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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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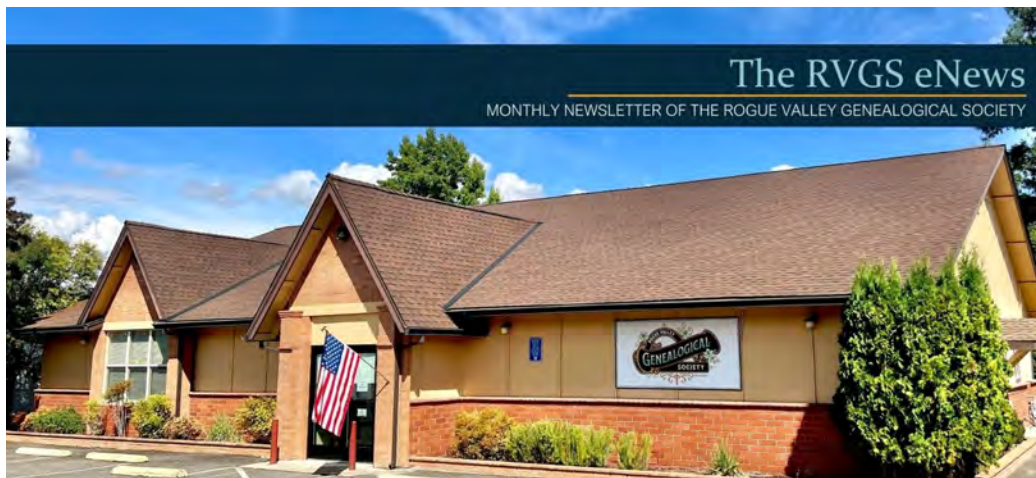
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LIBRARY HOURS

RVGS Library is open
Monday - Saturday
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM



Dear Members,

As I sit here tonight, October 17, 2023, I am in high hopes that we might have members stepping forward to run for the upcoming 2024 officers for RVGS. Thank you to those who have, and fingers crossed more will come forward! I am saddened by the recent news from our friends and neighbors at Grants Pass Genealogical Society announcing that they will be closing their society (see article later in this *eNews*). Their closure is partially due to the lack of members willing to serve on their board. I have also heard this from some other societies across the country. Let's not allow this to happen to RVGS! Attend the Board meetings, read the minutes and committee reports, come to the library, and participate in keeping our doors open to our wonderful members, patrons, and friends! I know it is difficult with so much going on today, too many meetings, and learning new technology (but didn't most of us graduate from our tricycles to bicycles?) We can do it! We are learning new techniques for discovering our ancestors, aren't we? Let us know what you need assistance with, we are here to help you learn.

Hope to see you at the library in meetings, classes, and events. Wishing you and your families a very happy & thankful Thanksgiving!

Katie Hauge
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.



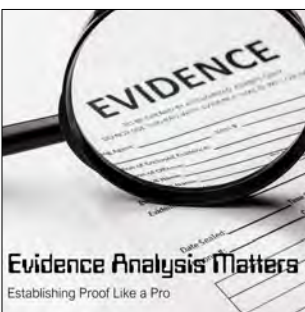
- Event details are subject to change. Check our website for the latest information. If registration is not available on the website, please check back.
- Unless noted otherwise, most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Classes & Events** menu on our [website](#). **Registration 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, November 3, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Crater Lake Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

This meeting will be held in person at the RVGS Library, everyone is welcome to attend.
Cost: Free to all.

Saturday, November 4, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class, “Evidence Analysis Matters: Establishing Proof Like a Pro”



The ability to effectively analyze and correlate evidence doesn't have to be scary or confusing! Join Kim Thurman to learn the basics of evidence analysis and how to apply it to your genealogical research.
Hybrid - Zoom and in

person at the library. Class will be recorded and available for viewing for 30 days by paid registrants.
Cost: Members \$10, Non-Member \$20.

