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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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Monday - Saturday
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM



The RVGS eNews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



RVGS Strong in 2024

“Strong” has become the watchword for communities that have faced difficulties and pulled together to help everyone in their community emerge successfully. RVGS is one of those communities. Our shared interest in genealogy (some might say our passion, others call it an addiction) has resulted in a resilient, financially solid organization with an ever-growing library, website, and online presence. The expansion of our classes and

programs to a broader audience via Zoom, and the availability of remote access to our subscription websites have resulted in a broader membership, far beyond local boundaries.

During the pandemic RVGS, like so many organizations, lost some key volunteers, people who cared deeply about our Society and who gave of their time to keep it running smoothly. As a result, key people (Katie Haugse, Kim Thurman, Rich Miles, and Anne Billeter in particular) took on many additional tasks. While we owe them a debt of gratitude, even more we owe them some relief! Please consider volunteering for one of the tasks that are listed in this and future issues of the eNews, and on our [website](#). Also consider who among your friends and relatives you might invite to become members of RVGS, who might in turn become part of the genealogy volunteer community. New friendships, camaraderie, a sense of accomplishment, and successes in your genealogy research are all happy outcomes of volunteering at RVGS. Ask any of our 85 volunteers: they know they make a difference (and have fun), whether they work 1 hour a month... or many, many more (which many of them do).



For many RVGS members, volunteering may not be an option or a desire. We value your membership and ask that you help make RVGS even stronger by offering your suggestions for how RVGS can best continue to achieve our mission.

Anne Billeter, President
president@rvgslibrary.org



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, January 5, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, German Research Help Session
Need assistance with your German research? Join Ann Baracker and volunteers from the German Interest Group to help answer questions you might have. In person at the library. Registration not needed. Cost: Free to all.



Monday, January 8, 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.

Tuesday, January 9, 11:00 AM - 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, January 9, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using "Family Tree Maker" software. They meet the second Tuesday of the month. See Special Interest section for updated link information and special guest for this month. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

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

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Thursday, January 11, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group In-Person

New! Barbara Northrop, CG (Registered) 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. In person at RVGS Library. Registration not needed. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, January 11, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group via Zoom

This group meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group starts 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, January 12, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group
Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching

Irish ancestors. The group meets the second Friday of the month. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Saturday, January 13, 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. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, January 16, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve

George Herring has been a park ranger for over 30 years and has a vast knowledge of the park and its history. He will share some of that history with us. Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Wednesday, January 17, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM, File Organization Drop-In Help Session

Do you need help with your genealogy paper file organization? Perhaps you have a box of inherited family ephemera you need help organizing. Barbara Northrop will be on hand to share her organizational tips. Bring your files/boxes with you. You may attend for a short time or stay the entire session. Start 2024 off right by getting your files and papers in shape and ready for an exciting year of research. Contact [Barbara Northrop](#) if you have questions. Cost: Free

Saturday, January 20, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, CLASS Using FamilySearch

Family Search is the largest FREE repository of genealogical records. In this class, Barbara Northrop will show how to effectively search their records, the catalog, and the FamilySearch Research Wiki. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Members-\$10; Non-members-\$20.

Thursday, February 1, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, CLASS: Where There's a Will

Wills and Probate Records: Wills and Probate records can be genealogical goldmines. Sara Cochran will start with an overview of these records, the probate process, and

tips for finding and using these records. This interactive class will show ways to turn a will into a starter family tree.

Sara has been researching her family tree for over 25 years. The journey has taken her into nearly every State in the USA and several countries worldwide, including Ireland, Britain, and Italy. She says her passion is telling the stories of the people in the family tree; genealogists do this best by recording the stories of their elders, locating, and preserving the photos and stories our ancestors left behind, as well as records created by the government and religious sources and in the newspaper.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Special Interest Group News



Friday, January 5, 2024, 1pm to 3pm, New German Research help being offered to all RVGS Members

The RVGS German Interest Group is thrilled to announce our monthly German Research Help Session. We hope to have a good turnout during this six-month pilot program. Several of our German Interest Group members will be on hand to help our RVGS members break through German-American brick walls, help translate your documents, and lend a hand navigating the multitude of library owned resource books and materials, along with helping you efficiently use various online sites. We hope to see all those RVGS members with questions about researching German ancestors, in Europe and the Americas, at our library on January 5, 1 pm until 3pm. No preregistration required. If you have any questions, please call Ann Baracker 541-261-4874.

