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



The RVGS eNews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

RVGS Strong in 2024 and Beyond



The RVGS Quilt Committee has begun work on one of its long-range goals: to write and publish a book about the quilts in our collection and the genealogy of the quiltmakers and/or local pioneer families responsible for some of the quilts. The writing has already begun, as has researching possible grant opportunities. Publishing a book with high quality color photographs will be expensive. The RVGS Board has agreed to dedicate the revenue from the 2024 and 2025 raffle quilts towards the book's publication. The 2024 raffle quilt winner will be drawn on Tuesday, June 25, so purchase your raffle tickets soon to own the United States Bicentennial Embroidered Quilt!

Road work on South Pacific Highway, (aka Highway 99), in front of the Genealogy Library has been going on since August. We recently learned that we are scheduled to become even more thoroughly involved in this highway improvement project, as surveying of our highway frontage and location of utility lines on our property will be intermittently underway throughout 2024. The project which began in August involves the utilities under the highway from the south approximately to our property

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line. The new project, which begins with the surveying, will take the highway improvements further north, eventually all the way to Garfield Street. This project is likely to have an impact on RVGS both in the short term (inconvenient access) and possibly into the future.

The Education Committee has focused this year on classes about our subscription websites. Don't miss the class on HistoryGeo on Friday, May 31, from 10:30 - noon. If the date and time are inconvenient for you, the class will be recorded and available for viewing for 30 days, but only to those who register and pay by the



registration deadline (noon, May 30.)

Water Records: who would have thought of them as a resource for finding out about your ancestors? Come to, "Quilts and Genealogy: The Watermaster's Quilt" on Thursday, May 30, at 1:30 PM to find out about water records and why a quilt was created to answer questions.

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, May 3, 10:00 AM – Noon, OLLI Class & Lab: U.S. Census

This class is only available to those who have registered through the SOU OLLI program. The class will be from 10:00 – 11:00 AM with a help session following 11:00 - Noon, using the library computers.



Friday, May 3, 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.



This is our second to last scheduled session, so if you have research questions, join us.

We will have several German Interest Group members on

hand to help you break through German-American brick walls, assist with document translations, and lend a hand navigating the multitude of library owned resource books and materials, along with helping you efficiently use various online sites.

No pre-registration is required. Please call Ann Baracker 541-261-4874 for information.

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

Wednesday, May 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, May 9, 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. This month's topic will be **Wills and Probates**. The last half of the session will be open for general questions.

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



Thursday, May 9, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group VIA 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. This month's topic will be **Wills and Probates**. The last half of the session will be open for general questions. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Friday, May 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. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

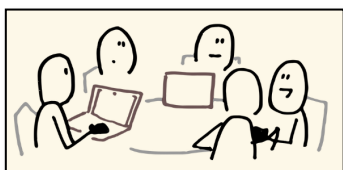


Saturday, May 11, 10:30 – Noon, Brick Wall Roundtable

The 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. You may have a nugget that would help someone else. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, May 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.



Tuesday, May 14, 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, May 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.

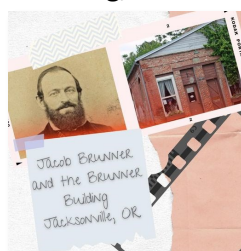
Friday, May 17, 1:30-3:00 PM, CLASS: When the Paper Trail Ends; Finding Your Long-Lost Ancestors with DNA

In this class, Muriel King will show how to organize DNA matches effectively. This is crucial, as it can help prioritize potential leads. Ancestry's proprietary tools and third-party resources can provide additional insights to help you find your ancestors. This class will be recorded and available for 30 days.

