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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



### RVGS Strong in 2024 and Beyond



In 2019 we surveyed RVGS members and learned a great deal about what our members value, what they wish we would do, and what we didn't need to do any longer. We changed in a number of ways to meet our members' wishes and expectations. Among other changes, we now have a new website, which includes a searchable database of Jackson and

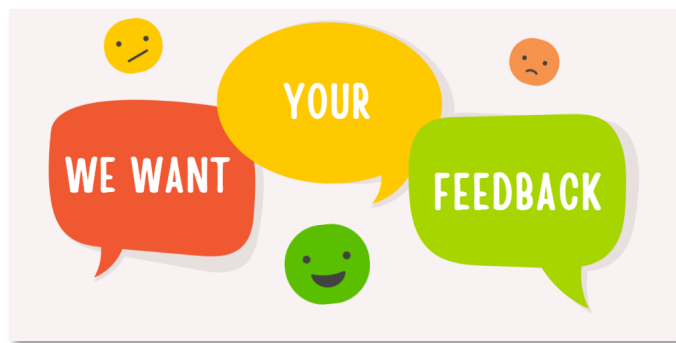
Josephine County indexes, remote access to 7 of our 8 subscription websites, and a variety of helpful genealogical resources.

Two of the subscription websites are newspaper websites, which was a highly desired addition! This year we are offering classes on using the subscription websites, as each one is different...and has hidden treasures we don't want to miss! Mark your calendars for the FREE class "Using MyHeritage Library Edition" on April 4.

We have added several special interest groups, formed a partnership with the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) to add a joint Great Lakes Interest Group, and made all of our interest groups free to everyone. We have increased and diversified our class offerings AND now offer them hybrid, available both in person and via Zoom.



A lot has changed since 2019, due to the pandemic, the Alameda Fire, and other social factors.



It is time to survey our members again. All members should have received an email with the link to the survey. PLEASE fill it out by Monday, March 11. It isn't long. It is your opportunity to help steer RVGS in the direction you would like it to go. RVGS members, if you can't find your email, [click here to be taken to the survey](#).

Anne Billeter, President  
[president@rvgslibrary.org](mailto: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, March 1, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Crater Lake Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). "Program: Final Push for the Replica Vietnam Wall in Medford" by Ron Kohl**

The meeting and Program are open to all interested members of the public.

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all. No registration necessary



**Friday, March 1, 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. Cost: Free to all. No registration necessary.

**Tuesday, March 5, 10:30 - Noon, Class: Introduction to DNA**

This class is intended for those who have been thinking about doing a DNA test but are not sure where to start and for those who have already tested but are not sure what to do with the results. In this class, Jeanne Hoadley will help answer those questions.

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

**Friday, March 8, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group**

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture, and researching Irish ancestors. The group meets the second Friday of the month.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.



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**Saturday, March 9, 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 have to have a brick wall to join. Who knows? You might have a nugget that would help someone else.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

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

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

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

**Tuesday, March 12, 11:00 AM - Noon, German Interest Group**

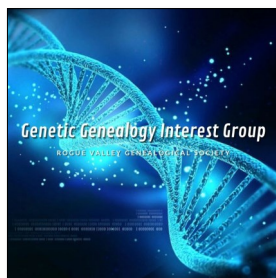
This interest group concentrates on German history and research. They meet the Second Tuesday of the month.

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

**Tuesday, March 12, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using "Family Tree Maker" software. They meet the second Tuesday of the month.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.



**Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group**

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

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



**Thursday, March 14, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group IN PERSON**

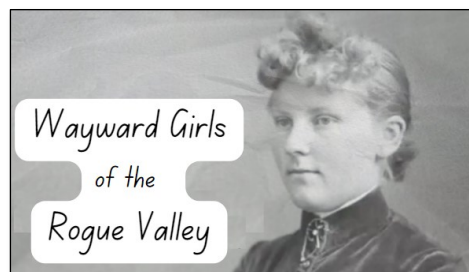
Barbara Northrop facilitates this group that meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes for topical structured content and the last half of the session will be open for general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

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

**Thursday, March 14, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group by ZOOM**

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.



**Tuesday, March 19, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, "Wayward Girls of the Rogue Valley"**

Jackson County has had its share of incorrigible girls. SOHS Archivist Jan Wright will explore case studies of girls from the 1880s to the 1920s who just wanted to have fun and break away from social restrictions. Learn more about the contributing factors of the girls' delinquency and society's response and attempted reforms to their behavior.

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE EARLY APRIL OPPORTUNITIES

### Wednesday, April 3, 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. Contact **Barbara Northrop** if you have questions.



