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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



Dear RVGS Members,

We need YOU to SAVE OUR SOCIETY!

We need members who are willing to serve on the RVGS Board of Directors for 2024! I have tried to get members to be on a nomination committee but without success. We have three open positions: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Luckily, our current Secretary, Cathy Ullrich, and Trustee, Christine Galligan, have volunteered to continue in 2024.



The critical point of this message is we are not only governed by our bylaws but also by the Oregon Non-Profit Corporation Act - ORS Chapter 65. This Act states:

II. OFFICERS

Required Officers

Under the old law a nonprofit corporation was only required to have a President and Secretary or officers with equivalent responsibilities. Nonprofit corporations are now also **required** to have a Treasurer. Additionally, the same person may not be the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Without the three required officers we **CANNOT** operate as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. On behalf of the current RVGS Board of Directors we are asking you to please **SOS: Save Our Society!** Please consider running for one of these important roles. A description of these positions is on our website under Support Us > Volunteer Position Descriptions. If you would be willing to serve and/or would like more information, please email me at: president@rvgslibrary.org by noon, September 10th, 2023.

Also happening this month is our annual free Genealogy Week, September 16 – 22. Classes will be presented BOTH in the Library (first since 2019!) and via Zoom. Please consider attending in the library, especially if you haven't been in since the closure in 2020! Reacquaint yourself with the library and its wonderful treasures! Register online under Classes & Events. Encourage a friend to attend with you (everyone can attend for FREE)! They will be shocked at YOUR library, Rogue Valley's secret gem!

On Tuesday, September 19, at our membership meeting, we will be presenting you with the proposed 2024 budget. After the short member meeting, Mary Robsman will be presenting a wonderful program on the "175th Anniversary of the 48ers Migration".

See you in the library!
Katie Haugse
President

CLASSES & EVENTS

The following RVGS classes and events are offered in a variety of ways. We are increasing the number of hybrid (in person and via Zoom) events. Please note in the event description the ways you can attend.



- Event details are subject to change. Check our website for the latest information. If registration is not available on the website, please check back.
- Unless noted otherwise, most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Programs & Classes** menu on our [website](#). **Registration closes at noon 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.
- [Click here to find Zoom help on our website](#).
- All times listed are Pacific Time Zone.

Registration Now Open!

Friday, September 8, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Crater Lake Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

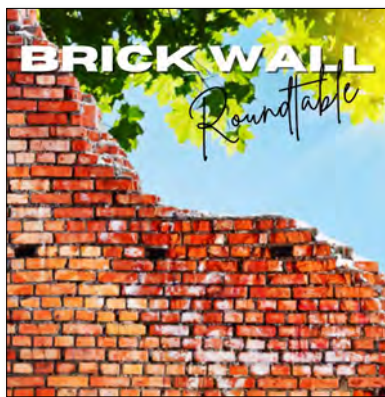
This meeting is being held in person at the RVGS library and everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday, September 8, 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.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Saturday, September 9, 10:30 AM - Noon, Brick Wall Roundtable



This discussion is open to all. Bring your questions, your puzzles, your brick walls, and we will put our heads together to see if we can find a way to get you closer to your goal. You don't even have to have a

"wall" to join us. We welcome you anyway and who knows? You may have a nugget that would help someone else.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all

Monday, September 11, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting



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

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, September 11, 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.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, September 12, 11:00 - Noon, German Interest Group

This interest group concentrates on German history and research. They meet on the Second Tuesday of the month.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, September 12, 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.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, September 13, 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.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

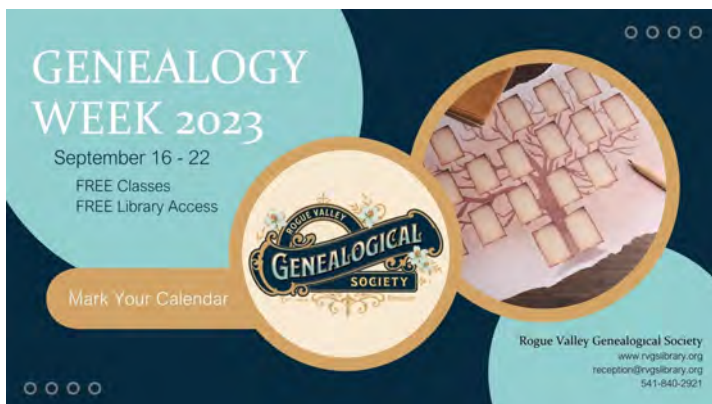
Thursday, September 14, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

Barbara Northrop facilitates this group that 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.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.



