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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



The RVGS eNews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

RVGS Strong in 2024 and Beyond



Learn about the results of the Member Survey and additional factors affecting our future: the highway project, annexation by the City of Phoenix, the growth of the library collection, and the impact of remote access to subscription websites, classes and programs. Help plan the future of RVGS by attending the Tuesday, June 18 Member Meeting at 1:30 PM.

We reached a milestone! We have welcomed member number 4000! Member numbers were not used when the Society was first formed, and there were a few years somewhere in the middle when former members who rejoined were given new numbers. Adding our four thousandth member is an achievement. We have 3 current members with 2-digit numbers and at least 22 with 3-digit numbers. Congratulations and thanks are certainly due for longevity and loyalty to the society and genealogy, but we also celebrate each new member who discovers RVGS and our amazing resources.

Please explore the stories in this issue of the *eNews*: a lucky person is going to be the winner of our raffle quilt; our nation will be celebrating Juneteenth and we have created an African American Genealogy Resources bibliography; we have an upcoming Open House, "Chasing Freedom;" and we are launching our Annual Fund Drive. Please read on...

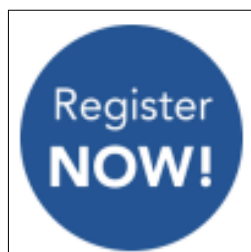
Anne Billeter, President
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CLASSES & EVENTS

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!

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

In this class, Rich Miles will demonstrate how to use the valuable genealogical resource findagrave.com. The website is constantly being updated with new features and options. Rich will help us learn how to navigate 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.



Friday, June 7, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, German Research Help Session

LAST CALL FOR HANDS ON HELP...

If you have German ancestors research questions, be sure to come to the June 7 Help Session provided by your

German Interest Group. Join Ann Baracker and other volunteers from the German Interest Group who will be on hand to help you break through those German-American brick walls, assist with document translations, and lend a hand navigating the multitude of library-owned resource materials, along with helping you efficiently use our online sites.



No preregistration is required. In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, June 10, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting

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

In person at the library.

Cost: Free to all.

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

Jeanne Hoadley facilitates this interest group to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies.

Massachusetts and the province of Maine will be the focus in June. Questions on all 13 colonies are always welcome.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.



Tuesday, June 11, 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, June 11, 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

Family Tree Maker
Genealogy software



the month.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, June 12, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

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

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



Wednesday, June 12, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Great Lakes Interest Group

Kim Thurman facilitates this Interest group to discuss genealogy research in the Great Lakes region. Primary focus will be the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, but researchers to the north and east along the lakes are welcome as well. **Using Google Maps as a research tool** will be the special topic.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.



Thursday, June 13, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group IN PERSON

Thursday, June 13, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group VIA ZOOM

Barbara Northrop facilitates these groups that meet the second Thursday of the month and are for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes about **manuscripts, genealogies, and periodicals** and the last half of the session will be open for general questions.

Cost: Free to all.

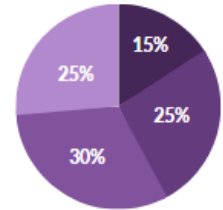
Friday, June 14, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group

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.



Tuesday, June 18, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, Planning for the Future – The Member Survey Results and More

RVGS is planning for the future. Learn about the results of the Member Survey and additional factors which have emerged. Some of those factors include: the highway project, annexation by the City of Phoenix, the growth of the library collection, and the impact of remote access to subscription websites, classes, and programs. Help plan the future of RVGS by attending.



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

Wednesday, June 19, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let’s Talk Genealogy

Let’s Talk Genealogy is a chance to get together with others who share your same interest. We will start with a focus and see where it goes from there. This month’s focus will be **Juneteenth**.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Friday, June 21, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class, Finding the Records of Your Revolutionary War Ancestors

In this class, Patricia Healy will cover DAR Lineage Books, muster rolls, and pay documents. She will also talk about Compiled Service Records (CSR), Revolutionary War Pensions, Bounty Land Warrants, and what information they contain. She will also cover what is available in libraries, archives, Fold3.com, Ancestry, and FamilySearch.org.

