



Volume 10 | Issue 3 | Mar 2025

IN THIS ISSUE

Classes & Events
Join a SIG Today!
Library News
Member Sharing
Quilt in the Niche
Remote Opportunities
Research Trip
Scholarship Information
Society News
Volunteer Opportunities
AND MORE!

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.

CONTACT US

Rogue Valley
Genealogical Society

3405 S Pacific Hwy
Medford, Oregon 97501

541-512-2340
reception@rvgslibrary.org
www.rvgslibrary.org

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 2025



A Chance to Make a Difference

Do you enjoy being with others who are interested in genealogy? Do you like to help others who are just starting (or re-starting) their genealogy journey? Have you heard about RVGS's new Genie program?

The New Member Committee has started a new group which we call Genies. These volunteers contact new members and rejoining members who have been away from the society for at



least two years, to acquaint them with our library and its resources and help them get started with their research. One of the hoped-for outcomes of this program is member retention.

What does it take to be a Genie? Simply a love for genealogy and a desire to see others become successful. Most importantly, the Genie becomes a "lifeline" for a new member, a friendly face. The Genie will help the new member feel more welcome and at home in our library. Our Genie coordinator assigns a Genie to new members. Then it is the responsibility of the Genie to contact the new member, set up a date to meet with them, give them a tour of our library, provide them with a new member packet, and then sit down with them to assist them in finding something they are looking for in their tree. This will not take a huge amount of your time. Each new member only needing about 45 minutes to one hour of library time with you.

We have one Genie located out of state who has volunteered to contact new members who are also out of state! These new members obviously cannot take



advantage of our wonderful library facility, but we need to be sure they are aware of everything we have to offer online.

Genies are given training and suggestions about calling and meeting with their new member. Remember that it is not necessary to “know everything” to be a Genie. None of us know “everything,” but we all probably know more than we think we do and we can direct our person to others who may have the answers they need.

Personally, I find it very fulfilling to watch someone make discoveries about their family. I invite you to join our group of Genies and make a difference. Send an email to Genie@RVGSlibrary.org to let the committee know you’re interested.

Loretta Barker, Membership Director
membership@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](http://www.rvgslibrary.org). **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.
- Recorded events will be available for 30 days to those who registered for the class.

Registration Now Open!



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

All members are welcome. Come to the library side door and ring the doorbell or join us via zoom. The zoom link is located on our website: rvgslibrary.org > **Membership** > **Member Resources**.

Cost: Free to all.



Tuesday, March 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 the month. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, March 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. Each month will have a different topic. The topic for March will be a discussion of RVGS’s February class by genealogist Thomas MacEntee: “Al examples and thoughts by members.”



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

Thursday, March 13, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class series: Genealogy 101 – Anatomy of a Death Certificate and Subsequent Probate Records

This class is taught by Barbara Northrop In-Person at the library only, Cost: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. This class will NOT be recorded.



Thursday, March 13, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Class Series: Genealogy 101 – Anatomy of a Death Certificate and Subsequent Probate Records

This class is taught by Barbara Northrop Zoom only. Cost: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. This class will NOT be recorded.

Friday, March 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 on the second Friday of the month.



Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, March 18, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting: Tabitha Moffat Brown – The Mother of Oregon

Mary Robsman and Kathie Ordal will tell the fascinating tale of Tabitha Moffat Brown who made her way from

Missouri to Oregon in 1846 at the age of 66. After surviving many hardships, she founded the Oregon Orphans' asylum and school which would eventually grow to become Pacific University.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all. This program will NOT be recorded.

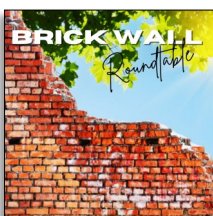


Tuesday, March 25, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Class: Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense Registration Cards; The Largest Census of American Women You've Never Heard About

After America entered WWI in 1917, the Council of National Defense ordered the establishment of the Woman's Council as a domestic defense. The Woman's Council registered over 4,000,000 women to provide services during the war. The data represent the largest forgotten census of American women ever conducted.

