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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 2024 and Beyond



The Member Survey results, including comparisons with the 2019 member survey are now on the **website**: [rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org) > Membership > Member Resources. Remember to first log in to the website! With those results and brainstorming by the board and many of our active volunteers, several actions are in progress:

- A committee is meeting weekly to plan and implement changes to improve our New Member process, to better welcome, inform, and engage new members.

- We are revising the format for Genealogy Week.
- In October we are beginning two series of classes for beginning genealogists, one in person and one by Zoom. These will replace the present Genealogy Newbies Interest Groups.
- Member Meeting programs will focus on genealogy rather than local history, beginning in September.
- We are researching the future impact of the highway project, including the need to move our highway sign(s), the loss of some of our property that fronts the highway (due to adding bike lanes and sidewalks), and the impact on the number of parking spaces we will have after the highway is widened and our driveway is re-designed.
- We are investigating options to increase shelving for the library collection, from revising the floor plan to expanding the building into the patio.
- We are exploring solar energy.

Save Our Library Hours: We REALLY need a few more librarians. Consider volunteering! It is lots of fun, you will learn a lot, you will have time to work on your own research, and you will always work with a partner. The list of open shifts is later



in this eNews.

Have you looked at the latest issue of *The Rogue Digger*? Wow, thirty-seven pages of solid genealogy...and I can't wait for the next issue to learn about "Baby Iris - Father Unknown." Kudos to editor Cindi Hobson and the authors!

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.

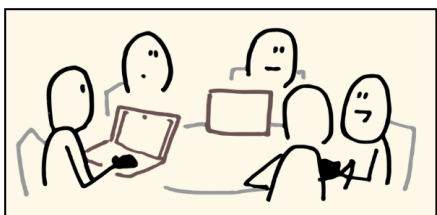
- Event details are subject to change. Check our website for the latest information. If registration is not available on the website, please check back.
- Unless noted otherwise, most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Classes & Events** menu on our [website](#). **Registration 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!

**Monday, July 8, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting**

All members are welcome. Come to the side door and ring the doorbell. In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



**Tuesday, July 9, 11:00 AM - Noon, German Interest Group**

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

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



**Tuesday, July 9, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen.



Come with any questions about using "Family Tree Maker" software. They meet the second Tuesday of the month.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

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

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

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



**Thursday, July 11, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group IN PERSON**

**Thursday, July 11, 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 **Land in the USA Research Strategies**

and the last half of the session will be open for general questions.

Cost: Free to all.



**Friday, July 12, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group**

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

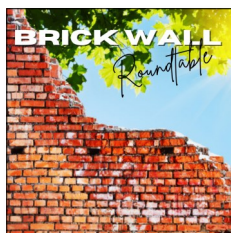
Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.





**Saturday, July 13, 10:30 AM – Noon, Brick Wall Roundtable**

This discussion is open to all. Bring your questions, your puzzles, your brick walls and we will put our heads together to see if we can find a way to get you closer to your goal. You don't even have to have a "wall" to join us. We welcome you anyway and who knows? You may have a nugget that would help someone else. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.



**Member meetings and programs are not held in July and August**

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

Do you need help with your genealogy paper file organization? Perhaps you have a box of inherited family ephemera you need help organizing. Barbara Northrop will be on hand to share her organizing tips. Bring your files/boxes with you. You may attend for a short time or stay the entire session.

**Organize Your Files!**

A graphic showing a yellow folder with colorful papers and confetti flying out of it. The text "Organize Your Files!" is written in a bold, sans-serif font above the folder.

Get your files and papers in shape and ready for an exciting year of research. In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

**Saturday, July 20, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Open House - Chasing Freedom: Our Ancestors' Search for Life, Liberty and Happiness**

Enjoy our open house while celebrating your ancestors' search for freedom. Learn about their lives in the old country and discover their motivations for making the dangerous journey to their new homelands. See what your local genealogy library offers to help you understand your ancestors' lives and investigate what sent them CHASING FREEDOM! In person at the library. Cost: Free for All.



**Monday, August 12, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, Colonial America Interest Group**

The Colonial America Interest Group meets via zoom on the second Monday of each month at 2pm. For our August 12 meeting we will take a 10,000 foot level look at researching in Colonial America. When and how did each of the 13 colonies come into being? What are the most useful resources for researching in each area? Who came when and how did they get from seaports to the inland areas? What were the push/pull factors that influenced migration and how did they differ from one area to another and what changed over 175 years of Colonial History? If you have already registered for Colonial America Interest Group on the RVGS website your name will remain on the mailing list until you ask to be taken off.