### Thursday, April 4, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, FREE Class: MyHeritage Library Edition

Featuring MyHeritage Genealogy Expert Daniel Horowitz, this class is being offered by Family Tree Webinars. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about one of our website subscriptions for FREE! RVGS will host a watch party at the Library for those interested in attending. No pre-registration on our website is necessary. If you prefer to watch from home, you may register directly through the Family Tree Webinars website **HERE**. You do not need to be a subscriber to Family Tree Webinars to register for this free session. Cost: Free to all.



### Monday, April 8, 2024, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

The Colonial America Interest Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the even numbered months. Beginning in April we will revert to a zoom only format as group members have shown no interest in attending in

person at the library.

Our topic for April will be a deep dive into the Great Migration and the Great Migration Study Project. The Great Migration refers to the period between 1620 and 1640 when thousands of people left England to seek religious freedom in New England. In 1989 Robert Charles Anderson initiated a project to write biographical sketches on each head of household who made the trip. Though Anderson has now retired the project continues and the first volume in the latest series, covering 1636-1638, has just been published. Over the years there have been numerous spinoff books and articles in addition to the sketches covering 1620 through 1635, all of which have been published by the New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

In the April session we will take a close look at these materials and how they can shed light on our early New England Ancestors.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS



**Windows in Time: A Corset Won't Kill You: Demystifying the 19th Century Woman's Wardrobe with Cassidy Hausmann-Mason.**

**March 6, Noon-1:00 PM at the Medford Library.** In person and online. **Click here to register.**  
**March 13, Noon-1:00 PM at the Ashland Library :** Gresham Room.

From the underpinnings out, this talk will explore the ways societal norms, class differentials, self-

expression, the Industrial Revolution, and even the invention of the bicycle impacted the world of fashion.

Cassidy Hausmann-Mason has six years of historical tailoring experience and over a decade of antique collecting under her belt. Cassidy is excited to share her wealth of knowledge and help her audience look past the myths, biases, and preconceptions that so often color the discussions of the 19th century woman's wardrobe.

### **Windows in Time: Railroading in Southern Oregon**

**Wednesday, April 3, noon - 1:00 PM Medford**

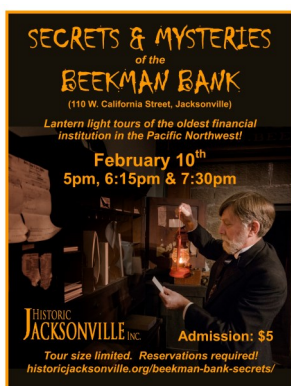
**Library:** In Person and Online [Click here to register](#)

**Wednesday, April 10, noon - 1:00 PM Ashland**

**Library:** Gresham Room

Railroads have played a pivotal role in the history and development of Southern Oregon. Robert Hirning will examine how the construction of our own Siskiyou Line influenced the present-day economies of Jackson and Josephine Counties. Join us for a discussion on the rise of "Robber Barons," inept train robbers, and the failed attempts to reach the California Coast that kept our region uniquely isolated.

Robert Hirning has been a lifelong "railfan" and has chased his passion for trains since childhood. Robert has traveled widely by train over most of North America, from the Arctic to the Tropics, and across Asia from the Sea of Japan to the Baltic.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday March through May. Explore the "Secrets & Mysteries of the Beekman Bank"**

Historic Jacksonville, Inc. opens the oldest financial institution in the Pacific Northwest for evening lantern light tours. Regional historian Ben Truwe pursues secrets thought lost with the last Beekman family member in 50-minute tours beginning at 5:00 PM, 6:15 PM, and 7:30 PM each tour night. The bank was begun by C.C. Beekman as a gold dust office in 1856 and moved in 1863 to its current location at 110 W. California Street in Jacksonville when he became the Wells Fargo Agent. Beekman saw over \$40 million in gold cross his counters during Jacksonville's heyday in the 1800s—equivalent to over \$1 billion in today's currency! Tours are limited to a maximum of 12 people, admission is \$5 per person, and reservations are required. Information and tickets are available at <https://historicjacksonville.org/beekman-bank-secrets/>.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, March through May. Time Travel to 1932 Jacksonville!**

It's Depression Era Jacksonville and Ben and Carrie Beekman, the children of the town's wealthiest and most prominent pioneer family, are closing up their 1870s family home. Guests become part of this 1-hour living history "play," interacting with Carrie, Ben, family members, and friends as they comment on 1932 Jacksonville and life in the late 1800s. Tours are offered at 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, or 2:00 PM on February 17, March 16, April 20 or May 18. Admission is \$10. Tour groups are limited to 10 people and reservations are required. Tickets and information are available at <https://www.historicjacksonville.org/1932-living-history/>.