Women's Committee-Council of National Defense
<http://miamicountyinworthremembering.org>

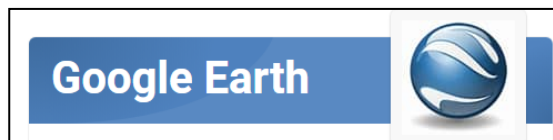
Amber Oldenburg will introduce attendees to the history of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense and the registration cards they created. It will cover where to find these records and how to use them in telling the stories of the women in their family history. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members – This class will NOT be recorded.



Wednesday, March 19, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Brick Wall Roundtable

Bring your stumbling blocks and find answers with others to what is keeping you facing a “brick wall” in your genealogical research. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, March 20, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Class: Google Earth



This is the second in a three-part series on using Google products for mapping your ancestors' journeys. In this session Kim Thurman will introduce Google Earth, a web-based program that renders 3D representations of Earth based on satellite imagery and aerial photographs. There will be a practice session from 1:00 – 3:00 PM following the class.

Hybrid – Zoom (class only) AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members. This class will be recorded.



2025 RVGS RESEARCH TRIP

SALT LAKE CITY'S FAMILYSEARCH LIBRARY
 SUNDAY, APRIL 27 UNTIL SATURDAY MAY 3

LAST FEW DAYS TO GET DISCOUNTED HOTEL ROOM

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

Come with your fellow RVGS researchers to Salt Lake City for 6 nights, starting April 27, 2025.

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

The library's professional international staff will help you with all those questions you have. Be sure to take advantage of their research skills and knowledge.

Tuesday, March 25, 11:00 AM – Noon, German Interest Group

The German Interest Group meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The emphasis will be on tools and tips for finding and researching German ancestors and also for Germans trying to find relatives who emigrated. In some months, the first part of the meeting may include a speaker. This will be followed with an unstructured time for questions and mutual support. Jon Wolfe, the facilitator for this group, is an American who lives in Germany.

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



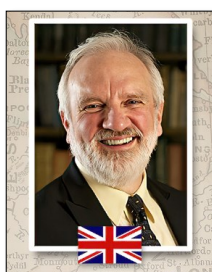
We have 12 discounted rooms set aside for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society group at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel, located right next to the FamilySearch Library.

In order to get your discounted rate, you MUST call the hotel's group coordinator, Rich Williams, on his direct line 1-801-606-2410. These rooms are only guaranteed until they are taken or until March 20, whichever comes first. Call Rich as soon as you think you might be coming. Room cancellation is available. Check with Rich for the cancellation cut-off date. Please email Ann Baracker at annbaracker@rvgslibrary.org with any questions and to get your name and contact information on our group travel roster.

See you in Salt Lake!

2025 Fall Seminar – Save the Date!

Plans are underway for this year's fall seminar. Our theme will be British Research, and we have already engaged a speaker for October 25, 2025. Paul Milner, a native of northern England now living in Illinois, is an internationally recognized expert in British genealogy. Paul will offer two lectures, the first will cover the four primary records groups for English research; civil registration, census, church records, and probate. The second lecture will be on effective use of Find My Past. Each lecture will be followed by a 30-minute question and answer period so save up your British research questions and mark that shiny new 2025 calendar so you don't miss out on this exciting seminar.



QUILT IN THE NICHE: MANZANITA OF KANAKA FLATS

W 83 inches x L 98 inches
Designed and appliquéd by
Dora Scheidecker.
After a trip to the Hawaiian
Islands in 1979, Dora
Scheidecker designed this
uniquely Oregon quilt adhering
to Hawaiian design tradition by
using a local Manzanita plant
from up on Kanaka Flats to



design her appliquéd.

Hawaiian quilts were traditionally made of two contrasting colors. The background piece is a cloth big enough to cover a bed and the other consists of fabric cut into a large design. This cloth is appliquéd or sewn onto the top of the bed-sized piece. Some characteristics of Hawaiian quilts are a central appliquéd pattern that is symmetrical and quilting stitches that follow or echo the shape of the design. Motifs may include native plants and flowers.