**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

**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](#)



**Windows in Time: Mining the Archives: Recent Discoveries Among the Glass Negatives**  
Wednesday, August 7, Noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library:** In Person and Online [Click here to register](#)

**Wednesday, August 14, Noon - 1:00 PM Ashland Library:**  
Gresham Room

Join Ben Truwe for an update on discoveries made during SOHS' ongoing glass negative scanning project, which is bringing thousands of new images to light. This project has uncovered new photos by Peter Britt, a trove of portraits by Central Point photographer Robert Vinton Beall, and mysterious images by unidentified photographers. [Click here for more information.](#)

## 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.



## Haunted History

Learn about the ghosts that still linger in Jacksonville's historic district while learning a little history about the buildings, their occupants, and life in a gold rush town. Join Historic Jacksonville, Inc. for a very "spirited evening" (or 2) on a guided Haunted History walking tour. Tours are offered the **2nd Friday of each month** from **June 14 through September 13**, with **special October tours** on both Friday and Saturday, the 11th and 12th. Tours leave from the Jacksonville Visitors Center at the corner of North Oregon and C streets and last about 1 hour. Choose from **2 different tours offered each night**. The Courthouse route features **brothels, epidemics, and hangings**. The Britt Hill tour highlights **murder, arson, saloons, and Oregon's oldest Chinatown**. And both tours have lots of haunted houses!



These tours are not your typical "ghost tours" with special effects. They are history tours about real hauntings resulting from past events. The stories—some scary, some benign—come from multiple

sources, from people who have experienced these restless souls.

**For more information** contact the Jacksonville Visitor and Information Center, \$10 per person; reservations required.

## Log Town Cemetery Clean Up

Logtown Cemetery needs your help. There are over 40 dead fir trees that have to come down...and it will start July 8th. I am having a meeting on the 7th at noon at the cemetery. If you have family or friends buried there, or care about the historic value of Logtown...lets make a plan before safety and liability requires closing it. There is a licensed tree company that will remove the trees. We will be doing the clean up. Scott Traina

## REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES

### Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Visit the GFO website for information on Special Interest Groups and Calendar of classes.



This month GFO is sponsoring a Columbian Cemetery Field trip and a Mayflower Lineage Society Workshop. GFO is one of the largest genealogical libraries in the Pacific Northwest with over 60,000 holdings including early Oregon Donation land claims.

**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:** Maryann Bacsik, Molly Charboneau, Sally Yarbrough, Frank Maesen, Nancy Helbach, Ansy Bowen, Wendi Babst, and Thomas Haller.

**Returning members:** Deanna Johnson, Diana Hunt, and Valerie Darby.



## CHASING FREEDOM OPEN HOUSE



**July 20, 2024, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Enjoy our Open House while Celebrating Your Ancestors' Search for Freedom.

Take the opportunity to view the treasured Lady Oscharwasha, "Indian Jenny" Quilt. Indian Jenny lived in Jacksonville, the daughter of a North Carolina man from the Catawba Tribe and a woman from the Rogue River Band of the Shasta Tribe. The beautiful quilt was made by Jacksonville quilter, Dora Scheidecker, in 1981. She took her subject from a Britt photograph of Jenny modeling her burial dress. Due to its fragile condition, this quilt will only be available for viewing during our Open House.

While learning about your ancestors' lives in their old countries, come explore a piece of our local heritage. Discover your family's motivations for making the dangerous journey to their new homelands.