### Genealogical Forum of Oregon

#### March 16-24, 2024 Open House

- Join us for **20 free classes online and 3 free classes in-person!**
- The **research room** will be open every day during the event.
- Beginning research help is every afternoon

**Library tours** are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons

**All Open House events are free - a great chance to see what GFO is all about!**

GFO website and **events** can be found by clicking the links provided. They have a range of special interest groups and programs.



### February 29 – March 2, 2024, RootsTech Conference

RootsTech 2024 is now underway, but you can still register for virtual classes. Participants will be able to join this event virtually from anywhere in the world. 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>.

**Virtual classes will be available for viewing on demand after the conference concludes.**

## SOCIETY NEWS

### New and Returning Members

#### New members:

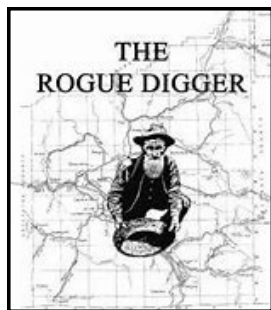
Rebel Armantrout, Gary & Sharon Beall, Carol Walker, Steven Walker, Martin K. Robinson, Sr., Geni Moots & Steven Marc Plotnick, Therese Beckman, Mary Ann Blackledge, Elizabeth Holt, Barbara Ruffner, Marcia & Jeffrey Weatherell, Jane Orlando, Susan Jaycox, Lucinda Olson & Tom Dyer, Cindy Suda, Pat Mahan and Sandra Geary.





**Returning members:** Diane Lewis, Amy Spieler, Bobbi & Randy Becker, Julie Wheeler, Katherine Wilkinson, Helen M. Halderman, Joan Edwards .

## *Rogue Digger Coming soon!!!*



### Hi RVGS Friends!

THANK YOU to members who have already written an article or story for the *Rogue Digger*. Watch for the first issue coming out **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. If articles are not included in a particular publication, they will be included in a future edition. The goal is to have articles and stories to support quarterly publications.

Now the search is on for stories to include in the June publication. Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2024.

And the hunt goes on... *Cindi*

Please email [roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org) with stories and articles for *The Rogue Digger*!!!



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

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 4 PM, March 9, 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.



## Blue Bag Recycle Program Update

You spoke...We heard.

Many of our members were unaware that we participate in the **Oregon BottleDrop Give Blue Bag Program**. Many more didn't know where to pick up

the Blue Bags and what to do with those filled bags.

The Blue Bags that designate a non-profit donation bag are now in the **library foyer**, so it is easy to grab a couple of them when you are in the library.

When you have a bag filled just drop the bag back at the library and we will take care of it. You can also leave the bags at a local Bottle Drop location if it is more convenient.

Either way, when you fill a Blue Bag for the **Oregon BottleDrop** you are giving the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society a little financial boost. Donate those 10¢ recyclable cans and bottles and support your Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, *the easy way*.

We thank you for supporting us.

**Clean out your bottles and cans!**



## Member Sharing

Did you find a record set that helped you with your research? Send a brief description to

**[enews@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:enews@rvgslibrary.org)**

with the subject "Member Sharing".



The Legal Genealogist is a blog written by Judy G. Russell. She is a lawyer and avid genealogist. Her posts are informative, humorous, and insightful regarding the legal system that generated many of our primary documents. They often contain hints and observations that will help navigate these

documents and optimize the potential of finding useful genealogical information.

Her article from Jan 30, 2024 talks about ordering the SS-5. And Feb 15, 2024 talks about the difference between the SS-5 and the OAC-790. On January 9, 2024 she wrote about the silly scilicet being a boilerplate. If you are interested in finding out about these and other legal twists head on over to her webpage **[www.legalgenealogist.com/author/judy-g-russell/](http://www.legalgenealogist.com/author/judy-g-russell/)**



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

Don't let this year's research trip slip through your fingers.

Come with your fellow RVGS researchers to Salt Lake City for a week, starting March 17, 2024.