Saturday, September 16 - Tuesday, October 17: Genealogy Surplus Book Sale during library hours.



Genealogy Week: Sep 16 - Sep 22.

All classes are FREE and will be held in the RVGS Library AND on Zoom.

Saturday, September 16, 10:30 AM – Noon, Your Genealogy Toolbox Part 1

In the first of a two-part class, Katie Haugse will show the tools you can use while doing genealogy.

Saturday, September 16, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Introduction to Genealogy

Anne Billeter will provide an Introduction to Genealogy for beginners: how to start, forms to use, documentation to seek, helpful clues, FamilySearch.org and subscription websites, online library catalogs, and why deduction is important. She will give a tour of the Genealogy Library after the class.

Monday, September 18, 10:30 AM – Noon, Organizing Paper Files

Barbara Northrop will lead a discussion around various methods of organizing paper files to save time and keep you organized.

Monday, September 18, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Organizing Digital Files

Rich Miles will demonstrate tips and strategies for organizing your digital files for easy access, including making folders, moving and copying files, and naming conventions. Focus is on Windows/PC computers, but concepts apply to Apple computers as well.

Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 AM – Noon, Researching Census Records

Barbara Northrop will dig into the U.S. Census Records and explore tips and tricks for your research.

Tuesday, September 19, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Public Program and Member Meeting - 175th Anniversary of the 48ers Migration

Mary Robsman will present information on the German migration of 1848.

Wednesday, September 20, 10:30 AM - Noon, Researching with Ancestry

Rich Miles will teach strategies, tips, and tricks for researching your ancestors using Ancestry.com Library Edition. RVGS members can utilize Ancestry at the RVGS Library at no extra cost.

Wednesday, September 20, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Your Genealogy Toolbox Part 2

In the second part of a two-part class, Katie Hauge will show more tools to use when doing your genealogy.

Thursday, September 21, 10:30 AM – Noon, Using Excel for Genealogy

Cheryl Azevedo Johnson will teach how to use Excel when doing your genealogy.

Thursday, September 21, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Researching Jackson County People

Anne Billeter will demonstrate how to get the most out of the RVGS searchable database of Jackson County indexes and information. She will also share where additional Jackson (and some Josephine) County information can be found.

Friday, September 22, 10:30 AM – Noon, Using the News to Discover Family Events

Kim Thurman will demonstrate newspaper research techniques to locate key events and activities in your family history. Learn to go beyond births, marriages, and deaths to bring your ancestors to life!

Friday, September 22, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Researching with FamilySearch

FamilySearch is the largest FREE repository of genealogical records. Barbara Northrop will show how to effectively search their records, catalog, and the FamilySearch Research Wiki.

FALL SEMINAR—SAVE THE DATE!



On **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, we will hold our fall seminar with Judy Russell, “The Legal Genealogist,” ***From ASP to Gasp! The Law and Legal Records***. The seminar will feature three sessions:

1. An Act for the Relief of Gregory Thomas and Others: The Private Laws of the Federal and State Governments
2. Copyrights and Copywrongs
3. Unexpected Treasures: Family History in the American State Papers

Mark your calendar now! Registration opens soon!

LOCAL HAPPENINGS



Windows in Time: Forest Creek: Where is Forest Creek?

Wednesday, September 6, noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library**: In Person and online. [Click here to register](#)

[register](#)

Wednesday, September 13, noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland Library**, Gresham Room, no registration required.

Forest Creek is a tributary of the Applegate River. From its origins to the confluence, people have settled, mined, logged, built barns and schools, and buried their dead in the Log Town Cemetery. Annice Black will tell a story of the neighbors who populated the places along the Creek. The talk will cover from the 1850s to current days: the geography; early settlers; and economics of mining, farming, and logging. Her presentation includes photos of Forest Creek School, mining on Forest Creek in the 1930s



	Morning Session 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Afternoon Session 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Saturday September 16	Your Genealogy Toolbox Part 1 Instructor: Katie Hauge	Intro to Genealogy Instructor: Anne Billeter
Monday September 18	Organizing Paper Files Instructor: Barbara Northrop	Organizing Digital Files Instructor: Rich Miles
Tuesday September 19	Researching Census Records Instructor: Barbara Northrop	Program & Member Meeting 175 th Anniversary of the 48ers Presented by Mary Robsman
Wednesday September 20	Researching with Ancestry Instructor: Rich Miles	Your Genealogy Toolbox Part 2 Instructor: Katie Hauge
Thursday September 21	Using Excel for Genealogy Instructor: Cheryl Johnson	Researching Jackson County People Instructor: Anne Billeter
Friday September 22	Using the News to Discover Family Events Instructor: Kim Thurman	Researching with FamilySearch Instructor: Barbara Northrop

- All classes are FREE to everyone.
- All classes will be hybrid, offered both via Zoom and in-person in the RVGS Library.
- Registration is required, register at rvgslibrary.org > Classes & Events dropdown menu.
- Registration closes at noon the day before each class.
- Registrants participating via Zoom will receive a link via email the day before each class.
- See our Calendar of Events for more details at rvgslibrary.org
- Classes will not be recorded.

and early 40s, and Mt Isabelle Forest Fire Lookout. As autos sped up access to town, the schools consolidated, Forest Creek changed from a farm community to a commuter community.