**See what your local genealogy library offers to help you understand your ancestors' lives and investigate what sent them CHASING FREEDOM! YOU WILL FIND ICE CREAM IN THE PROMISED LAND!**

## 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

## Thank You to these RVGS 2024 Annual Fund Drive Donors!

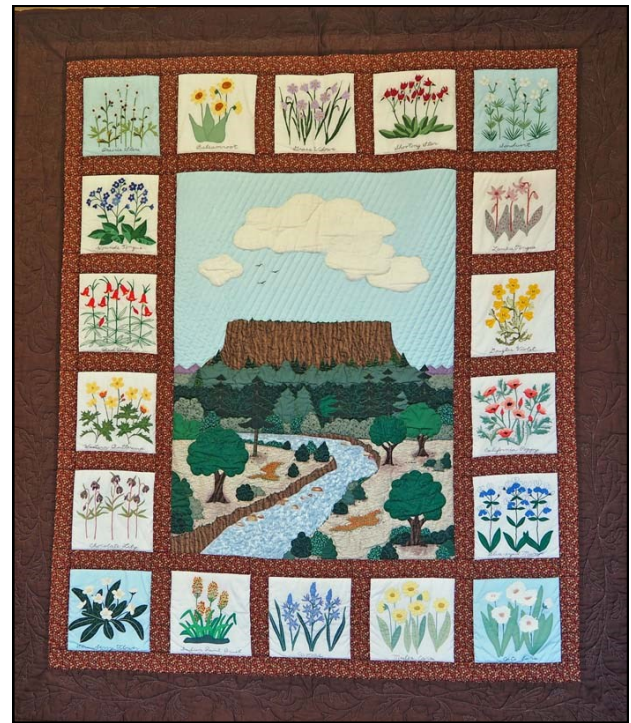
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Sue Waldron wrote to the editor of *The Rogue Digger* about two stories in the June publication, "Ron Naumann's piece on "Baby Iris" has some interesting information I will share with my brother-in-law, who was adopted and is struggling to find his father. I hope that Mary Robsman will continue to introduce us to "Books on the Shelf" – both were fascinating and potentially very helpful."

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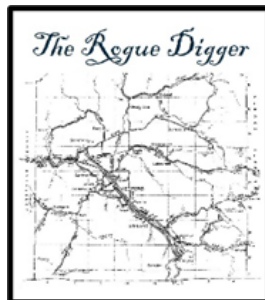
### The Table Rock quilt

The Table Rocks are a very predominate geological feature in the Rogue Valley of Oregon. They stand tall above the Rogue River and have abundant wildflowers growing on them. One of the wildflowers featured on the quilt, *Fritillaria Recurva*, was commonly called "Red Bells". It can be found on Table Rock and in the Jacksonville Woodlands. The quilt was completed in April 1994, before the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the *Fritillaria Gentneri* on the Federal Endangered Species list in December 1999. The Table Rock quilt on display at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library during the month of July contains eighteen different flower blocks all hand embroidered by the Jacksonville Museum Quilters. Stop by the Library at 3405 South Pacific Hwy, Medford, Oregon, to see this beauty. It saves a lot of hiking!

## Rogue Digger

### Hi RVGS Friends!

Have you had a chance to delve into the first two publications? Any intriguing ideas sparked? We're thrilled to announce the search for stories to be included in the September publication is in full swing, and we can't wait to see what you'll bring to the table.



HINT: our RVGS pioneer file cabinet, has some fascinating pioneers and early settlers. Your unique story could be a valuable addition to our **September** publication. The **deadline** for submitting your contribution is **August 1, 2024**.

[roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org)

And the hunt goes on... *Cindi*

## MEMBER SHARING

### Cemetery Related Books

by Anne Billeter

The recent “Getting the Most Out of Find A Grave” class by Rich Miles was a good reminder of the usefulness to genealogists of cemetery information. The RVGS Library has quite a few transcriptions of cemeteries, which can prove especially useful when gravestones have deteriorated due to weather and time, been damaged or removed due to vandalism, or simply overlooked. I have found gravestones buried under soil and grass in both Washington and New Hampshire! Transcriptions are found in the Dewey Decimal number for the county-specific geographic location.



In addition, there are a number of books of more general interest to cemetery researchers, including, but not limited to: *Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography* by Douglas Deister (929.11 Kei); *Final Resting Place: Cemetery Research* by Linda M. Herrick (929.11 Her); and *Early American Gravestone Art in Photographs* by Francis Y. Duval and Ivan B. Rigby (973 C242 Duv).

Did you find a record set or other tip that helped you with your research? Send a brief description to [enews@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:enews@rvgslibrary.org) with the subject “Member Sharing”.



## 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

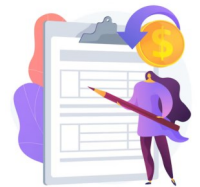
This group meets every Friday at a different member business at 8:15 AM (and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the

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.