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



Tuesday, June 25, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Quilts and Genealogy: The Bentonville Friendship Quilt

The Bentonville Friendship Quilt is about more than one journey: the journey of the quilt pieces from Nebraska to Arkansas in 1935 and later of their journey to Oregon; the journey from being quilt pieces to being a beautiful quilt imaginatively pieced and quilted by Barbara Grimes. Join Barbara as she shares



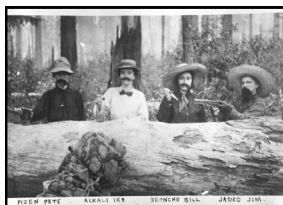
the stories of those whose names are on the quilt, beginning with the 14-year-old who initiated the quilt. Due to the fragile condition this quilt will only be available for viewing during the program.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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. [Click here for more information](#)



Windows in Time: Ashland's Cultural Journey: 1850's Pioneers to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Wednesday, July 3, Noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library:** In Person and Online [Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, July 10, Noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland Library:** Gresham Room

Want to know why the founder of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival ended up living in Ashland instead of Ellensburg, Washington, or why string beans were planted to grow up the walls of the early OSF Elizabethan Theatre? Through stories and photos, Peter Finkle will relate how Ashland transformed from an isolated pioneer community to a destination for lovers of creativity and culture with a college, an opera house, Chautauqua programs, a vibrant park system, and eventually, a world-renowned theater. [Click here for more information](#)

June 19th

Juneteenth is our nation's newest national holiday, commemorating the ending of slavery. It celebrates the day two years after the Emancipation Declaration was issued when the enslaved in Texas finally learned they were free. In honor of the holiday and to assist



Black Americans with their genealogical research, we have prepared a handout of "[Selected Black American Genealogy Resources](#)." It is "selected" because there are more books in the RVGS Library than will fit on this list! The resources include useful websites.

For an introduction on African American Patriot Research there is a 2016 webinar made by Linda Jones, National Vice Chair Lineage Research NSDAR, [African American Patriots-January 2016 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Jackson County History Hunt

As RVGS is part of the Jackson County Heritage Association, we are participating in the History Hunt. Stop by the library and pick up a "passport", answer a question about the library, and receive a free ticket.

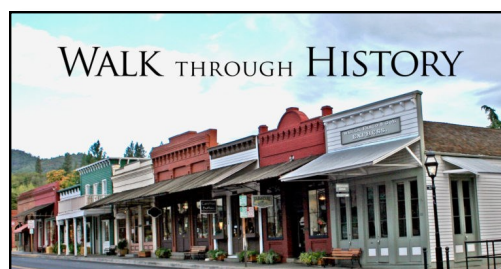


Then, stop by the museums listed in the passport, answer their questions and receive another free ticket from each one. Check out the passport, there are several ways to receive lots of extra free tickets. A drawing will be held in September and the lucky 2 winners will receive a gift basket. Each basket is valued at between \$200 and \$300.

Walk through History Tours

Beginning May 25, people will be able to stretch their legs in the comfort of morning temperatures while learning a little Jacksonville, Oregon, history! Every Saturday through August 31, Historic Jacksonville, Inc. will be offering 1-hour guided "Walk through History" tours that transport guests back to the late 1800s when Jacksonville was the hub of Southern Oregon.

Tours leave at 10 AM from Jacksonville's New City Hall at 206 North 5th Street and cover about 1 mile with multiple stops. This great combination of education, exercise, and entertainment is FREE, but donations are always welcomed—all monies go towards maintaining and preserving historic buildings seen on the tour.



Additional information is available at <https://www.historicjacksonville.org/walk-through-history/> or by contacting info@historicjacksonville.org or 541-245-3650.

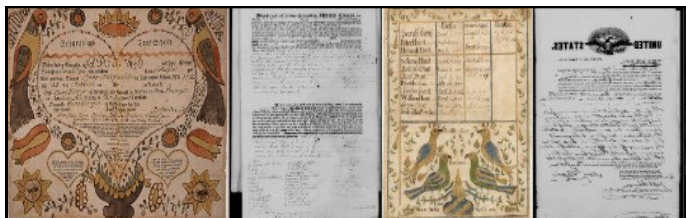
REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES

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.



June 15, 2024, 2:30-4:30 PM, GFO Annual Membership Meeting & GenTalk - Let the Tower Lights be Burning: Genealogical Research for the Imprisoned



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".

Citizen Archivists

Help transcribe military pension files from the Revolutionary War!

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of American independence, the National Archives and the National Park Service are collaborating on a special project to transcribe **Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service, ca. 1800 - ca. 1912**. These Revolutionary War Pension Files consist of applications and other records pertaining to claims for pensions and bounty land warrants.

These records may contain valuable details about Revolutionary War veterans and their families, such as rank, unit, period of service, age, residence, date and place of marriage, and date and place of death of spouse. Also within these records, you may find copies of marriage or other family records, information pertaining to military activities or details about soldier's lives, along with letters, diaries, or family trees. Read more about these records and what you may find from the National

Park Service's article [Tips and a Guide for the Curious](#). Are you ready to join us?