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



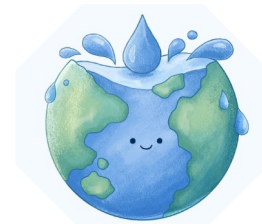
Tuesday, May 21, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, The Jews of Pioneer Jacksonville



Carolyn Kingsnorth will talk about the early Jewish merchants of Jacksonville. What brought them here, what their lives were like and why most of them left. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, May 30, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, PROGRAM: Quilts and Genealogy: The Watermaster's Quilt

In this program, Sue Waldron will show how quilts and water laws help with doing Genealogy. She will also share how she used a quilt as a memory tool. In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Friday, May 31, 10:30 AM – Noon, Using HistoryGeo

In this class, Jeanne Hoadley will show how to use this very useful online tool that is available through RVGS. HistoryGeo will help you find and map your ancestor's homestead and access associated documents. It is also helpful in providing antique maps and allows users to plot the migration routes. Jeanne will help everyone understand all the features of this very useful tool. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE EARLY JUNE OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 – Noon, CLASS: Getting the Most Out of Find A Grave

In this class, Rich Miles will demonstrate how to use the valuable genealogical resource, findagrave.com website. The website is constantly being updated with new features and options. Rich will help us learn how to navigate it and search for our ancestors' memorials, create memorials, and connect memorials of family members. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.

Monday, June 10, 2:00 – 3:30 PM Colonial America Interest Group

Our topic for June will be Massachusetts and the Province of Maine. From the Mayflower to the "shot heard round the world" which kicked off the American Revolution, the part of New England now known as Massachusetts has played a key role in American History. Maine was never a colony in its own right and did not detach from Massachusetts until 1820, nearly 50 years after the Declaration of Independence. We'll look at patterns of settlement, the wealth of available records for this period in New England, and the French and Indian Wars which deeply impacted the lives of our ancestors. We'll wrap up with a recap of the role of this area in the Revolutionary



War which brought an end to the colonial era. We are now meeting on zoom only as group members have shown no interest in attending in person at the library. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Windows in Time: A Century in Big Applegate

Wednesday, May 1, Noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library:** In Person and Online [Click here to register](#)
Wednesday, May 8, noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland Library:** Gresham Room

In the second half of the 19th century, a group of Indigenous women survived the 1868-69 smallpox epidemic and avoided removal to reservations more than once. These women and their white husbands eventually left the mining camps on Kanaka Gulch and Forest Creek for the lush valley of Big Applegate, as interracial couples were often not accepted in Jacksonville. Presenter Laura Ahearn will share the surprising stories of these women, their descendants, and others who joined the vibrant community that became known as Watkins before it was destroyed in the 1970s to build the Applegate Dam. These stories are based on the photo albums and family lore of descendants who still live in Jackson and Shasta Counties, corroborated and sometimes corrected by intensive research into governmental records and newspaper archives.



Windows in Time: Southern Oregon LGBTQ+ Histories

Wednesday, June 5, Noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library:** In Person and Online. [Click here to register](#)
Wednesday, June 12, Noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland Library:** Gresham Room

Using items from the SOHS Collection as a starting point, Dr. Anna Sloan will explore expressions of LGBTQ+ life, identity, community, and resilience in Southern Oregon over the past 150+ years. Learn how the western frontier made space for some settlers' alternative gender and sexual identities while simultaneously erasing Indigenous expressions of the same. Explore how changing social mores of the early 20th century affected peoples' lives and livelihoods. Hear more recent stories of local LGBTQ+ community-building, meaning-making, artistry, and

resilience, even in the face of discrimination and violence. Additionally, attendees will learn about new efforts at SOHS to integrate more of these stories into our collection -- and why this task is as challenging as it is important.

Dr. Anna Sloan (she/her/hers) is the Curator of Collections for the Southern Oregon Historical Society (SOHS), and a Research Archaeologist with the Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology (SOULA). She is passionate about connecting communities with their histories through the objects that reflect our lived experiences -- from the smallest of pottery sherds to the largest of wagon wheels.



Saturday, May 25, 11:00 AM– 2:00 PM, Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery is celebrating 150 years since its establishment in 1874. Hotdogs will be served. Other events are planned.



Where's the Museum?

People have been asking that question ever since the Jacksonville Museum closed in 2010. Now Historic Jacksonville, Inc. has an answer!