## GRANT WRITER NEEDED

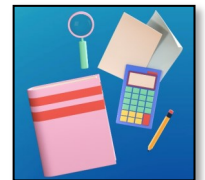
Have you ever written a grant or helped prepare one for submission? Maybe not, but most of you have excellent written communication skills. You need that for your genealogy research. Would you help RVGS improve our financial stability and expand our services? As our Volunteer Grant Writer you would help 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](mailto:volunteer@rvgslibrary.org).



## TREASURER NEEDED!

Do you like it when your checkbook balances? Have you always had a thing for numbers? Do you want to be an important participant in the future of RVGS? If you are a detail-oriented person and not intimidated by a computer, this position could be the perfect fit for you! The society uses QuickBooks Online, but you don’t have to be a CPA or professional bookkeeper—the process is already in place. Our interim treasurer, Kim Thurman, is happy to get you up to speed and be your supporting mentor. Take a look at the position description at [position description](#). Email [treasurer@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:treasurer@rvgslibrary.org) for further information.



## BOOK SELLER ASSISTANT NEEDED

Do you want to help the society, but don’t want to be the person “in charge”? Become our RVGS Online Book Seller’s Assistant. We need a volunteer or two to post books for sale on AbeBooks. There



might also be times where you will be asked to package and ship the books to purchasers. Being comfortable inputting data is helpful. Being willing to learn is most important. Training will be provided. Work with our Book Seller to rehome books no longer needed, while giving us needed space in the library and some income to support our society. Contact: [volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org](mailto:volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org).



## LIBRARIANS NEEDED!

Several RVGS librarian shifts are available:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:15 PM

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:15 PM

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday mornings, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:annebilleteroregon@gmail.com).



## BLUE BAG RECYCLE PROGRAM UPDATE

Thank you to all the **RVGS** members who are using Blue Bags available in the **library foyer** to donate your redeemable bottles and cans to **RVGS**. Year to date proceeds total \$534 through mid-June! It's so EASY!

Generally, if you can pour it and drink it, it's redeemable. For example, soda and beer (cans and bottles), water bottles, kombucha, hard seltzer, sports and energy drinks, coffee and tea drinks, fruit and vegetable juices, as well as others.

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 **Blue Bags** with the official **RVGS Bag Tag** 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!**



## RVGS LIBRARY NEWS

### 90 Books and 4 Maps Added in June

Twenty-five books about Texas (976.4); 3 new language dictionaries: Bulgarian (491.81), Japanese (495.5), and Vietnamese (495.9); 10 books about Virginia (975.5); and numerous books about other states and subjects enhance research opportunities. [Click here for the complete list.](#)

For those researching southern Oregon a significant and welcome addition to the RVGS Library is *Waters of Rogue River and its Tributaries: DECREE: in the matter of the determination of the relative rights...* [1919] [979.527 C597 Wat] For those researching other locations, this is a reminder of a neglected source of information about early settlers, especially in the western states where water rights were and are crucial.





## NEW PERIODICALS ON THE SHELF

**American Spirit**, Daughters of the American Revolution  
 Circ 929.05 AmS v.158(3), May/June 2024

The “Serum Run” lead to the Iditarod sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska; Mary Dalley’s Philadelphia boardinghouse; Albert Einstein’s wife Mileva Marić; Patriot Henry Knox; the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair; travel to Seattle, Maryland and Mammoth Caves National Park; and Emily Nelson Richie McLean, 7th President General.

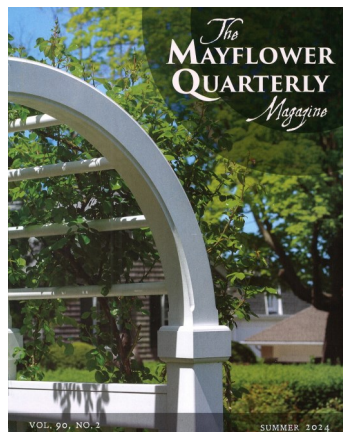


**Family Tree Magazine**  
 Circ 929.1 FTM v.25(4) July/Aug 2024

A review of websites you may have missed (including 19 new since last year – for example Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court lists more than 500,000 naturalization petitions from all over the Midwest, 1871-1929); Getting started with Ancestry.com; Displaying heirlooms; Genealogy programs on television; Pre-1850 US censuses; School records; and Exploring “Reclaim the Records.” Research guides – Washington DC and Wisconsin. Cheat Sheet – Italian genealogy.