Grants Pass Senior Fair, Friday, September 8, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Josephine County Fairgrounds, 1415 Fairground Rd, Grants Pass

Watch for RVGS volunteers Midge and Ros who will have an RVGS booth at the fair. For more information check out the website at <https://www.teamssenior.org/seniorfair>

Windows in Time: The Tumultuous “Jackson County Rebellion:” One Historian’s Personal Perspective

Wednesday, October 4, noon - 1:00 PM **Medford**

Library: In Person and online

[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, October 11, noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland**
Library, Gresham Room

During the early 1930s -- the "worst hard times" of the early Great Depression -- Jackson County experienced a political convulsion of political extremism. Two local demagogues relentlessly issued reckless (and untrue) charges and baseless accusations in their newspapers during the early Depression. Their campaign to wrest control of county government away from the local establishment successfully stoked resentment and anger among hard-pressed residents. Now known as the "Jackson County Rebellion," this dramatic episode gained Southern Oregon unwanted negative attention nationally. It ended in ballot theft and murder. Historian Jeff LaLande, who has authored the book: *The Jackson County Rebellion: A Populist Uprising in Depression-Era Oregon*, will discuss past events, as well as how he came to be interested in them and eventually came to write a book about what occurred in Jackson County. If attendees have read LaLande's book before attending the program, they will have the opportunity to pose questions and give comments to the presenter.

Jeff LaLande has been a resident of the Rogue Valley for over fifty-five years. He graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and

later received his M.A. in archaeology from Oregon State University and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Oregon. He worked for over thirty years with the U.S. Forest Service as an archaeologist and historian and has published articles and several books on regional history.

Special Interest Group News

Colonial America Interest Group



The Colonial America Interest Group meets the second Monday of the month. You can join us at the library or

on zoom. Our September meeting will be on September 11 and will focus on colonial Pennsylvania. We will follow up with New Jersey in October. The group will not meet in November. In December we will take a look at New Hampshire's colonial period. Members are encouraged to bring stories of their colonial ancestors and research finds in the spotlight colony for each month.

German Interest Group Invitation



The RVGS German Interest Group is hosting international speaker and translator Theresa Berns from Hannover, Germany. At the International German Genealogical Partnership Conference in Indiana this past June, Theresa

presented tips on translating German records. She, her husband, and son are touring Oregon and will be attending Mary Robsman's September 19 talk on Freedom Fighters of the 1848 Peasant Rebellion. Meet-and-greet our guest at RVGS library 1:00 pm before the talk. Join us after the RVGS general member meeting for a no-host get-together with Theresa, her family, and our GIG members at Elmer's (South Medford restaurant by Harry & David's.) All are invited on September 19, the 3rd Tuesday.

Remote Opportunities

Saturday, November 11, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, *A Day of Tools and Tech*, Genealogical Forum of Oregon 2023 Fall Seminar



Join GFO on Saturday, November 11, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for A Day of Tools and Tech, GFO's 2023 Fall Seminar. During this full day of virtual presentations, professional genealogist Thomas MacEntee will present sessions that will focus on creative ways to use common computer tools and the internet to advance your research.

Come learn what is currently hot in the world of apps and websites and how they can help you up your research game. GFO members who register for the seminar will enjoy a discounted member price and will be given access to recordings of the sessions through December 31, 2023. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

SOCIETY NEWS



Welcome New Members!

Welcome to the newest members of RVGS: Jennifer Johannsen, Kim Palmer, Betsey Cotter, Twila Petrie, Susan Dippel, Steven Hillman, Tom O'Brien, Kathryn Fletes, and Marcelle Anderson! Welcome

back to Margie Gordon, Chris & Kathy Barlow, Pamela Olsen, Tom & Susan Moulder, and Nancy McIntosh!

Volunteer Star of the Month

By Leslie Compton



Midge Dailey joined RVGS in October 2022, and after learning we needed volunteers, quickly signed on.