We invite you to help transcribe these records to unlock the details and stories found within these rich records.

New to the Citizen Archivist program?

Learn how to [register and get started](#).

Be sure to review our tutorial [Get Started Transcribing](#).

Looking for something fun? Print out a [Revolutionary War Bingo Card](#) and fill it in as you transcribe these fascinating pension records. If you manage to get a bingo, you can share a picture of it on [History Hub!](#)

QUILT IN THE NICHE

Quilt in the Niche: Launching a Fundraiser for an RVGS "Quilts and Genealogy" Book

In 2026 we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. As part of our celebration, we plan to publish a book about the quilts in the RVGS Quilt Collection, with special emphasis on the genealogy of the quiltmakers and their families, and on the artistry of the quilts. Publishing a book is expensive, especially one filled with high quality images of quilts. The RVGS Board has agreed to dedicate the revenue from the 2024 and 2025 raffle quilts and quilt documentations to the costs of publication. We will also be applying for grant funding.

The quilt in the Niche for the month of June is the Bicentennial Commemorative raffle quilt. The winner of the quilt will be drawn on Tuesday, June 25, at the end of the one-hour Quilts and Genealogy program which begins at 1:30 PM. During the program Barbara Grimes will share the story of the Bentonville Friendship Quilt, a signature quilt which provides a contrast to the raffle quilt, which lacks even the name of the quiltmaker! See the separate story about the program.

The 2024 raffle quilt was constructed between 1976 and 1980 by an unknown quiltmaker(s). It is a pieced queen-size patriotic red, white, and blue quilt containing 60 embroidered blocks. The center block depicts the United States with starred state capitals and is surrounded by



state blocks, including the statehood year, shape, flower, and bird. The ruffled quilt was designed with a pillow tuck.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00, and 30 tickets for \$20.00. Stop by the library to see this beautiful quilt and purchase raffle tickets. Mark your calendar for the "Quilts and Genealogy" program and raffle drawing on Tuesday, June 25.

SOCIETY NEWS

New and Returning Members

New members: Karen Chapin, Jamie and Daniel Volz, Robert Del Carlo, Kathryn Westberg, Jacob Edwards and Emily Cohen, Lori Thibodo, Layne Ann Lakefish, and Aaron Goodwin.

Returning members: George Harbeck, Joanne Angel, and Jeff Van Audsall.



Annual Fund Drive

Each year RVGS launches our Annual Fund Drive to raise a portion of the funds required to operate the Society and Library. Membership dues provide approximately one-third of our operating funds. We rely on the annual fund drive for another third. The remainder comes from grants, revenue from classes, workshops, seminars, research questions, document requests, surplus book sales, and many other sources. We rely on our members' generosity and each year our members respond, last year exceeding our goal of \$20,000. With the new challenges we are facing, these funds will be even more essential. **Click here to donate now**, or send or bring a check to RVGS at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford OR 97501...and THANK YOU!



DID YOU KNOW:

- RVGS Library is open 36 hours each week
- RVGS Library has over 26,000 cataloged books and other materials
- RVGS has 674 members
- RVGS offered 19 classes and 2 Seminars in

2023

- RVGS gave 13 free programs in 2023
 - RVGS offered 11 free classes during Genealogy Week in 2023
 - RVGS has 8 special interest groups which meet regularly
 - RVGS has a Brick Wall Round Table which meets alternate months by zoom
 - RVGS holds Let's Talk Genealogy sessions alternate months by zoom
- RVGS has 74 volunteers who reported 9,318 hours in 2023

Rogue Digger

Hi RVGS Friends!

I hope this message finds you well. Our newest issue will be available June 15th.

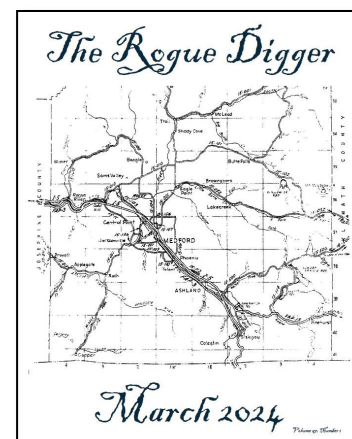
In case you missed it, the April eNews included a helpful resource - The *Rogue Digger* Guidelines. These guidelines are a great tool to help you shape your articles.

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 ¼, ½, or ¾ 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... *Tindi*

roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org





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.

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.



ZOOM HOST SCHEDULER NEEDED

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

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 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.

