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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 four open positions:

President, Vice President, Trustee, and Treasurer. Luckily, our current Secretary, Cathy Ullrich, has 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 as soon as possible.

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 **Classes & Events** 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, October 6, 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.
Cost: Free to all.



Saturday, October 7, 1:30-3:00 PM, CLASS: Not in a Fine Fettle: Researching the Health of Your Ancestors

In this class, Jane Neff Rollins will help us learn what clues to look for, what medical documentation might exist, and where to find it.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. The speaker will present remotely. Cost \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members. Class will be recorded and available for viewing for 30 days.



Monday, October 9, 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, October 9, 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, October 10, 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, October 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using “Family Tree Maker” software. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month.
Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, October 11, 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.

Wednesday, October 11, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Great Lakes Interest Group

Join facilitator Kim Thurman to discuss genealogy research in the Great Lakes region. Primary focus will be the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, but researchers to the north and east of the lakes are welcome as well. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, October 12, 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.

Friday, October 13, 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.

Tuesday, October 17, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, Moonville: Named for A. S. Moon



happened to the 13 Moon children, who were all born in Jackson County? Anne's research into Moonville and A. S. Moon explored the usual and some less common resources to determine the answers and build a Moon family tree. Are there

Anne Billeter used genealogical and historical research to determine that Moonville in Jackson County Oregon was named for Alexander Sylvester Moon. Who was he? Where did he come from? What

Moon descendants? Join Anne to see the Moon story unfold.

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



Wednesday, October 18, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let's Talk Genealogy

This is a chance to get together with others who share your same interest. We will start with a focus and see where it goes from there.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Seminar: From ASP to Gasp! The Law and Legal Records.



In this seminar, Judy Russell will present 3 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; The Law

for Genealogists. (3) Unexpected Treasures: Family History in the American State Papers.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members. Class will be recorded and available for viewing for 30 days.

Wednesday, October 25, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: Documenting Your Heirlooms



There are many things in your family history that are important and worth documenting beyond birth,

marriage, and death dates. Family traditions and stories about items in the family can enrich the

family history and ensure that the information is passed onto future generations accurately and correctly.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. The speaker will present remotely. Cost \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members. Class will be recorded and available for viewing for 30 days.

Saturday, October 28, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, FREE Fall Festival and Open House at RVGS Library: Let the Gourd Times Roll!

Explore your local Genealogical Society Library and join in our Fall Festival and Open House, celebrating our ancestors from around the world. Learn about the many ways they welcomed harvest time and the end of summer. See this *eNews* for more information.



LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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.

Wednesday, October 11, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Tragedy at Tunnel 13, Ashland Hills Hotel



On October 11, 1923, an attempted robbery of a Southern Pacific train in the Siskiyou Mountains resulted in the death of four innocent men. The crime led to a multi-year manhunt that captivated the nation. This event is part of a series to mark the 100th anniversary of the crime and its legacy. Including

a director's screening of OPB's *Murder on the Southern Pacific*, expert panel discussion, commemorative postmarks, pop-up exhibit featuring historic records and artifacts. Free to all.

Friday & Saturday, October 13 & 14, Historic Jacksonville Haunted History Tours

Historic Jacksonville, Inc. will be ending its 2023 season of Haunted History walking tours with two

special tour nights on Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14. Passion, envy, sorrow, and revenge all feature in the stories shared by costumed docents as they introduce guests to ghosts and spirits from Jacksonville's pioneer past still lingering in the town's historic buildings. For additional information: <https://www.historicjacksonville.org/haunted-history-tours>

Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22, Noon – 3:00 PM, Victorian Mourning Customs tour, Jacksonville's Beekman House, 470 E California St.



The Victorians created elaborate rituals around the passing of a loved one. Death was considered part of life's texture, giving it essential meaning. Join Historic Jacksonville at the 1873 Beekman House Museum between 12n and 3pm on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, to explore how

Jacksonville's most prominent pioneer family honored the dearly departed in the late 1800s. For additional information: <https://www.historicjacksonville.org/victorian-theme-tours>

Saturday & Sunday, October 28 & 29, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, SOHS Hanley Farm Scarecrow Festival
Make a scarecrow, take part in the scarecrow contest, hayrides, heritage games, and more! More information: <https://sohs.org/events/>

Windows in Time: Back from the Ashes: The Malmgren Garage

Wednesday, November 1, noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library:** In Person and online

[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, November 8, noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland Library,** Gresham Room

Most people think a building has to be perfectly restored to garner listing in the National Register of Historic Places, but the Malmgren Garage, one of the

oldest concrete buildings in Talent, and the only structure on its block to survive the Almeda Fire, was considered eligible for listing in the register even through the fire destroyed its roof, windows and all its wooden elements. Hear from George Kramer, the project restoration specialist, how a determined property owner, her architectural team and builder, have worked together to bring the Malmgren Garage back from the ashes and maintain its historic character, and demonstrate to the State and the National Park Service that it deserved National Register status.