Saturday, November 4, Noon – 2:00 PM, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

This meeting is held in person at the RVGS Library and everyone is welcome to attend.
Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, November 8, 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, November 9, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

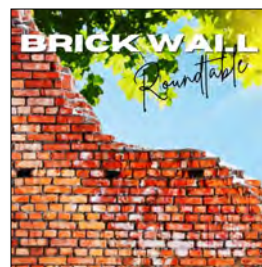


Barbara Northrop facilitates this group that meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45

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, November 10, 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.

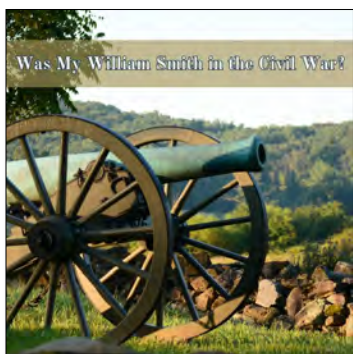


Saturday, November 11, 10:30 – Noon, Brick Wall Roundtable

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.

**Saturday, November 11, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Class,
“Was My William Smith in the Civil War?”**



Over ten percent of the US population fought in the Civil War in the 1860s. Using (mostly) free resources. Brian Rhinehart will share some tips on how to determine if your ancestor was in the war, and how to differentiate

among those commonly named soldiers.
Hybrid - Zoom and in person at the library. Class will be recorded and available for viewing for 30 days by paid registrants.
Cost: Members \$10, Non-members \$20.



**Monday, November 13,
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, November 13, Colonial America Interest Group, CANCELLED

The next meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2:00 - 3:30 PM.
Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

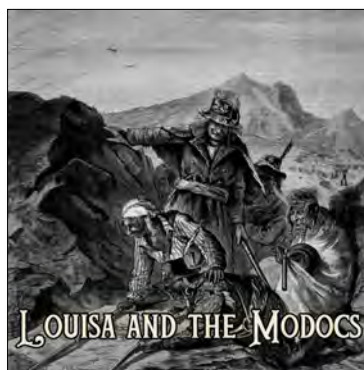
Tuesday, November 14, 11:00 - Noon, German Interest Group

This interest group concentrates on German history and research. They meet the Second Tuesday of the month. Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library.
Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, November 14, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

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

Tuesday, November 21, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, “Louisa and the Modocs”

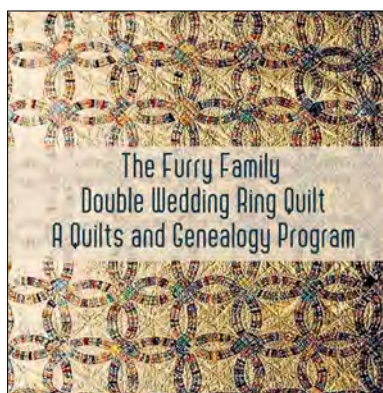


Louisa Boddy was born in Ireland in 1829, lived in Australia, emigrated to the Pacific Northwest, and lost most of her family the first day of the Modoc Indian War November 28, 1872 -- 151 years ago. Sue Waldron will

share how she used genealogy to find out who Louisa was, how she survived and eventually prospered.
Hybrid - Zoom and in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

**Wednesday, November 22 - Sunday, November 26,
RVGS LIBRARY CLOSED**

Tuesday, November 28, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, The Furry Family Double Wedding Ring Quilt: A Quilt and Genealogy Program



Who made the Furry pioneer family double wedding ring quilt, where has it been and how and why did it return to Jackson County? Anne Billeter will take us on a genealogical journey of discovery about

the Furry family and their well-traveled quilt.
In person at the library only. Cost: Free to all.

Special Interest Group News

A GERMAN - AMERICAN CONNECTION



On September 19 our German Interest Group (GIG) celebrated a special connection between a family in Germany and a member of our GIG.