After her retirement as a dental receptionist, Midge needed a

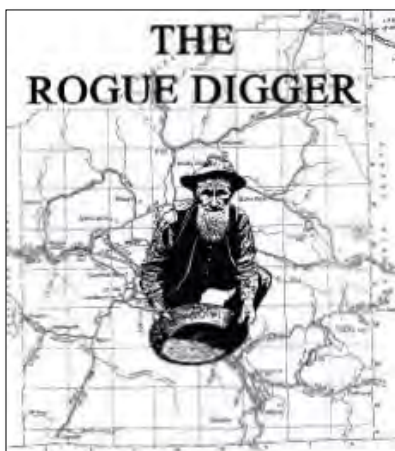
different focus. She spent time enjoying scrapbooking, amateur photography, and dabbled with tole painting. But she needed more.

Two of her relatives had died, then two of her husband's aunts passed away. All four had been involved in genealogy. All their research and documents came to Midge. She had been friends with our Membership Director, Margaret Clark-Mayfield, for a number of years. With Margaret's encouragement, Midge decided she wanted to see if she could put the two families together; to enlarge what others had begun. What better place to begin her quest than the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library.

Midge and Charles, her husband of 52 years, live in Central Point. Charles was born in the Mt. Shasta area of California, later moving to Ashland and graduating from Ashland High School. Many members of his family are still living in the Medford, Ashland area.

Midge has become a wonderful librarian, well organized, always upbeat, willing to help and involve herself with the patrons who come to our facility. If you haven't met her already, come and introduce yourself to Midge Dailey.

New Rogue Digger Editor Takes the Reins!



Hi, RVGS members!

My name is Cindi Armstrong Hobson. I first became a member in January 1986, and am a past RVGS President. I have been doing genealogy research off and on since that time. I became

interested in family research after going through documents for my mom. What intrigued me was finding four center pages that had been removed from a large bible all folded up (you know the ones showing births, marriages, deaths, and baptisms). I wanted to know who all these people were. Mom didn't know, as it was from my grandmother's house after she passed. After finding such a treasure, that started my chase to seek out who all these people were. Now, laughing, little did I know that the search is never over in the life of a genealogist!

I'm enthusiastic to begin working on *The Rogue Digger* as a volunteer for our society. A Big Thank You to Cara Davis-Jacobson for her past work on *The Rogue Digger*. I am a beginner in editing and publication process and have never attempted something like this. So please be gentle with me during this learning process. Here it goes!

Did you know we are over 600 members strong? We have a mix from beginner, to intermediate, and experts in our genealogy research experience. From my experience interacting with you and others in the genealogy world, I know that you all have so many stories and skills to share!

What is your Genealogy Superpower? *The Rogue Digger* can only be as successful as we the members choose to make it. With that being said, we need your articles and stories. What would you like to see in *The Rogue Digger*? Unleash your Genealogy Superpower!!!

Share...Share...Share

Tell us a story about your family, an individual who is playing hide and seek, or historical event or location. Did you find a piece of your puzzle? Share how you solved it. There could be a section with brick wall problems where you ask for help and include your email for members to reply directly to you. It is not limited to Jackson County, Oregon. Our families are from all over the country and all over the world. Do you have a topic you would like to write and have included in the *Digger*? More to come in a future *eNews* with suggestions from you on what to include in our *Digger*.

Looking forward to an exciting year for *The Rogue Digger* in 2024. Send all submissions to roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org.

Happy Digging, Cindi

In Memoriam

Honorary Life Member Colleen Eccleston has died



Colleen Dorrette (Arthur) McCoy Eccleston died 7 August 2023 in Medford, Oregon.

Colleen was the daughter of May (Eicher) and Ray Arthur and was born 5 October

1936 in Medford, Oregon, the oldest of three children.

Colleen joined RVGS in January 1978 while living in Seattle. In 1991 she attended her Eagle Point High School reunion, where she reconnected with her high school friend Chuck Eccleston. They married in 1993. She became an RVGS volunteer in 1995, in charge of Publicity for 2 years with her husband Chuck. In 1997 she took responsibility for Education, and quickly added Book Selection to her responsibilities in 1998. She was librarian from at least 2003 through 2012, serving in 2007 as Head

Librarian. In December 2006 she was awarded Honorary Life Membership in recognition of her many years of outstanding service to the Society. She was a thorough and meticulous researcher and shared her research knowledge and capabilities graciously. She had a quiet sense of humor and shared interesting genealogical discoveries during RVGS bus trips returning from Salt Lake City. Perhaps most memorably, she and her husband Chuck took a two-month genealogical research trip across the United States, resulting in an informative RVGS program and major story in the *Mail Tribune*. (The story is on pages 49 and 50 of *1996-2006 Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, the 1st 40 Years*. 979.527 H388 1996.)