Ashland resident George Kramer, with a background in history and architecture, has worked to document and restore historic buildings throughout the Pacific Northwest for over three decades. He wrote the nomination documents for downtown Grants Pass, downtown Medford, and all four of the historic districts in Ashland, along with the Ashland Springs Hotel, Bigham Knoll in Jacksonville, Medford's Porter's Restaurant and more than 80 projects in downtown Medford. His current work in the valley includes interior design for the SOHS Event Center and on-going restoration of the Holly Theatre in addition to the Malmgren Garage.



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.](#)



February 29 – March 2, 2024, RootsTech Conference

Registration is now open for RootsTech 2024. Participants will be able to join this event virtually from anywhere in the world or attend live at the Salt

Palace in Salt Lake City. Choose from hundreds of new genealogy classes, cutting-edge technology and innovation, and entertainment that won't disappoint. For more information and registration, click here: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2024-registration>

SOCIETY NEWS



Welcome New Members!

Welcome to the newest members of RVGS: Wilma Hyde, Sasha Weber, Jo Hoag, Carolyn Standfield, Jane Conrad, Laurene Wagner, Sandy & Nikki Hayes! Welcome back to

Sherry Hubbard, Evren Sturdevent, Rick Silva, Karen Beck, Diane Heaney, Sandi Thompson, Douglas Kirkpatrick, and Rob Gomoluh!

Fall Seminar: October 21 - "From ASP to Gasp! The Law and Legal Records"



Join us on Saturday, October 21 for our fall Seminar with the Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell. Judy will

be presenting three sessions from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Attendees may join on Zoom from home, or come down to the library to watch the remote presentation. Judy's three sessions include:

1. **An Act for the Relief of Gregory Thomas and Others: The Private Laws of the Federal and State Governments.** Few researchers realize that many early federal and state laws were private laws - specifically for the benefit of individuals or families. The records can be fabulous for genealogists. Learn how to find these genealogical gems in federal and state collections.
2. **Copyrights and Copywrongs: The Law for Genealogists.** With many aspects in common through international agreements yet key aspects of differences by national laws, copyright law crosses national borders and impacts all genealogical researchers. Understanding the basics-what we have in common, where the laws differ and where we all go wrong-can keep us all on the straight and narrow path of copyright and help us avoid copywrongs.
3. **Unexpected Treasures: Family History in the American State Papers.** The American State Papers reflect the history of a new nation in its formative years. A collection of 38 volumes of legislative and executive documents from 1789 to 1838, the volumes cover everything from Indian affairs to public lands—and they contain a wealth of family information often not available anywhere else.

Seminar cost is \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members. [Click here to register.](#) Registration closes at noon on Friday, October 20. The seminar will be recorded and made available to those who register.

RVGS Fall Festival & Open House: Let the Gourd Times Roll!

Explore your local Genealogical Society Library and join in our Fall Festival and Open House, celebrating our ancestors from around the world. Learn about the many ways they welcomed harvest time and the end of Summer. Watch our PowerPoint



presentation about the Old-World traditions and the celebrations our ancestors brought to America. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Bring a friend or two. Join us for cider and pie. Discover what our

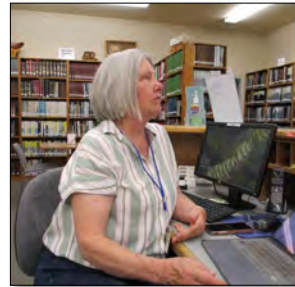
library offers to enhance your understanding of your ancestors' lives, before and after they came to America, and the many traditions and customs they brought with them. Free to all!