This connection started with RVGS member Bruce McGarvey hiring Theresa Berns in Germany to translate his family documents. He invited Theresa to attend a GIG meeting on zoom. She presented a workshop on deciphering old German handwriting. Theresa recognized her mother's grandmother's maiden name while working on documents for GIG member Mary Robsman. Theresa's mother took a DNA test. That proved she and Mary are related. On a Tuesday during Genealogy Week, "Cousin" Theresa met "Cousin" Mary at the RVGS library. Members of GIG attended a get-together for Theresa Berns, her husband, and son visiting from Hannover, Germany, at a no host dinner at Elmer's Restaurant, a special international celebration.

Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

As a follow-up to the October discussion, in November we will spend time examining the direct and indirect evidence in death certificates and death records as well as the genealogical value of probate records. See you all in November.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS



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 Alameda Fire, was considered eligible for listing in the register even though 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.

Windows in Time: The Mayor's Gift: The Lasting Legacy of Clarence Meeker

Wednesday, December 6, noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library**: In Person and online

[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, December 13, noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland Library**, Gresham Room

Clarence Meeker came to Southern Oregon in the 1890s at the age of 12. He graduated from Medford's first high school and became a prominent downtown merchant. A natural leader and civic booster, he also served a two-terms as a City Councilman, and as Medford's wartime mayor. Like many of his contemporaries, Meeker was fascinated by stories of the early settlers, and in his efforts to preserve Jacksonville's historic county courthouse laid the groundwork that enabled the Southern Oregon Historical Society to gather and preserve one of the largest regional history collections in the country.

Larry Mullaly is a retired educator and community college administrator with a love for sharing history. He serves on the committee to coordinate Window's In Time programs, and he is a frequent contributor to the Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly.

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: Alberto & Sara Enriquez, Barry Duvigneaud, Teresa Merwin, Patrick Calkins, Sara Rea, and Cathleen Katz! Welcome back to Mary Szoyka!

Grants Pass Genealogical Society to Close



This letter was posted on the GPGS Facebook page, October 16. We are saddened to hear the news and trust that RVGS members will not let this happen to RVGS.

A VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! PLEASE READ!

Hello fellow Grants Pass Genealogical Society members,

Last week our club celebrated our 55th anniversary with a party and a great speaker. It was so nice to have an "in-person" meeting, and if you were one of the few members who didn't attend, I want to update you.

As required by the bylaws, nominations were requested in October for the four elected positions- President, V/President, Secretary and Treasurer. None of our outgoing elected officers plan to run again and it was hoped that those positions would be filled for 2024-2025. No one volunteered to run for any of the elected offices at the meeting.

A motion was made to start to CLOSE DOWN OUR CLUB as outlined in the bylaws and the Board of Directors will start the process. The only asset we have is the checking account with a very small account balance. The Board of Directors will decide where those funds will be donated, again as outlined in the bylaws.

There are two speakers lined up for the November and December meeting, so those events will still be presented via Zoom. You will be notified via the newsletter and email messages as usual.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions about closing down the Grants Pass Genealogical Society.

I want to thank Jan Hansen, Family Search Center Director, for securing a meeting room in the Church building for meetings during the last 11 years. It's been a pleasure to use the building for meetings, workshops, and the genealogy seminar all these years.

Regards to all,
Celeste Guillory
GPGS President

RVGS High School Scholarship News



By Marilyn Ayres,
Scholarship Chairman

Once again it is scholarship application time. Get the word out, tell your family and friends who have or know seniors at one of the high schools in

Jackson County. This year's scholarship application and guidelines will be sent to the Jackson County High Schools in the first week of November, and it will also be posted on the RVGS website by mid-November.

This is the ninth year of our scholarship program. Previous awards have been given to students of Eagle Point, North Medford, South Medford, Ashland, and St. Mary's high schools. The \$2,000 award is to be used at an accredited college or university in Oregon.