Colleen was preceded in death by her beloved husband and co-RVGS volunteer, Chuck Eccleston, and her brother, Morris Arthur. She is survived by her sisters-in-law Donna (Wolff) Arthur and Linda (Eccleston) Vanderlip; her youngest brother, James and Lindy (Melinda Lee Smith) Arthur; son Philip McCoy and his three adult children: Kevin McCoy, Kelly (McCoy) and Tim McLaurin II, and their children, Katala and Remi; Michael and Julia (Coulson) McCoy; daughter Karen McCoy; son Nathan McCoy and Kali-Ahset Amen (Nate's children in first group (1) and Kali-Ahset's children in second group (2)): (1) Kia (Coddington) Brubaker, and her children, Evelyn and Dean; Kyriana McCoy; and Kalina McCoy; and (2) Xiomara Strayhorn; and Joshua Strayhorn; as well as other numerous loved ones.

[Click here](#) to view her full obituary in the *Rogue Valley Times*.

Life Member Marie Fulbright has died

Marie Kathleen (Smith) Fulbright, age 78, of Spring, Texas passed away 29 July 2023. She was born 6 August 1944 to Cleo Marie (Cox) and William Thomas Smith in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Marie was a RVGS Board member for 15 years, from 2005 - 2019 (PR 2005-2008; PR and Trustee 2009, Trustee 2010-2013, Membership 2014 - 2019). She

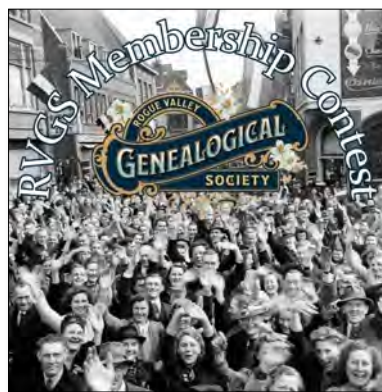


was a librarian from September 2005 through January 2018. She was responsible for turning the Jean Maack Collection into a usable research resource. She created a table of contents for each binder and placed the contents in new binders with dividers. The Jean Maack Project took a year to complete. Marie enjoyed researching her family genealogy and was especially proud of her local Smith and Hoxie ancestry.

Marie is survived by her loving husband Bryan Fulbright of 37 years, her children: 1 son Thomas (Kari) Thompson, 3 daughters Melissa (Damon) LaRue, Alice (Todd Fairchild) Thompson, Heather (Ryan) Mushinski, and her 5 grandchildren: Tommy John Thompson, Nicole (Cade) Weidemeyer, Emily Thompson, Mason Mushinski, and Madeline Mushinski. She is also survived by 4 siblings Marc (Leanne) Smith, Melissa Maddox, May (Larry) Widener, and Memory (Lonnie) Harris.

[Click here](#) to read her online obituary and view a gallery of photos.

Boost Our Membership Contest



Who do you know who could benefit from membership at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society? Help spread the word about our wonderful resources! On July 1, 2023, we launched our "Boost Our Membership"

contest. Tell your friends!! Each month from July through November, 2023, our Membership Director, Margaret Clark-Mayfield, will track the number of new members who joined because a current member referred them. The member who refers the

most new members each month will receive a prize! Who do you know? Questions? Contact Margaret at 541-292-9053.

Annual Fund Drive Launched



The Annual Fund Drive allows RVGS to continue the operation of the library while keeping our membership dues affordable. Membership dues only cover about a third of our

financial needs. Through other donations we have grown our library collection to over 26,000 items, offer access to eight genealogical websites at no cost to members, and provide educational classes and programs.

Your generous and faithful participation in our society is vital. Contributions can be made in three ways. You can:

1. Return the donation slip attached to the letter you received in the mail with your check in the envelope provided.

Go to our website (<http://www.rvgslibrary.org>) under Support Us > Annual Fund Drive to donate online with a credit/debit card or PayPal account. Drop off a donation at the library at 3405 South Pacific Hwy, Medford, during library open hours: Monday – Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM.

All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, #93-0684590. If you take Required Minimum Distributions, you can donate all or any part of the distribution directly; send your request to the administrator of your fund. In addition, if you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive a tax credit for the ENTIRE amount of your donation (maximum \$1,000 for couple; \$500 single). Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details.

Thank You to these 2023 RVGS Annual Fund Drive Donors!