All of Jacksonville's National Historic Landmark District is a museum and there will be lots of real and virtual tours for exploring it. But there needs to be a starting point. So, we're converting our 1880 Old City Hall into a museum base that will provide an overview of Jacksonville history and introduce you to multiple ways to explore the town and discover the many stories it has to tell. Learn more by visiting our website at <https://historicjacksonville.org>. The website also includes information on all the historical tours and presentations currently available.

REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES

Genealogical Forum of Oregon

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



SOCIETY NEWS

New and Returning Members

New members: Jeff and Ree Rehbein, Joan Potvin, Kati Smith, Lauralyn Carter-Meletich, Jane Wilcox, Alec Ferretti, Jill Naumann, Josephina (Josie) Baker, Terry Koch-Bostic, and Vicki Young.

Returning member: Robert Reynolds

Your RVGS Membership Includes Free Use of Many Genealogy Subscription Sites!

Did you know that RVGS Members can use *Find My Past*, *Fold3*, *MyHeritage*, *Ancestry.com* and other subscription genealogy sites for free? This is a huge membership benefit, and it gets even better when you can choose to access these sites from the RVGS Library computers or, (with the exception of *Ancestry.com*), from your computer at home. Go to <https://rvgslibrary.org/index.asp> and sign in (upper right) using your email address and password. After signing in, go to the home page and scroll down to the Subscription Websites. RVGS has these subscriptions for our use, and, throughout 2024, we will be featuring classes to help you get started using these sites.

On April 4, Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy Expert for *MyHeritage*, introduced us to *MyHeritage*, its many resources and how to search the site. *MyHeritage* has over 20 million historical records, 47 million family trees and 7.4 million DNA kits. They also have exclusive international databases and global name translation technology that will help you to find your ancestors in countries where you aren't familiar with variations for names or certain alphabets. You didn't have to attend the class to get started, so give *MyHeritage*



a try, either from home or from the RVGS Library. A tip from Mr. Horowitz is to be sure to check out the categories list on the side of your search form.

Other subscription sites that members can access for free from home or the RVGS Library, include *HistoryGeo*, *American Ancestors*, *Newspaper Archive* and *Newspapers.com Oregon Collection*. *Ancestry.com* is available only at the RVGS Library, but it's still free there. On May 31, our own Jeanne Hoadley will conduct a class on how to use *HistoryGeo*. If you've ever tried to figure out where your ancestor's property was by using section, range and township, you'll be excited to learn how to put it on a map using *HistoryGeo*. They have first landowners' information, old maps and more that I'm looking forward to learning how to access and use in Jeanne's class. See you there!

Kathie Ordal

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 > Membership menu > Member Resources. You must be logged into the website to access the page.

2024 RVGS FAMILY SEARCH LIBRARY RESEARCH TRIP

Well, we made the trek and it was a success.

Allene Aubertin and Melinda Gnad from Southern California, and Dale and Elsie Deatherage from Portland joined RVGS members Ann and Ron Baracker, Chloe Sternola, Mary Robsman, Anne Billeter, and Loretta

Barker for our week-long research immersion in Salt Lake City this past March.

We spent our time combing the FamilySearch Library's five floors in our quests to locate ancestral records only available at the library. The library's professional research staff helped us navigate the collections, pointing us to what we needed for our research.

After our hard days of research, we were able to explore and enjoy some terrific downtown SLC restaurants, both old haunts and new surprises.

We look forward to you all joining us in Salt Lake City in 2025. Start planning now!



QUILT IN THE NICHE

The Watermaster's Quilt

Begun as a personal challenge, this quilt has become a tool used to educate the public about the role of the Watermaster in Jackson County as a local liaison with the Oregon Department of Water Resources in Salem.

During the planning phase, it was decided that the quilt should include references to the various tools and personnel who are needed to complete the goals of the Oregon Water Resources Department. These goals are to: *promote the development, control, conservation, preservation, and utilization of the water resources of the State of Oregon*. In addition, the quilt serves as a "cheat sheet" or informational prop for a new employee learning the "correct terms" to explain Oregon Water Law.