Traditionally it was taboo to use the image of an animal. It was believed that they would want to keep moving and that one shouldn't capture their spirit by pinning them down on a fabric. Similarly, it was unusual to depict humans on a quilt because it was believed that human figures could come alive at night and walk around. Also, it was unknown to quilt after dark or to quilt on black fabric. Certain colors were traditionally taboo when used in combination, such as black, yellow, and red. The Hawaiian people did not show the quilt before it was finished, and it was wrong to sit down or step on the quilt after it was finished.

To learn about the "Kanakas" or the Hawaiians on Kanaka Flats, come view this quilt at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford, during the month of March and read the interesting historical piece on display with the quilt.



DOCUMENT YOUR QUILT!

In May 2025 the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Quilt Committee will recognize the beginning of its thirteenth year. The committee of volunteers was formed in 2013 to oversee the care and display of twelve quilts donated to the Society by the Jacksonville Museum Quilters. (The collection has grown to twenty quilts!) The committee organizes a monthly quilt display in the library's reading room, presents programs about quilts, and each year

locates a quilt to raffle.

Determined to preserve and make accessible quilt history, the group took up one other responsibility; they participate in the nationwide campaign to document quiltmakers and quilts, historical and contemporary. Joining with the Oregon Quilt Project, the members of the committee were given training in handling and assessing quilts. They held their first quilt documentation day in February 2014. In the next eleven years, over 190 Southern Oregon quilts have been documented.

We would like to document your family quilt. Let us gather and share information about your family heirloom. Email Barbara Halvorsen at bjahh97504@gmail.com to set up an appointment to have your quilt documented. We will tell you about the pattern, the quilting and fabrics used to create the quilt, and its approximate age. Documentation might even solve a family history question. The Quilt Committee members can share suggestions about the care and possible repair of your heirloom. We will not place a value on the quilt, they are all irreplaceable! We will also upload a photo of your quilt and information about the quilt and quiltmaker (if known) to the national Quilt Index.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Windows in Time: Medford Celebrates Oregon's 1934 Diamond Jubilee

Wednesday, March 5, Noon - 1:00 PM Medford Library:

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

Wednesday, March 12, Noon - 100 PM Ashland Library:
Gresham Room

"At the height of the Great Depression, Medford, a city of 11,000 inhabitants, staged a series of history-themed parades, exhibitions, contests and entertainments unlike anything Southern Oregon had ever seen. The week-long State Diamond Anniversary Jubilee of 1934 was an event for the ages!" Local historian Larry Mullaly examines personalities, ideas, and circumstances that led to the great event.



Windows in Time: Restoring the Holly Theatre: Who and How, with George Kramer

Wednesday, April 2, Noon - 1:00 PM Medford Library: In Person and Online [Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, April 9, Noon - 1:00 PM Ashland Library: Gresham Room

The Holly Theatre opened in 1930, screened its last movie in 1986, and was near demolition by 2002.

Purchased by JeffersonLive in 2011, its restoration has been a long and fascinating



journey, interrupted by COVID and other hurdles. This spring, the theatre reopened after a multi-million-dollar restoration that has returned and updated its original interior and exterior for live performance use. George Kramer, the project's restoration specialist, will take you behind the scenes, detailing how local craftspeople recreated missing elements and accommodated code requirements and safety issues, all while maintaining the theatre's historic character. Profusely illustrated with before, in process, and after images, learn how one of the largest restoration projects in Medford's history happened and about the talented artists who did the work.

Jacksonville: Daily Life Then and Now: 1900 vs. 2025 Saturday, March 15 and April 19, 2025, Tours begin

every 20-30 minutes between 12 noon and 3 PM.

Historic Jacksonville, Inc. has a new tour "Daily Life Then and Now: 1900 vs. 2025" at Jacksonville's 1870s C.C. Beekman House Museum. Guided 45-minute tours highlight the difference 125 years can make in our everyday routine. Imagine life without a smart phone—or for that matter any phone at all. What about no computer or internet connection? No TV or radio? Compare the differences in communication, fashion, etiquette, entertainment, chores, household

"amenities," and much more — things we take for granted like electricity, running water, and...bathrooms!