Tuesday, January 9, 1:30 PM, Family Tree Maker

Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker Ambassador, will host a question and answer session for our interest group. A number of questions were submitted by members last month, but there should be time for more. If you use

FTM, and have questions, this is an opportunity to speak directly to an FTM representative to get them answered. To [register for this session](#) click on hypertext; please note this is a signup through FTM, not RVGS, and is necessary to attend. We hope you'll join us



Monday, February 12, Colonial America Interest Group

The Colonial America Interest Group is moving to an every other month format for 2024. Our next meeting will be February 12. We will continue to meet on the second Monday of the even numbered months for the rest of the year. Our topic in February will be Colonial South Carolina. Join us in the library or on zoom. If you have registered previously you do not need to sign up again. New members will need to [register](#).



LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Windows in Time: Medford and Ashland's Historic Theatres: "It all Began with the 'IT'"

Wednesday, January 3, noon - 1:00 PM Medford Library:

In Person and Online [Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, January 10, noon - 1:00 pm Ashland Library, Gresham Room

As the towns Ashland and Medford grew in the 1880's, residents sought a place to gather for musical, dramatic, educational, and social entertainments. Join us to hear the stories and histories of these "public amusement" spaces like the Rialto and the still-standing Craterian and Holly and also the forgotten ones like the Ugo, the Isis, the Liberty and the Savoy.



Ron Kramer was the executive director of Jefferson Public Radio from 1974 to 2012 and since 2021 he has served as the Southern Oregon Historical Society's Executive Director.

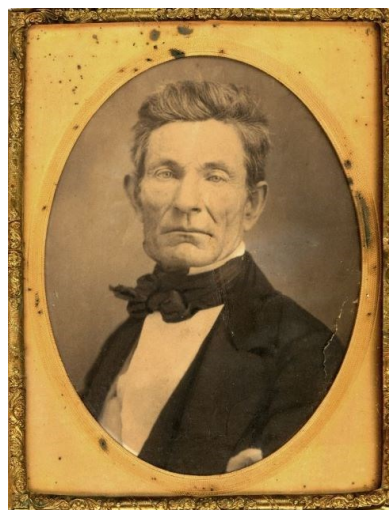
Windows in Time: William Green T'Vault: A Man of Many 'Firsts' - Including First Rate Scallywag

Wednesday, February 7, noon - 1:00 PM Medford

Library: In Person and Online [Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, February 14, noon - 1:00 PM Ashland Library, Gresham Room

William Green T'Vault has been celebrated for his accomplishments: Oregon's first newspaper editor, the first Postmaster General of the Oregon Territory, Jacksonville's first newspaper editor and publisher, and the first Speaker of the House in the first Oregon State Legislature. Join Carolyn Kingsnorth she traces T'Vault through legal and political careers in Indiana, Arkansas, and Oregon and explains how T'Vault or Tevault or Teevault was also a first-rate scallywag, reinventing himself whenever his past came close to catching up with him.



Remote Opportunities

Tuesday January 2, from 6-7:30 p.m. (Pacific), Boulder Genealogical Society

Connecting the Dots: Using Timelines, Comparison Charts and FAN Charts to Identify Your Ancestors

Join the **Boulder Genealogical Society** (Colorado) as it hosts this informative webinar featuring professional genealogist, Carol Cooke Darrow. Organizing and analyzing the piles of data you have collected can be intimidating. But there are simple tools you can use to get the job done. Timelines that include the dates of events and the age of the person can help you avoid 9-year-old fathers. Identity charts help to highlight differences between people of the same name who live in the same place. FAN Club charts help you identify the friends, associates, and neighbors (FANs) of your ancestor. Come learn how to integrate these tools into your research. To attend, register [here](#).