There are sixteen small and twelve large photographic images reproduced on fabric squares. Photocopying on fabric was a new process in 1995. The photographs show the people and tools used every day. The twelve logo patches identify the local organizations with which the office staff work. Of the five remaining blocks in the quilt, three are appliqued, one is counted cross stitch embroidery, and the last is pieced – there are fourteen scraps of fabric depicting fourteen representatives of

RVGS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Scholarship News 2024

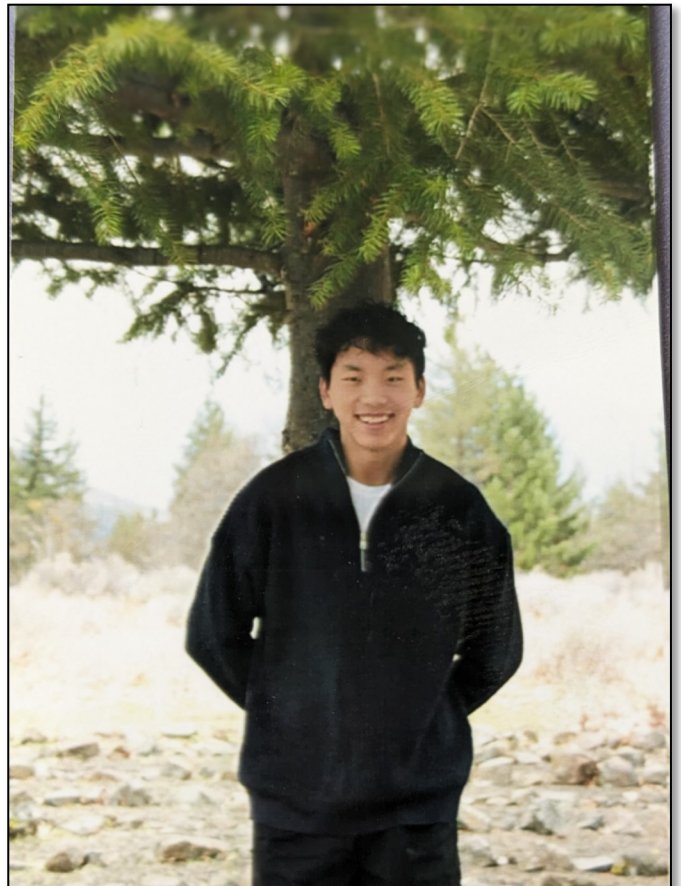
\$2,000 scholarship award announced.

The Scholarship committee is pleased to announce the award for this year's Rogue Valley Genealogical Society scholarship to Mr. Fugui Slawta, a senior at Ashland High School. Fugui maintains an outstanding GPA, finishing his high school classes with Statistics, AP Economics, Politics in Literature, Introduction to Manufacturing, and Government.

He is active in school sports: competing in water polo this past fall, and three years on the swim team. A strong swimmer, in a recent meet Fugui placed first in three events: the 50-yard freestyle and 100 freestyle races, and anchoring the 400-yard freestyle. He has competed in individual and team events at district and competed at the state championships all 3 years.

He has worked at the Ashland Family YMCA as a lifeguard and swim instructor for a year and a half.