Apple, Kathleen	Jenkins, Patricia
Asche, Karen	Kelley, Kenneth
Austermann, Christy	Kelly, Elizabeth
Ayres, Albert & Marilyn	Kelly, Patricia
Barker, Loretta	Kimball, Sheila
Belknap, Brad	Kious, Steve
Billeter, Anne	Leissler, Lynn
Blankenship, Otis	Lowery, Garlan
Blocher, Marjorie	Lynch, Karyn
Bolstad, Ron (in memory of Jack R. Bird)	Maize, Jim
Bookin, Justine	Mallchok, Judith
Brenner, Diane	McDonald, Lynn
Brewer, Patricia	McGann, Mary
Briggs, Glen	McGee, John & Vicky
Brockman, Jane	McGlothlin, John
Brown, Charleen	Morgan, Michael
Bryan, Jennifer	Milburn, Susan H.
Buchta, Alan	Mullaly, Alice & Larry
Callan, Debra	Nelson, Mary
Carlson, Charles & Edith	Ordal, Kathie
Carter, Annette	Patterson, Andrea
Casteel, Darlene	Patterson, Betty
Couey, Sheila	Paul, Rita
Craig, Carolyn	Pestlin, Celeste
D'Allura, Pam	Phelan, Dorcas
Deatherage, Dale & Elsie	Power, Mary Pat
Densmore, Al	Read, Janet
Emmens, Michael	Reising, Darlyne
Ferrara, Kaye	Richardson, Leon & Jean
Ferrell, John & Lorraine	Roberts, Roger & Nancy
Finkle, Peter	Ross, Stephen & Barbara
Forncrook, Lane & Ivarene	Samuelson, Carol
Freeburne, Sharon	Schenler, Carolyn
Gallo, Laurie	Scott, Karen
Gleaves, Janet	Shrewsberry, Barbara
Goodnough, Thelma & Richard	Simmons, George
Goodwine, Julie	Sloan, Vanya
Gregory, Wendy	Souders, James
Grohs, Susie	Sternola, Chloe
Haas, Cheryl	Stuelpnagel, Shirley
Haas, Robert & Shannon	Tsui, Mary A.
Hamby, Sharon	Turner, Robert & Linda
Haugse, Katie	Twiss, Bettijane
Hawk, Jeff & Lora	Vannucci, Jan
Hawk, Robert	Vaughn, Nancy
Hawley-Crum, Sharon	Vega, Maureen "MK"
Henry, Char	Wade, Ruth
Hillman, Steve	Wagner, Ernest
Hoadley, Jeanne	Watkins, Becky
Horton, Dave	Weaver, Vernon & Evelyn
Hunter, Judy	Williams, Evelyn
Jarvis, Barbara	Wonser, Dixie
	Yamasaki, Jerri

Become an RVGS Volunteer!



We are planning lots of fun things at RVGS! As you know, we are 100% volunteer run. Without volunteers **there would be no society or library**. Do you enjoy planning events? Fixing little things around the house?

Know how computers and tech things work? Enjoy greeting people, learning about genealogy, teaching, or assisting others? Enjoy organizing things? RVGS would love your input and enthusiasm. Please consider volunteering! We need you! Some of our volunteers work independently and some work closely with others. Come meet new friends and join the fun. Please consider volunteering by completing a volunteer application on our website by [clicking here](#). Below are a few positions that need volunteers:

- **2024 Officers**
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
- **Current Openings**
 - Finance Director
 - Classes and Programs Registration Coordinator
 - Technology Coordinator
 - Public Relations Coordinator
 - Building Maintenance Coordinator
 - Education Committee members
 - Quilt Committee members
 - Scholarship Committee members
 - Zoom and Class Hosts

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Quilt in the Niche: Bicentennial Commemorative Quilt

A Bicentennial Commemorative Embroidered Quilt is the latest RVGS fundraising raffle quilt. Constructed



between 1976 and 1980 by an unknown quiltmaker(s), it is a pieced queen-size patriotic red, white, and blue quilt containing 60 embroidered blocks. The center block depicts the United States with starred state capitals and is surrounded by state blocks, including the statehood year, shape, flower, and bird. The ruffled quilt was made to include a pillow tuck. It will be on display in the RVGS library in September.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00, and 30 tickets for \$20.00.

Stop by the library to see this beautiful quilt!