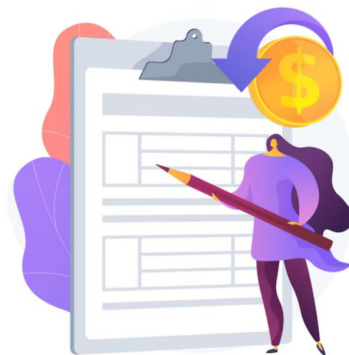
We really want to continue offering Hybrid Classes. We just need someone to keep us organized. Will you help?

CONTACT: VOLUNTEER@RVGSLIBRARY.ORG

THANK YOU!

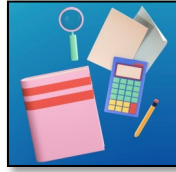
GRANT WRITER NEEDED

Have you ever written a grant or helped prepare one for submission? Maybe not, but most of you have excellent written communication skills. You need that for your genealogy research. Would you help RVGS improve our financial stability and expand our services? As our Volunteer Grant Writer you would help craft compelling proposals. You will put your research skills to work. You will need to understand our organization and be willing to learn more about how we provide such a fine service. You should be willing to explore all the funding sources that we can apply for. Think this position sounds intriguing? Contact volunteer@rvgslibrary.org.



TREASURER NEEDED!

RVGS Treasurer is needed! Unfortunately our Treasurer resigned. An interim Treasurer, Kim Thurman, has stepped up to help out, but only until a new Treasurer can be found. PLEASE take a look at the [position description](#). Detailed instructions and training will be provided. Email president@rvgslibrary.org if you are interested.



LIBRARIANS NEEDED!

Several RVGS librarian shifts are available:



4th Wednesday afternoon, 1:00 – 4:15 PM

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

2nd, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM

1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday afternoons, 1:00 – 4:15 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.

BLUE BAG RECYCLE PROGRAM UPDATE

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!

RVGS LIBRARY NEWS

44 Books and 1 Map
Added in May



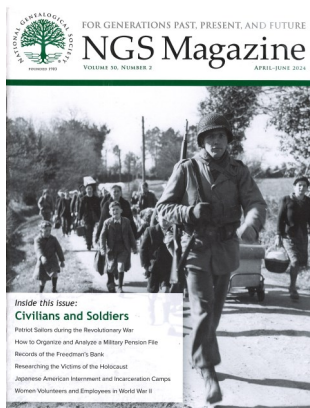
Fourteen books about Washington State (979.7) expand the RVGS collection about the state to our north. The two volume *Washington State Pioneers* (979.7 G242 Was) was compiled from applications submitted by descendants for the Centennial Pioneer Certificate project. The *Honor Roll of Yakima County, 1917, 1918, 1919* (979.755 M3434 Hon) contains “a pictorial record of the gallant and courageous men from Yakima County, Washington, USA, who served in the Great War...” and “Includes those who served in the Red Cross, the YMCA, the Home Guard, Veterans of the Civil War, Spanish War, and those who perished.” One map, composed of three sheets, is a general highway map of Pendleton County, West Virginia in the year 2000 (MAP 975.491 Gen). [Click here for the complete list.](#)

NEW PERIODICALS ON THE SHELF

NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society

Circ 929.05 NGSM v.50(2) April/June 2024

Civilians and soldiers: Patriot sailors during the Revolutionary War; How to organize and analyze military pension files; Records of the Freedman's Bank; Researching victims of the Holocaust; Japanese American internment and incarceration camps; and Women's volunteer and civilian employment during WW II.

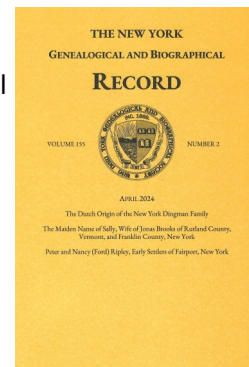


Rotches and Rodmans (Quakers, final part and index to the four-part series.)

New York Genealogical and Biographical Record Quarterly

Circ 974.7 G242 Mew v.155(2) April 2024

Dingman family; Maiden name of Sally, wife of Jonas Brooks (VT, Franklin Co., NY); Peter and Nancy Ford Ripley (Fairport, NY).