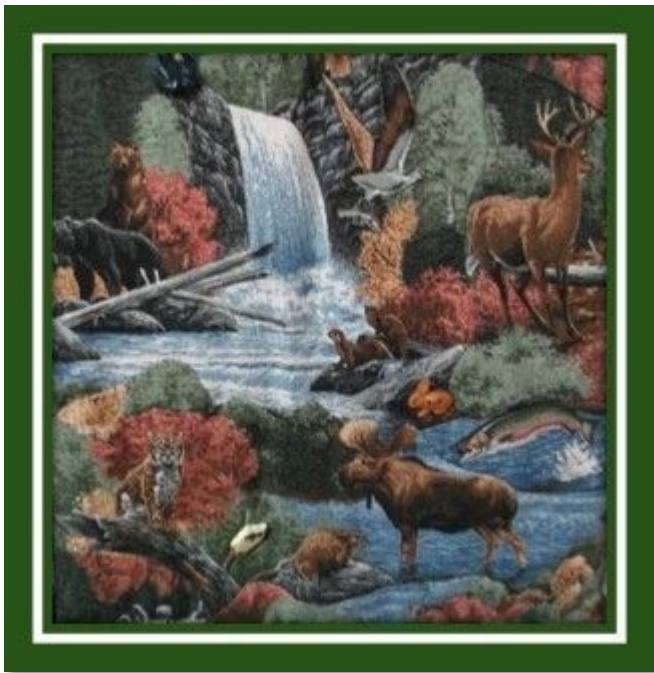
He has volunteered with the Southern Oregon Humane Society and with the Ashland Public Library. In grades 4-8 he attended the Trails Outdoor School where he spent 450 hours building and maintaining trails and building a



the wildlife which benefit from the state law which requires minimum river water levels. The quilt is embellished with buttons: two owls, two swallows, two turtles and one bunny. Can you find them all?

The quilt was completed in September 1995 by Sue Waldron. It was displayed at the 1996 Jacksonville Museum Quilters show and in 1997 it was taken to the Oregon State Fair in Salem where it was awarded a red ribbon. The quilt is usually on display in the Watermaster's Office on the third floor of the Jackson County Courthouse. It is an educational tool and a non-threatening conversation starter.

The Watermaster's Quilt will be on display at RVGS in May 2024 and will be the subject of a "Quilts and Genealogy" program on Thursday, May 30, at 1:30. The quiltmaker, Sue Waldron, will not only discuss the purpose and design of the quilt, but will also share why genealogists should investigate water records as they research their ancestors.



MEMBER SHARING

Did you find a record set that helped you with your research? Send a brief description to enews@rvgslibrary.org with the subject "Member Sharing".

community space. Fugui currently volunteers at aid stations for gravel bike races. At the age of 5 he competed in his first 5K race. At eight he competed and won the Mt. Diablo Cycling Hill Climb, a record that stands today. Born in China, Fugui was adopted from an orphanage at age four and brought to the United States. Originally fearful of water, he overcame his fears and believes that relying on persistence is more important than motivation in achieving his goals.

He will attend the University of Oregon to pursue a degree in business. He has a passion for finance and how the economy works, and an interest in culinary arts. He may perhaps combine his business and culinary interests to establish his own business.

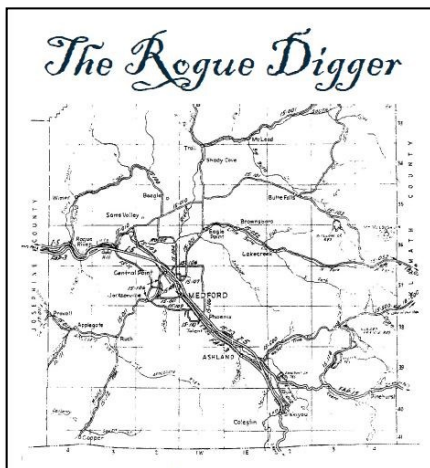
This is the ninth year of the RVGS scholarship program benefiting students in our community.

Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship Committee Chairman

ROGUE DIGGER

Hi RVGS Friends!

I hope this message finds you well. In case you missed it, the April eNews included a helpful resource - *The Rogue Digger* Guidelines. These guidelines are a great tool to help you shape your articles. They can also be found on our [website](#) along with a sample [copyright permission letter](#).



If you have any ideas or need inspiration, please don't hesitate to contact roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org. We're always on the lookout for various content, whether long or short stories, helpful tips, or anything in between. Remember, your articles can be $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page. Lastly, I want to remind you that the September 15 publication submission deadline is **August 1**. I look forward to seeing your articles and appreciate your contributions to *The Rogue Digger*!