The deadline for applying is March 8, 2024. The completed application and the required supporting

documentation should be timely hand delivered or mailed to the RVGS Library at 3405 South Pacific Highway, Medford, Oregon 97501, so that it is received by the deadline. The selected awardee will be notified in writing by April 19, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Ayres, scholarship chairman, at the library. Remember as you gather with your friends and family over the holidays in the coming months, talk about our scholarship program and about your own connection with our great Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. If you are not currently a member, stop by and look around our library. The books and other materials are a wonderful resource for our community. Students may use the library free of charge for genealogy research.

23andMe Data Breach



The DNA website, *23andMe* recently discovered a data breach to their system. In an abundance of caution, all user passwords have been reset. If you have a

23andMe account, you should log in immediately and set up a new password (you will be prompted to do so when you log in). For more information about the data breach, read their blog, "Addressing Data security Concerns" by [clicking here](#).

Rogue Digger Articles Needed

RVGS invites you to submit articles for the Rogue Digger! The list of possibilities is endless!

- Fraternal organizations
- Military
- Pioneer & Early Settlers
- Book reviews
- Cemetery
- How to articles
- Problem solving ideas
- Software recommendations
- Life story sketches
- Queries

- Brick wall breakthroughs.
- Suggestions

If submitting an article with a copyright, it is your responsibility to receive written permission from the author to reprint. Send your amazing articles to: roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org. Articles may be edited for clarity or length. Enjoy the hunt!

Cindi Armstrong Hobson, *Rogue Digger* Editor

Save those Cans & Bottles!



BottleDrop
Give

Start collecting those cans and bottles, fill some blue bags, and

hang on to them for just a few weeks. November 15 – December 2 BottleDrop Give is hosting its 7th Annual Holiday Give and will provide a 20 percent match for returnables donated during that time.

It's easy to participate. Just pick up a blue bag or two at the RVGS Library, then fill them with your cans and bottles. Starting November 15, drop off your full bags at one of the Oregon BottleDrop locations or at the RVGS Library. BottleDrop locations include:

- Fred Meyer South Medford, 1301 Center Dr, Medford
- Medford Redemption Center, 1179 Stowe Ave, Medford
- White City Drop Door, 2727 Ave G, White City
- Ashland Food Co-op, 237 N 1st ST, Ashland
- Shop'n Kart, 2268 Ashland St, Ashland
- Grants Pass Redemption Center, 1040 Rogue River Hwy, Grants Pass

If you have a BottleDrop account for green bags, you can also allocate part of your green bag refund to RVGS. **Just click here and follow the instructions.**

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? This month, RVGS received \$50 from Fred

Meyer representing 17 households. Just imagine if all our members who shop at Fred Meyer signed up! 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.

2024 RVGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City's FamilySearch Library



Many of you have dreamed about finding those famous, or infamous, ancestors, but have exhausted most of the sources easily

available to you. Consider joining our group of intrepid researchers when we travel to Salt Lake City for a week, starting March 17, 2024.

The FamilySearch Library truly has five floors of world-renowned genealogy records at your fingertips. You will be able to explore books, microfilms, microfiche, maps, and many other materials only available in the FamilySearch Library. The library's professional staff from around the world is there to assist you every step of the way. Be sure to take advantage of their skills and knowledge.

We have 10 discounted hotel rooms set aside for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society group at the SLC Plaza Hotel, located right next door to the FamilySearch Library. To get your discounted rate, you **MUST** call the hotel's group coordinator, **Rich Williams**, on his direct line **1-801-606-2410**. These rooms are only guaranteed until they are taken or until February 10, whichever comes first. Call as soon as you think you might be coming on the trip. Room cancellation is available. Check with Rich for the cancellation cut-off date.

Please email Ann Baracker at abaracker@gmail.com with any questions and to get your name and contact information on our travel group roster. See you in Salt Lake!