Genealogy Week a Huge Success

September 16 - 22 the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society held our annual Genealogy Week. For the first time, all classes were offered in a hybrid model, both on Zoom and in person at the library. People from all over the country took advantage of our free classes. Here are a few numbers:

- There were 7 fabulous presenters who presented 11 classes and 1 program. Many thanks to Katie Haugse, Anne Billeter, Barbara Northrop, Rich Miles, Mary Robsman, Cheryl Johnson, and Kim Thurman!
- Twelve Zoom hosts and co-hosts kept things running smoothly. We couldn't have done it without Loretta Barker, Cindi Hobson, Barbara Northrop, Kim Thurman, Jeanne Hoadley, Katie Haugse, Rich Cunningham, Lynne Hunter, Dave Hobson, Christy Austerman, Sue Acuff, and Ann Baracker. Thank you!
- Classes were attended by 341 people (158 unique individuals), 88 of whom were not RVGS members! Attendees were not only from the Rogue Valley, but also from Canada, Illinois, Wisconsin, Idaho, New York, Alabama, Mississippi, Ohio, Florida, New Jersey, and Kansas!
- One person rounded up all the speakers and organized the schedule, thank you, Rich Cunningham!
- And one person kept all the registrations straight

and organized, and tallied the final totals, many thanks to our president, Katie Haugse!



Volunteer Star of the Month

By Leslie Compton

I met with Janet Read this month who had joined the genealogy society when it

was still located in Phoenix but didn't become a volunteer librarian until October 2022. Janet had let her membership lapse and after COVID decided to rejoin, lucky for us!

Janet became interested in genealogy when she inherited research done by her father's cousin in 1999. The cousin had been a librarian in Los Angeles and had begun her research long before home computers were available. Janet is working to discover all of her ancestors who were in this country by 1640, a monumental task.

Moving from Santa Barbara in 2006, Janet purchased an older home with an adjoining cottage in Ashland, with hopes of renting out the cottage to provide a little extra income. But plans for the future didn't turn out as she envisioned. Janet now lives in the cottage and her daughter and family live in the big house. This situation won't always be, but she is grateful she purchased a home that became suitable for all.

Janet was born in Southern California and went to college in Santa Barbara, graduating with a major in Sociology and a minor in Archaeology. What a perfect match for a genealogy researcher. She liked Santa Barbara so well she ended up staying for 40 years after graduation.

"Why Ashland?" I asked her. She and her parents often came to the Shakespeare Festival during the summer months, she replied. As Santa Barbara began to change from the small town feeling to a large metropolis, Janet remembered Ashland.

Besides her grandchildren, Janet keeps busy with gardening and the genealogy work she began years ago. If Janet is not out in her garden when you visit, she will probably be cutting tiles for her kitchen or putting together new cabinets and shelves.



In Memoriam

Life Member Barbara Basden has died

Barbara Basden, a member of RVGS since moving from Fresno to Medford in 2005 after retirement, died 31

August 2023 in La Jolla, California, following surgery. She and husband Dave were instrumental in the enhancement of RVGS Internet subscription sites, first at the Houston Road in Phoenix location and then at the current library. Barbara helped plan the computer area at our new-to-RVGS building in 2012. Barbara taught many classes for RVGS, including during the annual Genealogy Week. She served on the Board, with technology being her passion. Once she got an idea, it happened! Like.....adding free genealogy sites to the library computers' website menu for easy access for researchers in the library. She expanded the RVGS website to include Society information and indexes to many Jackson County vital records and other research resources. She edited the Society's monthly electronic newsletter for a number of years. She had many interests besides genealogy, including gardening, AAUW, and Old Time Fiddlers. We were fortunate to benefit from her skills for many years. Volunteers like Barbara are always missed and hard to replace.

Barbara was born 10 February 1940, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the youngest of three daughters of Albert R. and Carrie Mae (Utter) Holz. She was predeceased by her parents, her two sisters, and her daughter, Leslie. She is survived by Dave, her husband of 61 years, and their son Devin.

Click here for a link to her obituary in the *Rogue Valley Times*, Tuesday, 19 Nov 2023.

Annual Fund Drive Continues



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!

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Hillman, Steve	Vannucci, Jan
Hoadley, Jeanne	Vaughn, Nancy
Horton, Dave	Vega, Maureen "MK"
	Wade, Ruth

Wagner, Ernest
Watkins, Becky
Weaver, Vernon & Evelyn
Williams, Evelyn

Wonser, Dixie
Yamasaki, Jerri
Zorn, Walter

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
 - Trustee
- **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: Civil War Baskets

Every year for the past 51 years, Aurora Colony Museum, located in the heart of the Willamette Valley, hosts a quilt show. This year is no exception. You can visit the event at the museum which is located at 15108 2nd Street, Aurora, OR. Dates for the quilt show are Oct 13th to 22nd, open every day from 10am to 4pm. "Aurora's Flower Garden" is the title of this year's quilt show, which takes inspiration from the Emma Wakefield Herb Garden located on the museum's grounds.