New Records Added to Our Subscription Websites (partial list)

American Ancestors

- Boston Tea Party Participant Biographies
- Brimfield, MA: Deaths and Burials, 1808-1850

Ancestry

- Ireland, Abstracts of Wills and Marriages, 1620-1923
- Ireland Cemetery Collection, 1865-1946
- Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, Death Certificates, 1950-1968
- Scotland, Gravestones and Memorials, 1521-1923
- UK and Allied Countries, World War II Liberated Prisoners of War Questionnaires, 1945-1946 [questionnaires were given to British and



Commonwealth soldiers who were liberated in Germany, Italy, and Japan]

FamilySearch

- Colombia, Civil Registration, 1553-2021
- Gibraltar, Civil Records, 1777-1990
- Philippines, Civil Registration (National), 1945-1984
- United States, North and South Dakota, Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, Vital Records, 1880-1942



1923. Books published before 1923 are no longer protected by copyright. While some books (more and more each day) are available digitally online, many are not. One of the advantages of having a collection about a particular place on a single CD (or sometimes on a 2 or 3 CD set), is that someone has collected

them together, which is convenient for the researcher.

MyHeritage

- Finland, Karelia, Deaths and Burials, 1686-1961
- Maine, Index to Obituary and Death Notices
- Michigan, Saginaw County, Index of Burial Records, 1850 onwards
- Ohio, Index of Death Records, 1904-1908, 1913-1944, 1954-1970



Some of the CDs contain historical books about entire states, but others focus on a specific county. Some are about an entire country such as Ireland. Over the next months these CDs will appear on the New Books Lists. Don't overlook them. They often contain not only standard state or county histories, but also unusual titles which may enlighten your research.

41 Items Added to the RVGS Library



32 books and 9 CDs were added to the collection in August 2023. Books include nine about Minnesota (977.6), four about Delaware (975.1), and a number scattered throughout the

collection about Swedish immigrants to the United States. Five CDs add a substantial number of historical books about five Pennsylvania (974.8) counties (Cumberland, Washington, Butler, Lawrence, and Venango.) [Click here for the complete 41 item list.](#)

CD's and Thumb Drives: a large donation

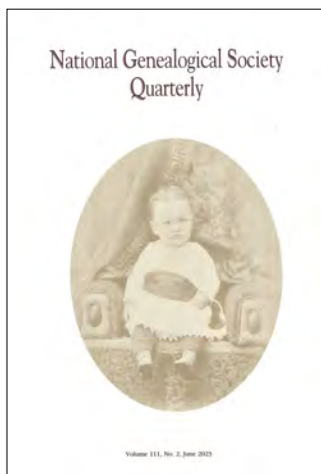
In July RVGS received a large donation of CDs and thumb drives. Each CD has anywhere from 1 to 207 scanned books in pdf format, all published before

New Periodicals on the Shelf

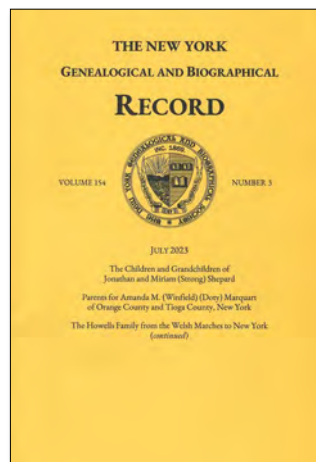


NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society Circ 929.05 NGSM v.49(3), July-Sept 2023
School issue: Bounty Land Warrant application files at the National Archives; Genealogy education programs; University libraries and African American

research; Using theses and dissertations in family research; Yearbooks; The value of small interest groups; Education in three colonial regions; Using different search engines; and Clues to identification of mystery matches on AncestryDNA results.



National Genealogical Society QUARTERLY
 Circ 929.05 NGSQ v.111(2),
 June 2023
 Charles Mapes and Maggie
 McBurney of Rock Island
 County, IL; Family for John
 and Rosannah Hogg
 Howard of RI, VT and NY;
 Nancy Northamer; Parents
 for Thomas Collins of
 Monks Kirby, England.



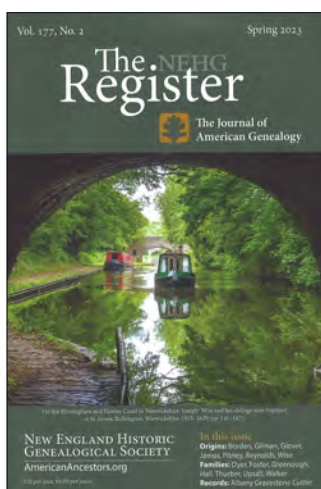
New York Genealogical and Biographical RECORD,
 New York Genealogical
 and Biographical Society
 Circ 974.7 G242 New v.154
 (3), July 2023
 Children and grandchildren
 of Jonathan and Miriam
 (Strong) Shepard; Parents
 for Amanda M Winfield
 Doty Marquart; Howells
 family from the Welsh
 Marches to NY.