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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 Sommers, Linda

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 Sternola, Chloe
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 Vaughn, Nancy
 Vega, Maureen "MK"
 Wade, Ruth
 Wagner, Ernest
 Watkins, Becky
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 Williams, Evelyn
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 Yamasaki, Jerri
 Zorn, Walter

- 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](#).

Librarians Needed!



Several RVGS librarian shifts are available:

- 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:15 PM
- 1st and 3rd Friday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:15 PM

No experience

necessary. Training is

provided. There are always 2 librarians on duty together. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the hidden treasures at the RVGS Library and to have a regularly scheduled time to research your own genealogy. Main responsibilities are staffing the reception desk and helping people use the library collection and subscription websites. Email Library Director Anne Billeter for more information and to volunteer: annebilleteroregon@gmail.com.

eNews Editor Needed



Rich Miles has served as our *eNews* Editor for several years now.

Unfortunately, it has kept him from many of his primary duties as Technology & Data Management Director. We are looking for someone to take over

the *eNews* duties. The position requires some layout experience with a program like Microsoft Word or Publisher, editing skills, and some writing skills. News articles are sent to the *eNews* Editor by the

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

20th of each month. The editor then compiles them into the newsletter. Proofreaders are available to assist with the final proofreading of the eNews. All work can be done from home. If you have questions, email webmaster@rvgslibrary.org. If interested, [click here](#) to fill out a volunteer application. Be sure to indicate you are interested in the eNews editor in the “other skills” box.

LIBRARY NEWS

Exciting New Service Offered



The RVGS German Interest Group is thrilled to announce our monthly in-person German research help. Our first session will be at the RVGS Library on **Friday, January 5, 2024, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.**

Several of our group have volunteered to be in the RVGS Library and are ready and willing to help you break through your brick walls, translate your documents, and help you navigate the multitude of library owned resource books and materials, along with helping you efficiently use various online sites.

If you have any questions, please call Ann Baracker at 541-261-4874. See you January 5 at 1:00 PM.



Quilt in the Niche: Furry Family Quilt

The Furry Double Wedding Ring quilt will be displayed at the library during the month of November. On Tuesday, November 28, at 1:30 PM there will be a program about the

local Furry pioneer family, who settled in Phoenix. The specific family member who made the quilt is unknown. Samuel Furry and his wife Amelia (Barneburg) Furry arrived in the Rogue Valley in

1860 with three young children, including infant Frederick Enoch Furry, who was born in Burlington, Iowa on February 18th just prior to their long journey. Two children died in 1864, but the Furrys added two more daughters and one more son, all born in Phoenix between 1863 and 1870. Samuel operated a small hotel, farmed on his donation land claim, served two terms in the Oregon state legislature, and was a Jackson County Commissioner for several terms. His son Frederick married another pioneer descendant, Mary Isabelle Caton. Did she make the Furry Double Wedding Ring Quilt? The motif of the two interlocking rings goes as far back as the fourth century when it was used to decorate Roman cups. The Double Wedding Ring quilt pattern was first published by Topeka, Kansas *Capper's Weekly* in 1928. The pattern has around 40 different names, some of which are: Rainbow, Around the World, Pickle Dish, Coiled Rattlesnake, Endless Chain, King Tut, and Friendship Knot. A challenging pattern, it was usually made for good or special occasion use. Traditionally, the double wedding ring quilt pattern keeps the curved edge, using bias binding to finish the quilt. There is a folklore belief that a newlywed couple will be protected from bad dreams and bad luck, and their marriage will be a blessed one if they sleep under a Double Wedding Ring quilt received as a wedding gift.

New Records Added to Our Subscription Websites (partial list)

American Ancestors

Suffolk, MA: Probate File Papers: Added case numbers 50000 to 61999, a total of 348,886 new images.