You may ask, "What does that have to do with events happening in Southern Oregon?" As it turns out the museums in both areas have a quilting history in common. The Jacksonville Museum Quilters and the Aurora Colony Museum Quilters have been creating beautiful

quilts for many years. "Civil War Baskets" is one of those quilts and will be displayed for the October Quilt in the Niche. It was finished April 2006 by the Aurora Colony Museum Quilters and is machine pieced and hand quilted.



The pattern is historic dating back to the early 1800's and popular during the Civil War era. The fabrics are reproduction Civil War cotton prints. Mary Cadwallader of Clackamas, Oregon, machine pieced the blocks and donated the finished quilt

top to Aurora Colony Museum. Ethel Combs, Laude Hill, Ila McCallum, and Sandy Nelson hand quilted the top, working at the museum around an antique quilting frame used by the Aurora Colony. Char Wirfs, of Central Point, purchased it at the annual Aurora Colony Museum Auction in May of 2007. It features a single flower quilting design in the baskets and a double-cable design in the outer border. This border design was often used by the Aurora Colony quilters from 1850 to 1915 and can be seen throughout the museum's extensive quilt collection.

For more information on the Aurora Colony Museum and the upcoming quilt show visit auroracolony.org.

New Records Added to Our Subscription Websites (partial list)

American Ancestors

- Early Vermont Settlers, 1700-1784: 19 new sketches
- Massachusetts: 54th Regiment Soldiers and 55th Regiment Soldiers (Index Only). This is part of the 10 Million Names Project.*



Ancestry

- Australia, Victoria, Petty Session Records, 1854-1922
- Canada, Calgary, City of Calgary Burials, 1819-2023
- UK, Registers and Indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths of Passengers and Seamen at Sea, 1891-1922
- Minnesota, U.S., Sons of Norway Membership Records, 1737-1970
- Oregon, U.S., State Prison Records, 1854-1946



FamilySearch

- Alaska, Village Census Rolls, 1919-1972
- Czech Republic, Church Books, 1552-1981

- Latvia, Census, 1935
- Latvia, Census, 1941

MyHeritage

- Index of Jewish Cemetery and Burial Records from 138 countries, forming the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)
- Index of Birth Records from Missouri 1910-
- Index of Marriage Records from Arkansas 1800-
- Index of Marriage Records from Kentucky 1785-
- Index of Marriage Records from Michigan 1828-
- Index of Marriage Records from Ohio 1789-
- Index of Marriage Records from North Carolina 1700-
- Index of Marriage Records from New Hampshire 1828-
- Index of Marriage Records from Pennsylvania 1823-
- Index of Marriage Records from Texas 1837-1965
- Index of Marriage Records from Washington 1965-
- Index of Marriage Records from West Virginia 1780-1971



*The 10 Million Names Project is a collaborative project dedicated to recovering the names of the estimated 10 million men, women, and children of African descent who were enslaved in pre- and post-colonial America (specifically, the territory that would become the United States) between the 1500s and 1865. Additional information is available at: <https://10millionnames.org/>

Items Added to the RVGS Library: Number Too Large to be True?

89 physical items: 23 books, 55 CDs, 5 thumb drives, and 1 map! But on the 55 CDs are **3,584 digitized books and 68 digitized maps**. The 5 thumb drives have an entire library of digitized books (several hundred) relating to the Civil War, most organized state by state, including state rosters, regimental

histories, letters, diaries, histories of battles, and photographs. PLUS, the digitized multi-volume *Official records of the Union and Confederate Navies* (Woods, 1894; Denby, 1922) AND *War of the Rebellion: a compilation of the official records of the Union and Confederate Armies*, 1880. **Click here to see the complete list...** then come to the library to look at this cornucopia of new research resources!

New Periodicals on the Shelf



American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution
Circ 929.05 AmS v. 157(5)
Sept/Oct 2023
Revolutionary uniforms; (Artists) Georgia O'Keeffe and Gilbert Stuart; (Travel) Hot Springs, Arkansas and West Virginia; DAR founder Mary Desha.