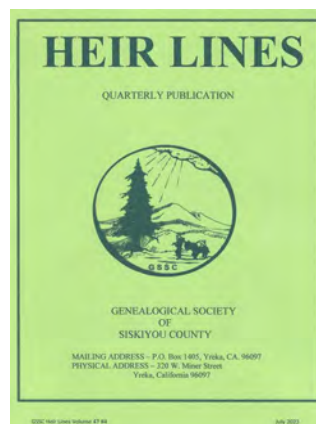
American Ancestors, New
 England Historic
 Genealogical Society
 Circ 974 P273 AA v.24(2)
 Summer 2023
 Introducing the new
 project "10 Million Names"
 to recover the names of
 the ten million people
 enslaved in America, Ten
 myths about slavery;
 Restoring a New Haven
 Brockett lineage; the Sam Katz Collection; and
 Virginia diarist Jane Chancellor Payne.



New York Researcher, New
 York Genealogical and
 Biographical Society
 Circ 974.7 P273 NYR v.34
 (2), Summer 2023
 New York City death
 records; Local government
 records; Society of
 Colonial Wars, New York,
 application forms [for
 those applying 1892-
 1919]; Chautauqua County
 (history and resources); Latest online resources.



New England Historic Genealogical Society REGISTER
 Circ 974 G242 NEHGS
 v.177(2), Spring 2023
 Philip James of Hingham,
 MA; Samuel Walker
 (Reading and Woburn,
 MA); Mary, wife of Major
 William Dyer (NYC); I
 James and Sarah Pitney
 (MA); Joseph Wise
 (Roxbury, MA); Lydia



Heir lines, Genealogical
 Society of Siskiyou County
 Circ 979.421 P273 Hei v.47
 (4) July 2023
 Rosborough letters (1854-
 1876); Teachers in Siskiyou
 County schools 1907-1916
 (a list); and Greenhorn
 (locality).

Foster Hall (ME); Joan Glover, mother of Richard
 Borden (RI); Marriage of William Greenough and
 Elizabeth Upsall (MA); John Thurber of Swansea;
 Robert Reynolds (MA); I James Hodge, gravestone
 cutter of Albany, NY.





Sale Surplus Books

Price does not include shipping costs.

- *The Civil War at Charleston. Attack on Fort Sumter-the Fighting Begins. April 12, 1861-4: 30 a.m.* by Arthur M. Wilcox and Warren Ripley, 17th ed., 1993. \$3
- *A Guide to the Indian Wars of the West* by John D. McDermott, 1998. \$3
- *Full of Life. The History and Character of Eugene's Masonic Cemetery*, 1999. \$35
- *The Well-Traveled Casket: A Collection of Oregon Folklife* by Tom Nash & Twilo Scofield, 1999. \$4
- *Ten Years on the Pacific Coast* by F. X. Blanchet, 1982. \$10
- *Settling the Rogue Valley: The Tough Times, The Forgotten People* by Barbara Hegne, 1995. \$47
- *Looking Back: Jackson County, the Early Years 1800s Through 1939* by The Mail Tribune, 2011. \$10
- *Masonry Comes to Southern Oregon* by Henry H. Halvorsen, 1978. \$30
- *Oregon and Overland Trail Diary of Mary Louisa Black in 1865* by Marguerite Black and Bert Webber, 1989. \$4
- *The Handy Book for Genealogists. State and county histories, maps, libraries, bibliographies of genealogical works, where to write for records, etc.* by George B. Everton Sr. & Gunnar Rasmussen, 3rd ed., 1957. \$37
- *The Overland Migrations: Settlers to Oregon, California, and Utah* by The National Park Service. \$9
- *Knights of the Whip: Stagecoach Days in Oregon* by Gary & Gloria Meier, 1987. \$5
- *Skookum: An Oregon Pioneer Family's History and Lore* by Shannon Applegate, 1988. \$4
- *Living Among Headstones: Life in a Country Cemetery* by Shannon Applegate, 2005. \$4

- *The Pioneers: Old West* by the editors of Time-Life Books, 1974. \$4

- *The Jacksonville Story* by Richard H. Engeman, 1980. \$3
- *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maryland* by The Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of the Census, 1907. \$12
- *Land in Common: Illustrated History of Jackson County, Oregon* edited by Joy B. Dunn, 1993. \$12
- *Lincoln and the Coming of the Civil War (Problems in American Civilization)* edited by Norton Garfinkle, 1959. \$5
- *Jackson County Conversations* by Kay Atwood, 1975. \$16
- *Oregon Harvest*, Photography by Peter Marbach and Text by Bruce Pokarney, 2002. \$4

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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.

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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.

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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.

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