Tours are at The Beekman House, home to Jacksonville's richest and most prominent pioneer family and still completely furnished with family artifacts, located at 470 E. California Street, Jacksonville. Admission is \$8. Additional information is available at 541-245-3650, info@historicjacksonville.org, and <https://historicjacksonville.org/then-and-now/>.

REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Ulster Historical Foundation 2025 Lecture Tour

In 2015, RVGS hosted a fantastic seminar featuring Fintan Mullin and Gillian Hunt, outstanding lecturers from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Ireland. Originally planned as a one-day event, we had such an overflow response that the lecturers agreed to add a shortened second day event. Each year they come to the United States and several historical and genealogical societies and community organizations are hosting events this year. For this year's list of locations you can go to their website. The closest to attend in person are in Oakland, California, on March 1, and in Everett, Washington, on March 2. Many of the programs are hybrid or recorded so that you may access them without traveling. The tour runs from March 1 through March 18, and each venue has their own list of topics. See: <https://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com/portfolio/lecture-tour-2025>



Genealogical Forum of Oregon (in Portland)

Gen(ealogy)Talks are less formal, genealogy-related presentations that now take place online live several months per year on the third Saturday at 2:30 p.m. (Pacific). **GenTalks** are FREE and open to the public, so, member or not, check out our [Calendar page](#) and come spend an hour or so with us!

March 23-29, 2025, Open House, week of classes and activities. More information will be available on their website.

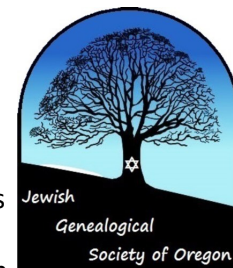


The **GFO website** contains updated information on Special Interest Groups and a Calendar of events and classes. All classes are available via zoom sessions.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon's next program:

March 23, 2025, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT, Research Latin America Genealogical Resources from Your Couch, Zoom Virtual Event

In this session, you'll learn about researching online for Jewish relatives who lived in Latin America. Discover the resources available in both English and Spanish, learn to contact communities that can help, and receive a quick introduction to Spanish keywords and helpful translation tools.



Register online at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
Upcoming programs are listed on our Events page: <https://jgsoregon.wixsite.com/home/events>

San Angelo Genealogy and Historical Society 2024-2025 Speaker Series,

Tuesday, March 4, 5 PM - 6 PM, Virtual

"Beyond the Index: Discovering Ancestors in Unindexed Records with FamilySearch's Full-Text Search" presented by Susan E. Ball

Learn how you can now find unindexed names and leverage the power of FamilySearch's Full-Text Search to break down your brick walls!

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



Tuesday, April 1, 5 PM – 6 PM, Virtual and In Person

"Unraveling Ancestral Mysteries: Identifying some of Mary Ann Rucker's Ancestors Using DNA and Traditional Methods" presented by Sharlene Miller

Discover through three case studies how DNA testing can break down genealogical brick walls!

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



Discover RootsTech 2025: Full Class Schedule Now Live



RootsTech, the world's largest family history celebration, is thrilled to announce the full class schedule for the popular

2025 global event is now live. Both online and in-person participants can use the RootsTech 2025 scheduling tool to explore the classes and keynote addresses slated for March 6–8, 2025, and create their personal watchlist for the perfect RootsTech experience. Those attending the in person experience at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah, will want to use the RootsTech mobile app, and online participants can create their free, personalized watch list at [RootsTech.org](https://www.ancestry.com/RootsTech).

SOCIETY NEWS

New and Returning Members

New Members: Candice Chapman, Judy Stringer, Lorna Conroy, Isabeau Vollhardt, Shona Harris, Karen Chase, Linda Hendrickson, Catherine Cowell, Dixie Hannon and Brad Irvin.

