FindMyPast.com

- UK, Hampshire, parish of Selborne: Baptisms, Marriages, Burials

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

- Ireland, Dublin, Workhouse Admission and Discharge Registers, 1840-1919
- Minnesota, Veterans Grave Registration Reports, 1930-1975
- Texas, Gregg County, Marriage Records, 1873-2017
- Ukraine, Mykolaiv, Metrical Books, 1790-1917
- Ukraine, Poltava, Metrical Books, 1741-1937
- Ukraine, Ternopil, Church Books, 1828-1921

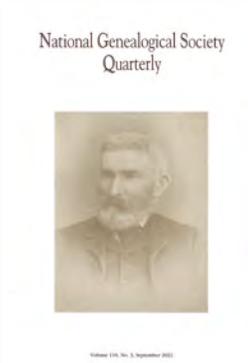
*To see the list of updated and new record sets, on FamilySearch go to "Records," click on "Browse all Published Collections," click twice on the right-hand column heading "Last Updated" and you will see the list of the most recent updates and additions.

11 Books and 2 Maps Added to the Library

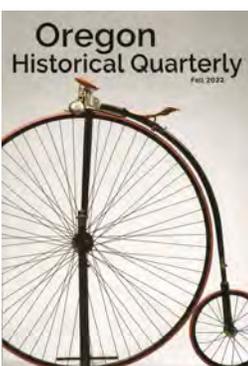
Tribal Nations of Oregon (MAP 979.5 Tri) and of *Washington State* (MAP 979.7 Tri) are two beautiful and informative additions to the Map collection. Several books add to our collection of books about the Oregon and Applegate Trails, including *Prairie Schooner Lady: the Journal of Harriet Sherrill Ward, 1853* (978 D317 War) and two by Irene D. Paden:

Prairie Schooner Detours and Wake of the Prairie Schooner (both Circ 978 H388 Pad). [Click here for the complete list.](#)

New Periodicals on the Shelf



National Genealogical Society Quarterly
Circ 929.05 NGSQ v.110(3) Sept. 2022
The Brambach, Mangold and Beplat saga - sensational news story in NYC; Parents for Mary Ann (Marriner) Graves (NJ, PA); Do slave schedules accurately report owners?



Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society
Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ Fall 2022
Mental health care in Oregon, 1950s to 2000; "Astoria – starting point in long-distance cycling (and the history of bicycles in Oregon); Discovery of timbers from the Manila galleon *Santo Cristo de Burgos* at Nehalem.



Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly
Circ 979.527 P273 SOHS Fall 2022
History of telephone, radio, and telegraph service in Southern Oregon; and a spotlight on SOHS volunteer Thom Gilsdorf.

Surplus Sale books for August

- *Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825*, by David Dobson, 1984. v. 1. \$7.50.
- v. 2. \$17.00.
- *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858* by Marshall Wingfield, orig 1939, repr 1973. \$13.00.
- *A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand*

Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776 by I. Daniel Rupp, orig 1876, reprint of the second revised and enlarged edition with an added index, 1976. \$7.50.

- *At Rest in Lincoln County [Oregon]* compiled by Evelyn Parry, 1979. \$18.00.
- *Immigration Rosters of the Elliott Cut-Off: 1853-1854 and Immigration Registration at Umatilla Agency, 1853* compiled by Leah Collins Menefee, 1984. \$20.00.
- *Applegate Trail of 1846* by William Emerson, 1996. \$9.00.
- *History of Linn County [Oregon]* compiled by Workers of the Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration in the State of Oregon, 1970. \$34.00.
- *German Element of the Shenandoah Valley [Virginia]* by John W. Wayland, orig. 1907, repr. 4 pages on 1, no date. \$6.00
- *Abstracts of Bath County, Virginia Will Books 5 and 6 (1843-1875)* by Holly Wanless Cochran, 1998. \$18.00.
- *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*, v. 10, 1987. \$6.00.
- *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*, v. 11, 1988. \$26.00.
- *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*, v. 13, 1990. \$33.00.
- *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*, v. 20, 1998. \$18.50.
- *Rhode Island Vital Records, New Series, v. 13, Newport County Births 1751-1860 from Death and Marriages Records K-Z*, 1987, \$21.00.
- *Early Ohio Settlers; Purchasers of Land in Southeastern Ohio, 1800-1840* compiled by Ellen T. Berry & David A. Berry, 1988. \$14.00.
- *History of Billerica, Massachusetts with a Genealogical Register* by Henry A. Hazen, orig. 1883, repr. 1973.
- *Old Yamhill: the Early History of its Towns and Cities*, 1976. \$60.00.



Consider Leaving a Legacy Gift



Help ensure the future of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society by making a Legacy gift today. Your donation helps us keep Rogue Valley family history and world-wide genealogical library resources alive and supports our mission to inspire interest in genealogy, inform and educate the public, and maintain a growing sustainable library with a strong online presence. One of the best ways to support the Society is to name the RVGS as a beneficiary on your bank account, 401k, will, or trust.

Give today! All contributions and bequests are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state law. The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, #93-0684590. If you are interested in Legacy giving, please contact Kim Thurman at president@rvgslibrary.org.

Holiday Shopping on Amazon Smile Benefits RVGS!



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon.com with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on **AmazonSmile** (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Just log in to smile.amazon.com select **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society** from the list of charities and start shopping! For more information about **AmazonSmile**, [click here](#).

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Supports RVGS



Do you use a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Did you know you can “donate” to RVGS without it costing you a dime? Just follow these simple steps:

- Go to fredmeyer.com.
- In the top right corner, click the **Sign In** button. If you have not previously created an account, you can do it here.
 - After signing in, click in the same place, only now it displays your name, and choose **My Account**.
- Under **My Account**, on the left side of the screen, click on **Community Rewards**.
- Here you can search for and choose your charity. We are listed as **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society**, organization number **PC623**. Click **Enroll**.

For more information about Fred Meyer Rewards, [click here](#). **Note**, previous enrollees may need to re-enroll in Community Rewards. Follow the steps above to verify.

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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
- Interest groups
- Free mentoring
- Access to members-only web content

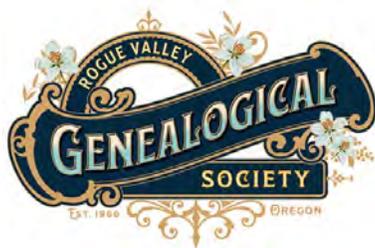
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The RVGS eNews

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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 and strategies, and to 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—7:30 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)

This group 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 **every even numbered 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