And the hunt goes on... *Gindi*



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.

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.

Contact: volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org.

ZOOM HOST SCHEDULER NEEDED

We desperately need someone to schedule our OWL & Zoom hosts.



BLUE BAG RECYCLE PROGRAM UPDATE

Since 2020 we have been offering our classes through Zoom. In 2023 we were able to add OWLS to expand your viewing. Without this technology our members and friends would only be able to attend in person at the library. This would be impossible for our members who do not live within driving distance and would cut a portion of our income. This is why we Need You!

The Zoom scheduler volunteer would be responsible for making sure each of our classes has a Zoom / OWL 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 assign one or two for each class.

Training is available to those who would like to assist with this position and to be a Zoom/OWL host. In addition, the board has waived the class fee for those who volunteer to zoom host a class.



We really want to continue offering Hybrid Classes. We just need someone to keep us organized. Will you help?
CONTACT: VOLUNTEER@RVGSLIBRARY.ORG

THANK YOU!

LIBRARIANS NEEDED!

Several RVGS librarian shifts are available:

1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, Monday mornings, 9:45 AM – 1:00PM

1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:15 PM

2nd Saturday morning, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM

No experience necessary. Training is provided. There are always two 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 President Anne Billeter for more information and to volunteer: annebilleteroregon@gmail.com.



BOTTLEDROP GIVE PROGRAM UPDATE

Through March 31 we have raised \$350 by participating in the **Oregon BottleDrop Give Blue Bag Program**. Not bad at all...Our 2024 goal is \$1850.

We use all the moneys raised through your generous donations of recyclable cans and bottles to support our library and its services.



The Blue Bags are no longer in the library office. They are in the library foyer, on the far-right shelf when you come through the front doors.

This location change makes it easy to grab a couple of bags when people come in or leave the library through the main entrance.

When you fill a bag, just drop it back at the library. We will take care of it for you. You can also leave the bags at a local BottleDrop 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*.

Thank you for your support.

Clear out those bottles and cans and support your library!



BottleDrop® Give

EARTH WEEK GIVE

Support RVGS during Earth Week! Between April 22 and May 4, Oregon BottleDrop will give participating BottleDrop Give nonprofits an extra 20% on funds raised through BottleDrop. Blue Bags for your cans and bottles can be picked up in the foyer of the RVGS Library. Just drop off your full bags at a BottleDrop redemption site or the RVGS Library before May 4, or **donate online** with your Green Bag account funds.



FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS SUPPORTS RVGS

RVGS now has 20 families signed up for the Fred Meyer Rewards program. From January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024, they raised over \$35 in rewards for RVGS and it didn't cost them anything! Just imagine if all our members were signed up for Fred Meyer Rewards! It's a no-cost way you can support RVGS with almost no effort. Just follow these instructions to register your Fred Meyer account.

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.

RVGS LIBRARY NEWS

52 Books and 6 Maps Added to RVGS Library

Fifty-eight items were added to the RVGS Library in April. The maps include four county maps of West



Virginia and a 1910 map of Jackson County, Oregon. The books include family histories such as *Lee of Virginia* (975.5 242 Lee), genealogy research helps such as *English duplicates of lost Virginia records* (975.5 G242 Dav), and local histories such as *Fremont County, Iowa, cemetery records* (977.777 C242 Fre). There are also several Jackson County related new books such as *Obituaries from newspapers. Jackson County, 2023* (979.527 V381 Obi v.57 pt.1 and 2) and past issues of the *Oregon Blue book 1951-52 & 2009-10* (979.5 G165 Oregon).