Tuesday, January 2, 8 pm, Oregon Public Broadcasting

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. returns again for an all new season of *Finding Your Roots*. Another ten-episode season will take you on journeys of genealogical detective work and cutting-edge DNA analysis will help unravel the histories of 18 celebrities and 3 non-celebrity guests, chosen for the series following a nationwide casting call. Watch the trailer [here](#).



Genealogical Forum of Oregon

GFO website and [events](#) can be found by clicking the link provided. They have a range of special interest groups and programs.



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](#).

SOCIETY NEWS



RVGS High School Scholarship

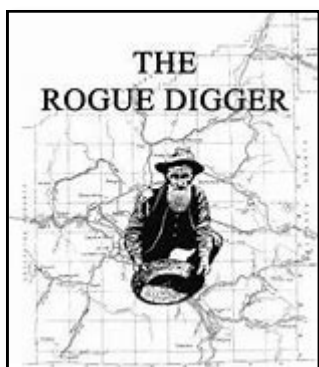
By Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship Chairman

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 were sent to the Jackson County High Schools in the first week of November, and are also posted on the RVGS [website](#).

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 .



Rogue Digger Articles Needed

Hi RVGS Friends!

THANK YOU to members who have already written an article or story for The Rogue Digger. Please email suggestions of what you would like to see in future publications. Watch for the first issue coming out March 15th.

If articles are not included in a particular publication, they will be included in a future Rogue Digger. The goal is to have articles and stories to support quarterly publications.

The Rogue Digger will be using Century Schoolbook, 12 pt font, single column with pictures if available.

Here are some ideas for articles:

- Do you have a particular item which brings a special memory when you see it? Send a picture of the item

with a story and share the memory that it brings you.

- An article about your grandparents or great grandparents? Maybe a half page about grandma and half about grandpa. Maybe half page about your paternal and half page about your maternal grandparent.
- Have you helped someone with their DNA? What happened?
- How about an article on a fraternal organization. The meaning of the insignias included on the headstones for Odd Fellows, Eastern Star, Masons, Jobs Daughters, Shriner's, Knights of Columbus, Scottish Rite, Lions, and others.
- Submit your queries...Don't know what is a query is? Reaching out to others. You never know who might have knowledge about a family connection or location. It might be now or in the future as your email address will be used for replies directly to you.
- While at the RVGS library you might open the file cabinet drawer and write up an article about a Pioneer or Early Settler family or individual to include in The Rogue Digger.
- Did you have a Super Power Brick Wall break through that you can share with others. It might help others break through their wall.
- An ancestor who was naturalized and the process they went through.
- An article about the oldest person buried in a cemetery.
- A How-To idea that would benefit others to include in the publication.

Are there sections you like in other society publications that you feel we should consider? Email an example.

Please email roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org with stories and articles for *The Rogue Digger!!!*

If submitting an article with a copyright, it is your responsibility to receive written permission from the author to reprint. Articles may be edited for clarity or length.

Good Luck in your hunt! *Cindi*





Save those Cans & Bottles!

RVGS Thanks YOU!

We are grateful for our members who participated in the 2023 Bottle Drop. Thanks to your generous donations, RVGS earned an additional \$42.52 from the 20% match!

For first-time participants, be sure to pick up blue bags from the RVGS library. It's a great way to help Society and ensure our Oregon-redeemable bottles and cans stay out of our landfills.

Just pick up a Blue Bag or two at the RVGS Library, fill them up, and drop them off at the library or any BottleDrop redemption site ([click here for a site near you](#): or donate directly through your own [BottleDrop account](#))



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

YOU KNOW THIS TRIP FULFILLS YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION!

Allow your genealogy wish to come true. Come with your fellow RVGS researchers to Salt Lake City for a week, starting March 17, 2024.

Find those impossible to locate ancestral records at the Family Search Library.

The library's professional international staff 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!



Become an RVGS Volunteer!

RVGS is currently 85 volunteers STRONG, but we could use a few more. If you are interested in any of these positions, please fill out the [volunteer application](#).