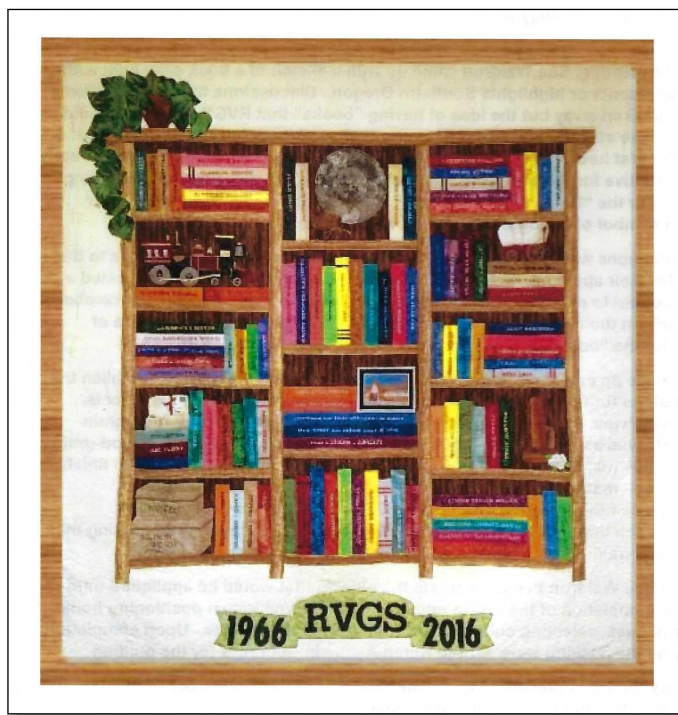
Find those impossible to locate ancestral records at the **Family Search Library**.

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.

Please email Ann Baracker at **[abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com)** with any questions and to get your name and contact information on our travel group roster.

See you in Salt Lake!





## Quilt in the Niche

### Rogue Valley Genealogy Society

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt

Size: 83 ½ inches by 87 inches

Conceived by the RVGS Quilt Advisory Committee and designed by Sue Waldron, the quilt was made by sub-committee members: Karen Asche, Nell Mathern, Cheryl Luschen and Sue Waldron. It was completed in September 2016. The quilt is dedicated to the many volunteers over the last fifty years who have made the Society what it is today. There are family names of ninety-four RVGS members displayed on the quilt. Also displayed are a number of items that represent significant events in the history of the area.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Book Seller.** Become an RVGS Online Book Seller. This is an easy way to help RVGS sell our surplus donated books and raise money for the Society, at the same time.

We need a volunteer or two to post books for sale on used book internet sites, monitor the accounts regularly, and ship out the books to purchasers. Being comfortable with online sales is helpful, but not a requirement. Being willing to learn is most important. Training will be provided.

Contact: [volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org](mailto:volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org).

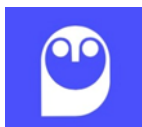




## ZOOM HOST SCHEDULER NEEDED

We desperately need someone to schedule our Zoom hosts.

The volunteer would be responsible for making sure each of our classes has a Zoom host(s) assigned to it and let the facilitator know who their host(s) will be. We usually have only two classes a month, so there is not much time involved. Just connect with the Zoom hosts on our list and confirm one or two for each class.



We really want to continue offering Hybrid Classes. We just need someone to keep us organized. Will you help?

CONTACT: [VOLUNTEER@RVGSLIBRARY.ORG](mailto:VOLUNTEER@RVGSLIBRARY.ORG)



## Librarians Needed!

Several RVGS librarian shifts are available:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 – 4:15 PM

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:15 PM

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday mornings, 9:45 AM - 1:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning, 9:45 AM – 1:00 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 President Anne Billeter for more information and to volunteer: [annebilleteroregon@gmail.com](mailto:annebilleteroregon@gmail.com).

## RVGS LIBRARY NEWS



## 47 Books Added to RVGS Library

***Evidence Explained!*** The brand new, hot off the press 4<sup>th</sup> edition (2024) of Elizabeth Shown Mills' masterpiece is here! Described as: "a thoroughly modern revision, introducing seven basic building blocks that can be mixed and matched to create a citation for any kind of source. Elizabeth shows how these building blocks can be layered to create 14 templates instead of the hundreds previously employed. The result greatly simplifies things, and will be a breath of fresh air for those who've found creating citations to be complex." (929.11 Mil 2024)

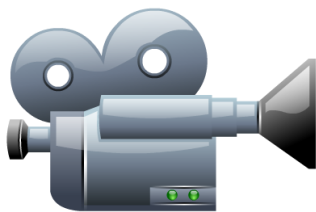
Also added: four family histories (929.2); 13 slim books about Ohio (977.1), primarily histories of individual Ohio counties, extracted from Henry Howe's 1898 *Centennial History of Ohio*; and 21 books about Oregon, including 6 volumes of Polk County cemeteries (979.538 C242 Pol), 5 about Clackamas County (979.541), and 4 about Clatsop County (979.546). [Click here for the complete list.](#)

## iMac Available for Patron Use



Thanks to a donation from Ros Lyne, we now have a Mac computer for patron use at the library. It is located on the left side of the room with the computers on the backside of the bookshelves. Mac users, take advantage now!