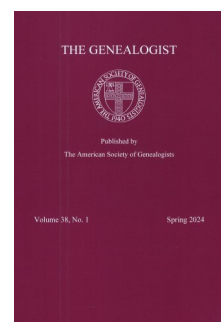
[For the complete list click here.](#)

NEW PERIODICALS ON THE SHELF

Genealogist, American Society of Genealogists

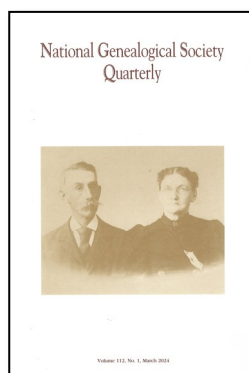
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Origin and descendants of Frances Schreiner Wendelgass (Bavaria, IN, KY and NY); Untangling the Shermans of early Essex County, NY; Etienne Bellumeau de la Vincendiere from Saint-Domingue; English ancestry of Ellis Barron of Watertown, MA.



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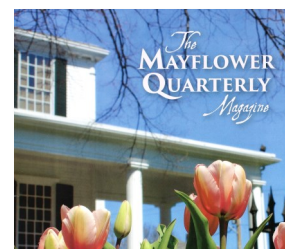


DNA merges the five families of Stephen Stilwell (NY, OH, Canada); Migration research merges DH Stephens (MO) and Daniel H Stephens (KY); Who was the father of James Finney? (IN); and Thamsine, wife of William Colwill (England).

Mayflower Quarterly, General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Circ 929.3 MayQ v.90(1) Spring 2024

Society business; The new Silver Book containing the sixth-



generation descendants of Thomas Rogers; and Understanding New England's town books.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register

Circ 974 G242 NEHGS v.177(4), Fall 2023

The Slye family of Lapworth, Warwickshire; William and Ann/Anna Dunn (MA); Essex origins of Jeffrey and Mary Ferris; William Freeborn (MA, RI); English origin of widow Elizabeth Hubbard (MA); The Rotches and Rodmans, a tale of New Bedford Quakerism.

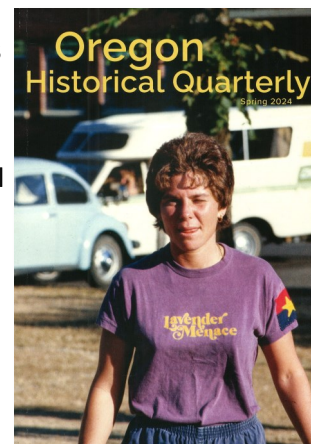


for Peter Sturgises Kentucky county militia; Birth records of the enslaved from the Andrew Moore Scott bible; Chesterfield muster fines, 1763.

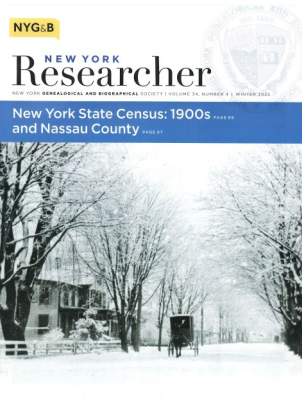
Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society

Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ v.125(1) Spring 2024

“Gendering white supremacy” – Edna Cummins’s defamation suit against the Newberg, Oregon, KKK in 1924; Playing women’s softball in the 1970s with Portland’s openly gay team; The vibrant bird watercolors of R. Bruce Horsfall (illustrator of **Birds of the Pacific Coast** and for whom the campground at North Bend is named); and Ida Lachner’s Baker City photographs.



New York Researcher, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society



Circ 974.7 P273 NYR v.34(4) Winter 2023

New York state census in the 1900s; Finding online New York collections by type; Featured county – Nassau (records and repositories); Latest online for NYG&B members.

Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly

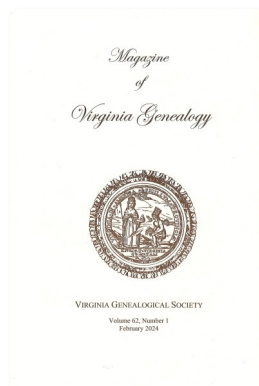
Circ 979.527 P273 SOHSQ

Medford’s Diamond Jubilee, 1934; Entertainment during the Depression; Jacksonville’s second gold rush (the 1930s); and the Civilian Conservation Corp. Spotlight on 2023 Volunteer Recognition Recipients – Bill Mendels, Gretchen Hamilton, Gayle Lewis, and the Gold Diggers, the society’s auxiliary arm.

Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Virginia Genealogical Society

Circ 975.5 P273 MVG v.62(1) February 2024

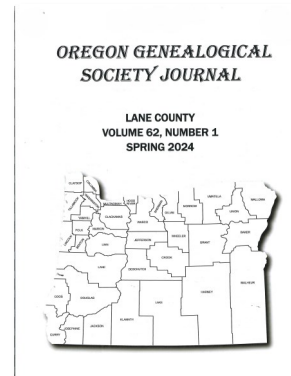
Documents of Henry Miar of Shenandoah County; James Walker to Thomas Lewis deed (Buckingham county); Index of names from “lost” Virginia newspapers (1798); Fairfax Parish vestry book, 1765-1785; the Berricks (Northern Neck); Payroll



Oregon Genealogical Society Journal, Lane County, Oregon

Circ 979.531 P273 Ore v.62(1), Spring 2024

Harnessing AI for genealogy; Darling, Mead and McLagan families of Springfield; Eugene City Guard (newspaper) personal items, 1895; Towns in



Lane County, 1912; and Insane commitment records before 1900 (arranged by county).

NEW COLLECTION

Owen County, Indiana, Magazine of History and Genealogy

Circ 977.243 P273 Owe (1993-2018)

Dixie and Arnold Platta donated this quarterly publication from the county historical and genealogical society. Although there are many missing issues, they had number 4 of each volume which contains the volume's index. Family stories, local history and early documents are included. If you have Owen County ancestors, here is another place to search.



West Virginia) by Clara McC. Sage & Laura S. Jones, 1969. Rep. 1990. \$30.00

- *The Rogue: A River to Run (The Story of Pioneer Whitewater River Runner Glen Wooldridge and His First Eighty Years on the Rogue River)* by Florence Arman with Glen Wooldridge, 1982. \$31.00
- *The Walk Down Memory Lane* by Rosalyn R Rhinehart, 1988. \$17.00
- *Marriage records of Multnomah County, Oregon* compiled by Harriette Word Park, Set of 5 for \$15.00
 - 1855-1873, c 1977. May 1873- June 1883, c. 1984. June 1883- December 1885, c. 1984. December 1885 – September 1888, c. 1985. September 1888 to July 1890, c. 1988.
- *Marriage records of Multnomah County, Oregon 1855-1873*, compiled by Harriette Word Park, c 1977. \$5.00
- *Map of Yellowstone Park* from the National Park Service, 1975. \$4.00
- *City Map of Los Angeles and Hollywood* by Gousha Travel Publication, 1989. \$4.00
- *Guide to Los Angeles Area Freeway System* by AAA, 1980. \$4.00
- *City Map of Portland and Vicinity* by Oregon Blueprint Company, \$4.00
- *Maryland Official Highway Map* by Maryland Department of Transportation, 1987. \$4.00

SURPLUS SALE BOOKS

Surplus Sale Books for April 2024
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- *Visitor's Guide to Oregon Historic Cemeteries* by Jeanne Gentry Robinson, 1999. \$10.00
- *Yesterday's Roll Call: Statistical Data and Genealogical Facts from Cemeteries in Baker, Sherman, and Umatilla Counties Oregon. Vol. 1* by Genealogical Forum of Portland Oregon, 1970. \$12.00
 - *Oswego Pioneer Cemetery, Lake Oswego Oregon* Compiled by Herb Bumgarner, 1991. \$4.00
 - *Civil War Veterans in Clackamas County* from the Clackamas County Historical Society, unknown. \$4.00
 - *Oregon Newspaper Death Notices 1890-1902* by Gregory Toftdahl, 1992. \$6.00
 - *Records of Washington County Oregon Volumes One & Two 1842-80, 1881-96 Marriage Records* Compiled by May Ringle Lepschat & Gyneth S. Balfour, Rep. 1983. \$12.00
 - *Early Records Hampshire County Virginia (Now*

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