**Mayflower Quarterly**  
 Magazine, General Society of Mayflower Descendants  
 Circ 929.3 MayQ v.90(2) Summer 2024  
 September 20 as a Boston Tea Party date to remember; The monument at Plymouth Rock; and Upcoming events in 2025 commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.



**New England Historical and Genealogical REGISTER**

974 G242 NEHGS v.178, Spring 2024

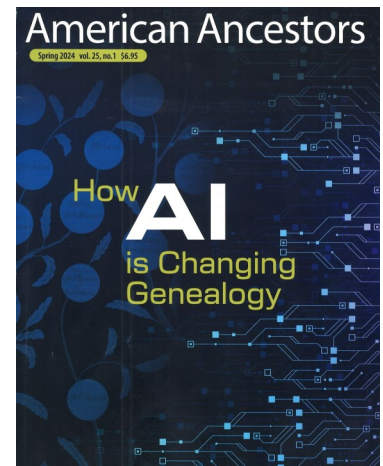
Susannah Townsend of Berkley MA; Ancestors of widow Martha Wood Beard and Mary Wood Platt, of Milford CT; Elizabeth Fuller, probable wife of Benjamin Wilson; Mary, wife of Reynold Marvin, CT; Parents of Lydia P Hunt Hardy of Kingston NH; and a new look at immigrant Joseph Twitchell of Dorchester MA.



**American Ancestors**, New England Historic Genealogical Society

Circ 974 P273 AA v.25(1), Spring 2024

How Artificial Intelligence is changing genealogy: ChatGPT and Perplexity; A regicide in the family; Desdemona Carter and her struggle for a Union pension; A Connecticut bookshelf; Reuniting a family with lost heirlooms at the Jewish Heritage Center; DNA connections; and Louisiana’s Catholic mix.



**New York Researcher**, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

Circ 974.7 P273 NYR v.35(1) Spring 2024

Artificial Intelligence and family history (including insights on the use of FamilySearch full-text tool); Writing about ancestors’ participation in history. Featured county : Fulton.



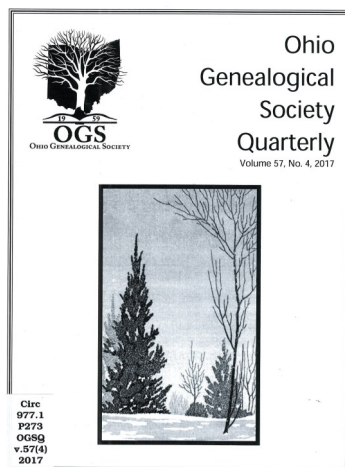
**Bulletin**, Genealogical Forum of Oregon  
 Circ 979.549 P273 Bul v.73(4) June 2024

John Dowd, “the oldest man in Oregon?”; More German churches for ancestors of Grandma Minnie; Joseph and Mary Hainesworth and how to use the General Register Office websites in England; Artificial Intelligence and genealogy; The Native American heritage of General Stevens of Michigan; Obituary for Jerome Keenan Fulton.



**More issues on the shelf**

When Barbara MacMillen cleared out her shelves she found and donated several issues of genealogical periodicals. We are particularly pleased to add issues of Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly, (Circ 977.1 P273 OGSQ) to our holdings. The Quarterly is a typical state publication with transcriptions, notes on resources, and biographies of early settlers. OGS maintains an on-line index to this publication. Thanks, Barbara, for making this collection more complete.



**SURPLUS SALE BOOKS**

**Surplus Sale Books**  
**Price does not include shipping costs.**

- *History of California, Volume VII (7): 1860-1890 (the Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Volume XXIV (24))* by Hubert Howe Bancroft, 1890. \$44.00
- *Early Oregon Atlas (Early Forts / Old Mines / Old Town Sites)* [Oversized Book] by Ralph N. Preston, 1978. \$15.00



- *Early California: Northern Edition (Early Forts / Old Mines / Old Town Sites)* [Oversized Book] by R.N. Preston, 1974. \$15.00
- *Search for the Passengers of the Mary & John 1630, Vol. 11 "Mary & John II" Tour to England – 1988 Plus New Discoveries* by Burton W. Spear, 1988. \$8.00
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