Ashland Chamber of Commerce Greeters, RVGS Representative. This group meets every Friday at a different member business at 8:15 AM (and on the 4th Thursday of the month they meet at 5:15 PM.) RVGS would love to have someone attend at least one Greeters meeting each month, to share what's upcoming at RVGS, make our rack cards available, and answer any questions. It is a great opportunity to learn about Ashland (and other nearby) businesses, including other nonprofits. It is fun to showcase our upcoming classes, seminars, interest groups, and free programs.

Zoom Host Coordinator. Almost all of the RVGS classes and programs require a Zoom host (and sometimes two). While a number of Zoom hosts are trained, they need to be contacted and scheduled so that all events are adequately Zoom hosted. Most months in 2024 there will be 2 or 3 events requiring Zoom hosts. Not a big task, but a very necessary one!

Annual Fund Drive Coordinator. The Annual Fund Drive's procedures are already in place...they just need someone to implement them. The major tasks are launching the fund drive by updating the fund drive letter (with help from others), arranging for it to be printed and mailed,

and periodically submitting a brief article for the monthly *RVGS eNews*.

Maintenance Coordinator. Help the RVGS Library building look good and operate well! Identify needed maintenance tasks and arrange for them to be taken care of (or do it yourself!) Oversee the contracted landscape maintenance and the cleaning service. Communicate with various utilities when needed.

Volunteer Coordinator. RVGS has 85 volunteers. We need a "people person" to respond to new volunteer applications, recruit volunteers, and to help plan ways to acknowledge and thank our volunteers. (NOTE: we are an all-volunteer organization!) **FILLED!**



Librarians Needed!

Several RVGS librarian shifts are available:

- 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:15 PM
- 1st and 3rd Friday mornings, 9:45 AM - 1:00 PM
- 2nd and 4th Thursday 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.

Quilt in the Niche: Medford's Train Centennial



Medford's Train Centennial

Dimension: 82 inches by 75-1/2 inches
Completed: 1985

The Oregon & California Railroad began laying track outside Portland, Oregon, in 1869. Lack of money ended rail construction in 1874 when the tracks reached Roseburg. After a ten-year delay, building resumed, new roadbeds were cleared, tunnels dug, and trestles built. The town of Medford was created when the railroad tracks were built through the middle of the Rogue Valley in January 1885. It took almost three years for the railroad builders to conquer the Siskiyou Mountains further south. December 17, 1887, a "gold spike" ceremony was held in Ashland, finally connecting the states of Oregon and California by rail. Medford's growth exploded when pear and other fruit orchards were planted in the early 1900s.

Consistent with the mission of the Jacksonville Museum Quilters to preserve the history of the area through quilts, they contacted Carl P. Strand, a local artist, who agreed to create the drawing of the engine using a photo from Southern Oregon Historical Society's collection in

the fall of 1984. Thus began the life of the Medford Train Centennial quilt.

This marvelous quilt will be on display at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford, Oregon during the month of January 2024.

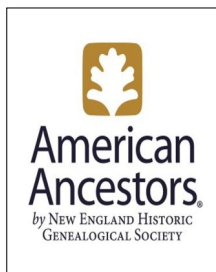


30 Items Added to RVGS Library

30 new books have expanded research resources at RVGS, including 6 books about Southern Oregon (979.52), primarily Josephine County (979.525), and 4 about Germany (943). It is hard enough to decipher English handwriting...now we have *Deciphering Gothic Records: Useful Hints for Helping You Read "Old German" Script!* (943 A101 Dea) and *Mastering Spanish Handwriting and Documents: 1520-1820* (946 A101 Rys). Click [here](#) for the complete list.

New Periodicals on the Shelf

American Ancestors



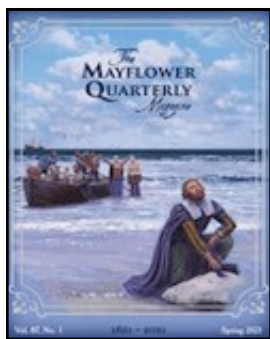
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250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, Antisemitism in 1940s Chelsea, Mass., documentation of enslaved persons in colonial Plymouth, and Documenting Family Connections to the Boston Tea Party