## FREE Videos Available for Viewing on Website



The Member Resources page of our website has a new update. We have posted links to multiple RVGS videos for your viewing pleasure. Videos range from instructional videos like NewspaperArchive to RVGS events like Preparing for the Coronation. Check them out by [clicking here](#) or go to [www.rvgslibrary.org](http://www.rvgslibrary.org) > Membership menu > Member Resources. You must be logged into the website to access the page.

## New Periodicals on the Shelf



### NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society

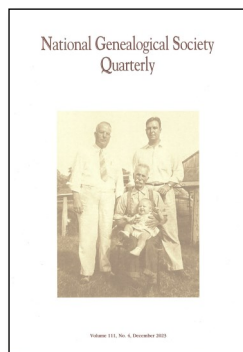
Circ 929.05 NGSM v.50(1), Jan-March 2024

This issue – Descendant research. NewspaperArchive for family history (the on-line newspaper resource RVGS

provides to members); AI in genealogy; Connecting with cousins; Tracing descendants of the University of Virginia's enslaved laborers; Finding living relatives through on-line obituaries and newspaper databases; Delayed birth records in the US; Generating funds for genealogical societies; "Link rot" and web archiving; and Tools for organizing DNA matches.

### National Genealogical Society Quarterly

Circ 929.05 NGSQ v.111(4), December 2023

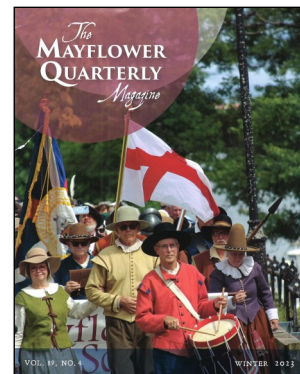


Identifying a teenage mother in rural pre-1850 America (the first wife of Shadrack Odom) (MS); Father of Anna Maria Wehrly Meyers (PA) and the value of keeping track of name variants); Parents of Sarah Osborn Spencer Sherwood Long (NY); Family for Mary Congleton Bottorff (IN); and index for volume 111.

### Mayflower Quarterly Magazine, General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Corc 929.3 MayQ v.89(4), Winter 2023

Society business and announcement of the 2024 Virtual Lecture Series; Discovery of a trove of 18<sup>th</sup> century documents rescued on their way to a dump.



## Surplus Sale Books

### Surplus Sale Books for March 2024 Price does not include shipping costs.

- ***Oregon Burial Site Guide*** compiled by Dean H. Byrd, Stanley R. Clarke, and Janice M. Healy, 2001. \$16.00
- ***Chronicles of Old Salem; a History in Miniature*** by Frances Diane Robotti, 1948. \$4.00
- ***101 Best Genealogy Research Tips*** by Janice Nickerson, 2006. \$9.00
- ***Mississippi Index of Wills, 1800-1900*** by Betty Couch Wiltshire, 1989. \$14.00
- ***Pioneers and Residents of West Central Alabama Prior to the Civil War*** by Madge Pettit, 1988. \$5.00
- ***Bay County Florida Your 50 Golden Years Photographic History Booklet Panama City*** by Harold W. Bell, \$17.00
- ***Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Adjutant General's Office; #17*** compiled by Lucille H. Pendell and Elizabeth Bethel, 2008. \$7.00





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**RVGS Membership**

Membership is available to all interested persons.

Membership privileges include:

- Free use of library
- Volunteer opportunities
- Reduced fees for genealogy classes and seminars
- Check out of materials
- Free access to subscription websites
- Society publications
- Interest groups
- Free mentoring
- Access to members-only web content

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[rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org) to join today.

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**The RVGS eNews**

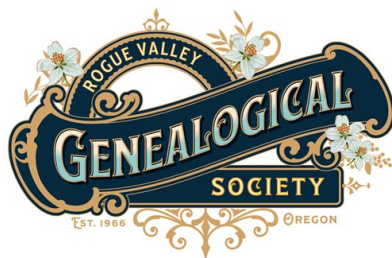
Editor: Pam Olsen

Submissions due 20th of Month to  
[enews@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:enews@rvgslibrary.org)

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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](#).

- African American
- British
- DNA Q & A
- French Canada
- Genealogical Problem Solvers



- German Group
- Irish Group
- Italian Group
- Learn & Chat
- The Q Review
- RootsMagic