Journals:

- The Connecticut Nutmegger (v. 50, 2017)
- The Essex Genealogist (v. 37, 2017)
- Vermont Genealogy (v. 21, 2016)

Ancestry

- Australia, Coastal Passenger Records, 1852-1924
- Oregon, U.S., State Military Records, 1847-1977

FamilySearch

- Indiana, Mortality Schedules, 1860-1880
- Missouri, County Naturalization Records, 1830-1985
- Luxembourg, Census Records, 1843-1900

MyHeritage

- Missouri Births, 1910-
- Ohio Obituaries, 1657-

54 Items Added to RVGS Library



Thirty-nine books, 10 CD sets, and 5 maps were added to the RVGS Library in October 2023. This is a vast understatement of the impact of these additions. The CDs contain **1,130** digitized books! Each CD set

is a “history and genealogy reference library” for a state, rich with county histories and other history and genealogy books, most published prior to 1923 and often hard to locate. The 39 books include 5 dictionaries: 2 Swedish (439.7), 3 French (443), including one (in French) of rural Quebecois. There are also 3 atlases, of Nebraska (Atlas 978.2), of York County, Pennsylvania (orig. 1876; repr. 1975) (Atlas 974.841) and *The Family Tree Historical Maps Book: Europe: A Country-by-Country Atlas of European History, 1700s-1900s* (940 A841 Dol). Three family histories (Bernard, Coy, and Shealy) were added to the 929.2s. [Click here for the complete list.](#)

New Periodicals on the Shelf

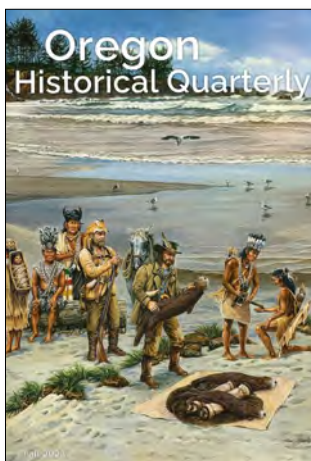


Genealogist, American Society of Genealogists
Circ 929.05 Gen v.37(2), Fall 2023
Becoming Mainers (Nathaniel Tilden’s family); Rutherford Burchard Hayes Rivers; Etienne Bellumeau de la Vincendiere, planter-refugee from Saint-Domingue; Pleiades Plumb

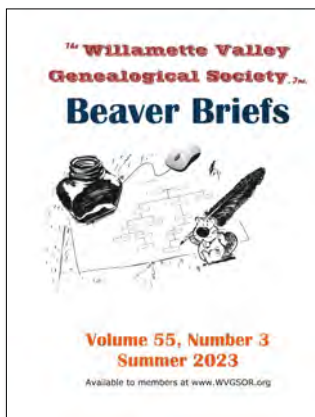
(NY, WI); Dorothy Durrent (Cornwall, England); Mary Reigle Crick (PA), and index to v.37.



New York Researcher, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
Circ 974.7 P273 NYR v.34 (3) Fall 2023
New York’s state census records (1825-1925) and where to find them; Religious records at Cornell University; County deeds and other documents online; Featured county – Tompkins; Latest online at NYG&B and other repositories.



Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society
Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ v.124 (3) Fall 2023
Sea otters: their history in Oregon, indigenous use, and commercial sea otter harvest; the 1973 Hillsboro Teachers’ strike; and the Murder Quilt (a quilt in the OHS collection made to help fund the defense of suspects in a murder in Willamina, 1915.)