Returning Members: Nancy Mairs and Tanea Browning.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Here it is, March already, and just a week before the deadline for the scholarship applications to be received at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Library. Our deadline is 4 p.m., March 7, 2025, for the completed applications. This is the tenth year of our high school scholarship for students residing and attending a Jackson County high school. The scholarship amount is \$2,000. Home school students may also apply through the school they are associated with in Jackson County. The selected student will be notified in writing by April 19, 2025. So let your friends and family know that the deadline is quickly approaching. If you have any questions, you may reference the application and guidelines online on our society website or call the library. One of the scholarship committee members will be happy to help. Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship chairman.



To contact a member of the Scholarship committee, call the library at 541-512-2340. [Click here](#) to access a link to the application on our website.

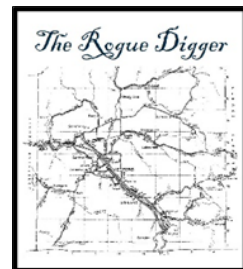
Rogue Digger

Hello Genealogy Family!
We are excited for you to share your latest genealogy discoveries with us! Your contributions are what make **The Rogue Digger** such a valuable resource for everyone. We truly appreciate your involvement.

Genealogy is not just about research, but the joy of sharing with others. We all learn from each other. What insights or findings have you come across recently that you're excited and eager to share?

So, what are you waiting for?
Share your discoveries with us.

Let's keep the hunt going together... *Cindi*



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](#).

BECOME A GENIE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our new RVGS New Member Genie program is up and running well, but we need more members to help out. As a Genie, you will be assigned a new or rejoining RVGS member about once every month or two. Your job is to reach out to your member and offer them a one-on-one library tour and orientation.

We want to ensure our new members feel welcomed, familiar, and knowledgeable about our library resources.



The tour and orientation will take the Genie approximately one hour of time. The New Member Committee gives Genies training and provides resources to support you in your Genie role. If you want to make a meaningful impact and help the society thrive, please email: genie@rvgslibrary.org.

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. Contact: volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org for more information.

RVGS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



PHOENIX OREGON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RVGS is now a member of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. Would you be interested in being our Chamber Representative? The group holds a Business Mixer

on the first Tuesday of every other month (only six mixers per year). This is a great way to meet our local business people and to get the word out about our society. Contact: volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org for more information.

FINANCE DIRECTOR NEEDED



Our Society has been without a Finance Director for the last couple of years, but as we fine tune responsibilities we need one of our members to step up and shepherd our long-term financial growth program.

We need a member who is numbers focused because this role involves budgeting, as part of a committee, advising our financial review committee, and looking for possible grant opportunities, among other

duties. This person should be excited to use their talents to be involved in long-range financial planning and fund raising for RVGS.



Bring your people and organizational skills to the board. Make a difference in our Society's success. The Financial Director Job Description is on our website: https://RVGSlibrary.org/Files/Position_FinanceDirector.pdf Take a look and contact volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org for details.



Zoom Hosts & Co-Hosts Needed

Will you step out of your comfort zone, help your fellow society members, and master something new? Learn how to set up the Zoom and Owl equipment, open a Zoom meeting, keep attendance, and sign off at the end of our hybrid meetings. It really is simple once you have done it a couple of times. Our new Zoom hosts will be paired with an experienced host, so you will never be alone. The society usually only has one to three hybrid classes a month. When we have a larger group of Hosts, the time commitment is minimal.



In the next few months, we will be training new Zoom hosts and offering a refresher class for Zoomers who are nervous about being a host or co-host. We want to continue to offer hybrid classes and need a full cohort of Zoom Hosts to make that possible.

Email: volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org for details. **Join us! Be a part of your RVGS' success.**



LIBRARIANS NEEDED!

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.

Several RVGS librarian shifts are available:

1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:15 PM
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM
1st, and 3rd Thursdays 1:00 – 4:15 PM
1st and 4th Saturdays, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Contact: volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org for further information.

MEMBER SHARING

1950 CENSUS

It should be easy to find a relative on the 1950s census especially when you know their name, age, place of birth, and where they live. But I could not find my husband where he should have been. I was embarrassed because it should have been so simple. My next move was to ask Anne Billeter. I told her how I was searching and how I was not finding my husband on the census. She suggested just using his first name and age and of course I found him. My husband's last name is Owens. The census recorded his name as Dwens. And yes my husband was exactly where he remembered he was in 1950.