National Genealogical Society Magazine

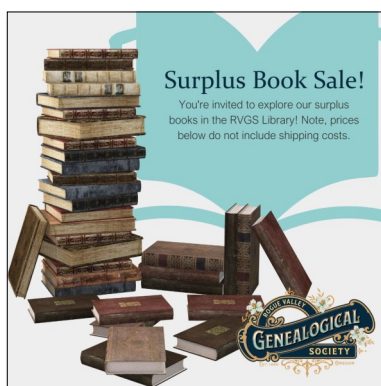


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Techniques for Differentiating Identities, The Foundations of Genealogical Research, Finding the Elusive Maiden Name, Tracing African American Identities, Rediscovering an Immigrant's Original Surname, Making Sense of Name Inconsistencies.

The Mayflower Quarterly



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Mayflower meeting house, Mayflower indexers, Mayflower Society House, Mayflower Society Research Center, Thanksgiving sauce for Wild Fowl recipe, duck recipe, USGenWeb online genealogy hints.



- *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920* by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide, 1987. \$18.00
- *The Surnames of Ireland* by Edward MacLysaght, 6th ed., 1985. \$24.00
- *The Heritage of Old Buncombe County, North Carolina, Volume 1* by Doris Cline Ward, 1981. \$69.00
- *The Clan Morrison, Johnston's Clan Histories* by Alick Morrison, c. 1956, rep. 1970. \$15.00
- *Passports Issued by Governors of Georgia, 1810 to 1820* by Mary G. Bryan and WM. H. Dumont, 1964. \$30.00
- *Genealogy as Pastime and Profession* by Donald Lines Jacobus, 2nd ed. rev. 1968. \$18.00
- *Paper and Spit: Family found: How DNA and Genealogy Revealed My First Parents' Identity* by Don Anderson, 2017. \$3.00
- *The Oregon Trail: Diary of Edward Evans Parrish in 1844* by Bert Webber, c. 1988, rep. 1994. \$16.00



Surplus Sale Books for January 2024

Price does not include shipping costs.

- *History of Fentress County, Tennessee* by Albert Ross Hogue, orig. 1916, rep. 1975. \$16.00
- *The Source : A Guidebook of American Genealogy* edited by Arlene Eakle and Johni Cerny, 1984. \$3.00
- *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives* by U. S. National Archives and Records Service, 1983. \$3.00
- *Tracing Your Ancestors in Minnesota: A Guide to the Sources, Volume 2: South Central Minnesota* by Wiley R. Pope, Anne E. Smyth, and April Schwartz, 1981. \$32.00
- *Tracing Your Ancestors in Minnesota: A Guide to the Sources, Volume 3: Southwest Minnesota* by Wiley R. Pope and Anne E. Smyth, 1983. \$32.00
- *Catholic Church Records of The Pacific Northwest. Vancouver Volumes I and II and Stellamaris Mission* translated by Mikell De Lores and Wormell Warner, 1972. \$17.00
- *More Dating Old Photographs 1840-1929* by Halvor Moorshead, 2006. \$4.00

Memorial Donations Ensure Long-Term Future

The Board thanks those who donated in 2023 in memory of members we have lost. Their generosity ensures the long-term financial future of RVGS through investment in our Endowment Fund with the Oregon Community Foundation. Members memorialized through donation include:

Jack Richard Bird
Chuck Eccleston
Colleen Eccleston
Marie Fulbright
Wendy Purslow

Thank You to these RVGS 2023 Annual Fund Drive Donors!

Thank you to all our wonderful donors who made our 2023 Annual Fund Drive a huge success! Thanks to you, we met our goal!

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Sloan, Vanya
Sommers, Linda

Souders, James
Sternola, Chloe
Stewart, Janie
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Vaughn, Nancy
Vega, Maureen "MK"
Wade, Ruth
Wagner, Ernest
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- Reduced fees for genealogy classes and seminars
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Join a Special Interest Group Today



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 even numbered 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 Groups (One meets via zoom the other in person)

Led by Barbara Northrop, first group meets from 6:00 - 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of every month via zoom. The second group meets in person from 10:30 to noon on the second Thursday of every month. These groups are 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.

Irish Interest Group

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

Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) Special Interest Groups

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

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