Beaver Briefs, Willamette Valley Genealogical Society
Circ 979.53 P273 Bea (four issues including v.55(3), Summer 2023) v.54(4) Fall 2022 – VFW military uniform collection (including military resources to search and illustrations of service medals in color); Abstracts from the Oregon Statesman, 1853.
v.55(1) Winter 2023 – Continuation of WVGS surname file, Ingalls – Price; Abstracts from the

Oregon Statesman, 1853 continued; Hangings in Salem beginning 1851.

v.55(2) Spring 2023 – Joseph Holeman, 1815-1880, to Oregon with Jason Lee; Researching rural roots; Federal Writers' Project publication *Oregon Oddities and Items of Interest* sections on 'Freak laws' and 'Early Oregon farm life'; The Elsinore Theater (Salem); Continuation of WVGS surname file, Queener – Zwicker; Old medical terms (such as 'dropsy' and 'grocer's itch') with current definitions.

v.55(3) Summer 2023 – Thomas Moisan, fur trapper, trader and settler (near St. Paul, OR); Marionberries (thank you OSU for *that* tasty treat!); Scrofula (tuberculosis of the neck lymph glands) and Lambros Koutsourades; *Oregon Oddities and Items of Interest* sections on 'Prehistoric Oregon' and 'Miscellaneous' [such as 'the first football game OSC ever played at Corvallis, November 1893...']; and The Willamette Stone that marks the Willamette meridian from which land is surveyed in Oregon and Washington.



Quarterly, Southern Oregon Historical Society
Circ 979.527 P273 SOHSQ
Fall 2023

Southern Oregon's epic floods (a timeline); The winter of 1852-53; SOHS's amphibious fire engine (1948); SOHS's building damage from the Father's Day rainstorm (2023); and Spotlight on Ben Truwe.



Don't forget *Internet Genealogy* FREE online with your RVGS membership.

September/October 2023 topics: Autobiographies, 19th century mariners' records; 1931 Canadian census; Ancestral movements in Europe that gave ancestors reason to

relocate; Genealogy on TV – there's more than Finding Your Roots; Wills; Online British newspapers;

Using *Freeform*, a powerful Mac-based note-taking app; Public memorial installations; Expanding your research; Quilts; and Websites of interest.

Surplus Books for Sale

Price does not include shipping costs.

- *The Colonial Court House at Queenstown Circa 1708*. Restored 1979, 1979. \$22.00
- *Hometown (The Face of America)* by Sherwood Anderson, 1940. \$40.00
- *Pioneers of Elk Valley, Del Norte County, California* by Frances Turner McBeth, 1960. \$5.00
- *American Passenger Arrival Records* by Michael Tepper, 1993. \$14.00
- *Catholic Church Records of The Pacific Northwest: Oregon City, Salem, Jacksonville* by Harriet Duncan Munnick, 1984. \$18.00
- *Under the Giants: Those Buried in the Butte Falls Cemetery* by Karen I. Davis, 2010. \$5.00
- *Cherchons Nos Ancetres* by Michel Langlois, Book is written in French, 1980. \$15.00
- *Batiscan S'érige: Prémices Paroissiales, 1670-1708* by Jean-Paul Foley, Book is written in French, 1981. \$5.00
- *Genealogical Research in Maryland: A Guide* by Mary Keyser Meyer, 1972. \$5.00
- *The Early Indian Wars of Oregon Compiled from the Oregon Archives and Other Original Sources with Muster Rolls* by Frances Fuller Victor, 1894. \$90.00
- *Jacksonville, Oregon: Antique Town in a Modern Age; Documentary* by Bert and Margie Webber, 1993. \$3.00
- *Naval Battles of the First World War: Pan Grand Strategy* by Geoffrey Bennett, 1983. \$5.00
- *The Mythical State of Jefferson: A Pictorial History of Early Northern California and Southern Oregon* by Jack Sutton, 1967. \$8.00
- *A History of Eagle Point and Surrounding Communities Vol. – I* by Gaynell Krambeal, 1979. \$15.00
- *Fairbairn's Crests of the Leading Families in Great Britain & Ireland and Their Kindred in Other Lands, Two Volumes in One* by James Fairbairn, 1911. \$33.00

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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 - 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.

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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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Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) Special Interest Groups

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- Family Tree Maker
- French Canada Group
- Genealogy Problem Solvers
- German Group
- Irish Group
- Italian Group
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- The Q Review
- RootsMagic
- Virginia Group
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