Ros Lyne



RVGS LIBRARY NEWS

65 Books and 1 Quilt added to the RVGS Library

65 books were added in February, representing the wide range of resources at RVGS. With the addition of *Say it in Turkish* (494) RVGS now has language dictionaries representing 22 languages, including multiple dictionaries of some of the major languages (French, German, and Italian).

The 8 volume *Biography & Genealogy Master Index* provides an extensive indexing project that will lead to different resources. *Townland Atlas of Ulster* is a treasure with a beautiful layout and in-depth information about each townland (Atlas 941.6 A841 Tow). The *Handbook of Dates: For Students of British History* is indispensable for anyone seriously researching early British records, as documents and records were dated by the year of a ruler's reign or the many religious festivals, feasts, and saints'

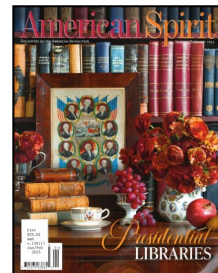
days (to name just a few.) Six books were added for each of these states: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and California. Finally, adding the Jackson County Oregon Postmarks Quilt is another asset to the small RVGS quilt collection.

[Click here](#) for the complete list of February additions.

New Periodicals on the Shelf

American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution

Circ 929.05 AmS v.159(1) Jan-Feb 2025
Presidential libraries; The Oneida Nation and the American revolution; DAR members who survived the Titanic; Martha Washington (and her mother-in-law's recipe for gingerbread); Dolly Parton. Travel: Arizona and the Alamo.



NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society

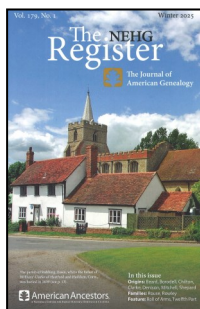
Circ 929.05 NGSM v.51(1) Jan-March 2025

Focus on the Ohio Valley: Filson Historical Society; Finding frontier treasures in the Draper Manuscripts; Ancestral clues in Ohio's land records, part 1; Sources for the study of the Underground Railroad in the Ohio River Valley. Finding tax laws in the US and Ireland; Distinguishing parental sides in DNA test results.

Family Tree Magazine

Circ 929.1 FTM v.26(2) March/April 2025

Comparing the top three genealogy websites (Ancestry.com, FamilySearch and MyHeritage); Swedish research; Researching female ancestors; Divorce records; Using Goldie May as a research aid; Saving newspaper clippings, and Searching Griffith's Valuation. Research guides: Louisiana and Washington. Cheat Sheet: Surnames.

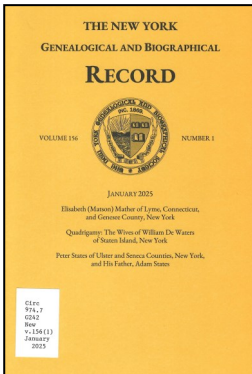


New England Historical and Genealogical Register

Circ 974 G242 NEHGS v.179 Winter 2025
English origins of William Clarke (CT); New records of James Chilton, Mayflower passenger; Family for Roswell Rowley; Ancestors of James Beard (CT); John Rows and John Rowse of New

London CT, related?; More records for the Borodell ancestry; Roll of arms registered by the Committee on Heraldry (12th part.)

New York Genealogical and Biographical Record Quarterly

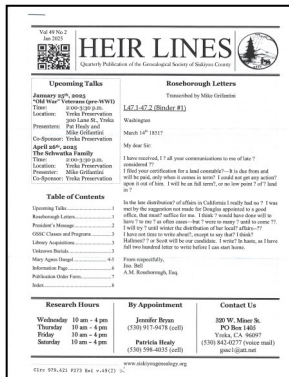


Circ 974.4 G242 New v.156(1) January 2025 Elizabeth (Matson) Mather of Lyme CT and Genesee County, NY; "Quadrigamy" – four wives of William De Waters of Staten Island [all without benefit of divorce or death. How this was discovered is fascinating!]; Peter States of Ulster and Seneca counties, NY, and his father Adam States.