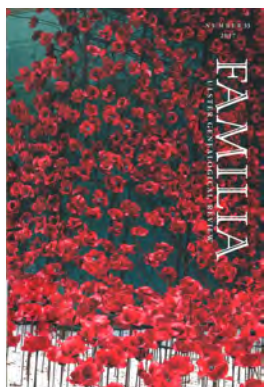


Family Tree Magazine
Circ 929.1 FTM Sept/Oct 2023
Reuniting diaries with families; Building an Ancestry tree; The value of tracing middle names; Errors in the census; German records on-line; Immigration restrictions timeline; Dating photos; Church records; Browsing FamilySearch historical images (how to). Research Guides – Hawaii and Massachusetts; Cheat Sheet – Find My Past.



Bulletin, Genealogical Forum of Oregon
Circ 979.549 P273 Bul v.73
(1) September 2023
Jane Emeline Owens of Tacoma; Norman Wesley Nieberlein and his military

service; The Orville Cole family of Portland; Rev. Robert Frederick Grafe (military service); Scrapbook of Ruth Helen Radcliffe. Obituaries for Judge William Campbell Snouffer and Margaret Wynne Fox.



Familia; Ulster Genealogical Review, Ulster Genealogical and Historical Guild. Circ 941.6 P273 Fam v.33, 2017 WWI doughboys; Ballyhaise, County Cavan; James Leech; Ardess graveyard, County Fermanagh; David and Charles Duff; Charles Cosslett; The ship Polly Woodside (Belfast to Melbourne); Northern Irish

ancestors of Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York.

Surplus Books for Sale

Our surplus book sale started on Saturday, September 16 in the Reading Room. You still have through Tuesday, October 17 to stop by and find a bargain on Genealogy and other interesting books. Here are a few that were recently added to the surplus selection. Check out the spooky tales that are available! If you couldn't make it to Genealogy Week but are still interested in a book, remember that the prices do not include shipping costs.

- *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade* by Thomas Lynch, 1997. \$3.00
- *Ghost Stories of Oregon* by Susan Smitten, 2001. \$8.00
- *Jeremy Visick* by David Wiseman, 1981. \$2.00
- *Spooky Oregon: Tales of Hauntings, Strange Happenings, and Other Local Lore* by S. E. Schlosser, 2009. \$4.00
- *Tombstones: Seventy-Five Famous People and Their Final Resting Places* by Gregg Felsen, 1996. \$7.00
- *Grave Matters: A Journey Through the Modern Funeral Industry to a Natural Way of Burial* by Mark Harris, 2007. \$3.00
- *Pillars of the past: At rest at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park* by Michael Svanevik & Shirley Burgett, 2002. \$4.00

- *Tales Behind the Tombstones: The Deaths and Burials of The Old West's Most Nefarious Outlaws, Notorious Women, and Celebrated Lawmen* by Chris Enss, 2007. \$3.00
- *199 Cemeteries to See Before You Die* by Loren Rhoads, 2017. \$44.00
- *Pioneer Cemeteries of Jackson County* by Margaret LaPlante, 2014. \$20.00
- *Tales the Western Tombstones Tell: Historic Graves of the Old West* by Lambert Florin, 1967. \$6.00
- *The Oregon Trail* by Francis Parkman, 1950. \$4.00
- *The Lodge: Jacksonville Masonic Fraternities: Warren Lodge no. 10 A.F. & A.M., Oregon Chapter no. 4 Royal Arch Masons, Adarel Chapter no. 3 Order of ... Order of Rainbow for Girls, With Index* by Henry H. Halvorsen & Marguerite Black, 1991. \$32.00
- *Jacksonville: Biography of a Gold Camp* by Francis D. Haines, Jr., 1967. \$8.00
- *Clogher Record 1990: Journal of the Clogher Historical Society Cumann Seanchais Chlochair.* \$19.00
- *Clogher Record 1991: Journal of the Clogher Historical Society Cumann Seanchais Chlochair.* \$15.00
- *Clogher Record 1992: Journal of the Clogher Historical Society Cumann Seanchais Chlochair.* \$15.00
- *Clogher Record 1993: Journal of the Clogher Historical Society Cumann Seanchais Chlochair.* \$15.00
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- *Clogher Record 1996: Journal of the Clogher Historical Society Cumann Seanchais Chlochair.* \$15.00
- *An Honorable History: 133 Years of Medical Practice in Jackson County, Oregon* by Kay Atwood, 1985. \$9.00
- *Handy Book for Genealogists*, ed. by Georger B. Everton Sr., 6th ed., 1971. \$5.00

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The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society sponsors a variety of virtual and hybrid 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.

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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 - Noon. 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 - Noon. 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.

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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.

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