Family Tree Magazine

Circ 929.1 FTM v.25(3) May/June 2024

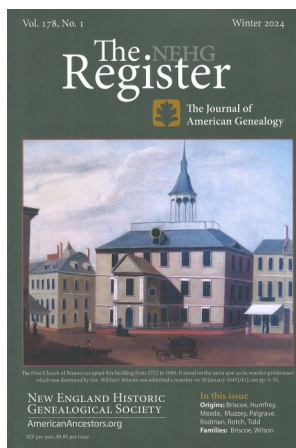
Heritage travel – budgeting, pitfalls, genealogy tours and cruises, libraries, and other important landmarks; English research, and National Archives research myths (My family was not important, not in the military, I've found everything already, my

ancestors are an underrepresented group, it's too complicated and "all the records are in DC"). Research guides: New Hampshire and North Dakota. Cheat Sheet: Ellis Island Research.

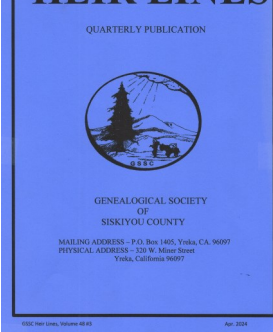
The New England Historical and Genealogical Register

Circ 974 G242 NEGHS v.178 (1) Winter 2024

William Briscoe of Boston; Anne, wife of Dr. Richard Palgrave (MA); Life and children of John Humfrey (Massachusetts Bay Colony); Mary Muzzey, second wife of Joseph Tidd (MA); Origins of Gabriel Meade (MA); The



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Heir Lines, Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County

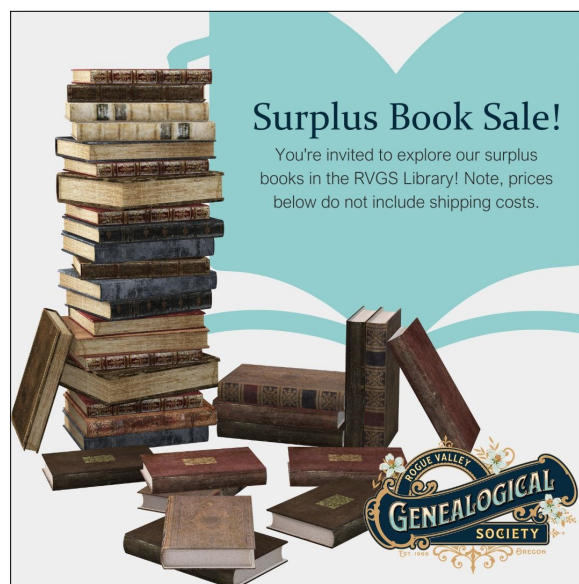
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SURPLUS SALE BOOKS

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

- *Delaware Bible Records Volume 2* by Donald Viridin, 1992. \$30.00
- *Records of Washington County, Oregon Volume 3, Cemetery Records of NW Washington County* by Genealogical Forum of Portland Oregon, 1977. \$20.00
- *Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims, Volume I-IV* by Genealogical Forum of Portland Oregon, 1957, 1959, 1962 & 1967. \$40.00
- *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, 2007. Reduced to \$10.00
- *The Great Platte River Road: Volume XXV, The Covered Wagon Mainline and Via Fort Kearny to Fort Laramie* by Merrill J. Mattes, 1969. \$16.00
- *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations (Vol. 16, Pt. 1: John Alden)* by Esther Littleford Woodworth -Barnes, 1999. \$37.00
- *The Mammoth Book of British Kings and Queens* by Mike Ashley, 1999. \$4.00

- *Your Guide to Cemetery Research* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, 2002. \$4.00
- *Unpuzzling Your Past: The Best-Selling Basic Guide to Genealogy* by Emily Anne Croom, 2001. \$4.00
- *The Handybook for Genealogists: United States of America, 11th Edition* edited by Holly T. Hansen, 2006. \$33.00
- *History of California, Volume III (3): 1825-1840 (the Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Volume XX (20))* by Hubert Howe Bancroft, 1885. \$54.00
- *History of California, Volume IV (4): 1840-1845 (the Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Volume XXI (21))* by Hubert Howe Bancroft, 1886. \$33.00
- *History of California, Volume V (5): 1846-1848 (the Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Volume XXII (22))* by Hubert Howe Bancroft, 1886. \$115.00
- *History of California, Volume VI (6): 1848-1859 (the Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Volume XXIII (23))* by Hubert Howe Bancroft, 1888. \$26.00
- *History of California, Volume VII (7): 1860-1890 (the Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Volume XXIV (24))* by Hubert Howe Bancroft, 1890. \$44.00



**Rogue Valley
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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.

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Led by Kim Thurman, it meets from 1:30 - 3:00 PM **every even numbered month** on the second Wednesday. The group meets to share, discuss, and learn about the Great Lakes states.

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.

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- Genealogical Problem Solvers



- German Group
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