Heir Lines, Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County.

Circ 979.421 P273 Hei v.49(2) January 2025

Continued transcription of Roseborough letters (this one 1851); Dr. Mary Agnes Dangel (of Quartz Valley and Fort Jones, 1866-1923); news clippings, and index.



Genealogical Forum of Oregon Bulletin



Circ 979.549 P273 Bul v.74(3) March 2025 St Agnes Baby Home (Sisters of Mercy orphanage, Portland); transcription of a letter from Wealthy Ann Cooper (IL) to James and Jane Wells (NY) in 1848; Jones Pioneer Cemetery, part 2 with information on families buried there; John Marshall Cookson (1848-1936)

of ME and AR; Johann Jonas Jeckel and Martha Elizabetha Schmol of Kassel and Berleburg, Germany.

New Holding on Websites



American Ancestors

Update: Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts Supplemental Membership Applications, 1560-1970

The volume "Supplemental Applications" has been added to our database, **Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts Membership Applications, 1560-1970**. This update contains 12,400 pages, 136,123 records, and 324,844 names.

This database provides records that include the applicant's name, their colonial ancestor, and the birth, marriage, and death information for each generation of descendants on the application. In addition, the membership numbers for the state and the general society are displayed.

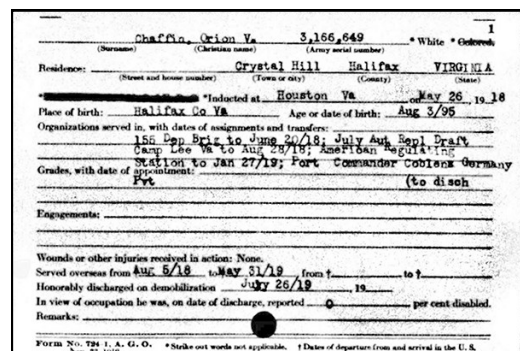
New Sketches: Early Vermont Settlers, 1700-1784

We have added two new sketches to **Early Vermont Settlers, 1700-1784**. The people profiled in these sketches lived in Vernon.

These sketches were created by Scott Andrew Bartley, who is researching the heads of families who lived in Vermont prior to the Revolutionary War. His study project is not only identifying those who sought better lives on the frontier, but is also illustrating major players on the political and religious fronts and uncovering regional migration patterns for this period.

Update: The Mayflower Descendant, Volume 72

We have added Volume 72 (2024) to the **Mayflower Descendant** database. This update adds 222 pages, 4,095 records, and 4,065 searchable names. The indexing for these records includes full names, publication year (not the year of the record), article titles, and authors.



Fold3

New Virginia Military Record Collection. We are pleased to announce a new collection of Virginia military records. The Virginia Department of Military Affairs Records Collection contains information on Virginia military personnel who served between 1876 and 1947. This collection includes veterans from the Spanish-American war, WWI, and WWII. Click here for more information: **New Virginia Military Record Collection! - Fold3 HQ**



Surplus Sale Books for March 2025

Price does not include shipping costs.
Some of these items may have already sold.

Great News! We're bringing back the dollar book section to the surplus books. The dollar books won't be posted here in the eNews. Come to the Genealogy Library and find the new section of dollar books next to the surplus sale books in the foyer. Look for the green stickers and save!

- *The Griers: Pioneers in America and Canada, 1816-1991* by William M Grier, 1991. \$8.00
- *Our Chamberlain Cousins: Includes Descendants of Elijah Chamberlain and Hannah Morrill and Some Other Related Chamberlain Families, Who Lived in Allegany County, New York* by Elene Wagner, 1987. \$78.00
- *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register: Index of Persons Volumes 1 – 50, A-G* edited by Josephine Elizabeth Rayne & Effie Louise Chapman, A.B. 1972, \$15.00
- *1860 Washington County Oregon Census* by Ruth Stoller, 1972. \$4.00
- *1860 Wasco County Oregon Census* by Harley Haskin, 1973. \$4.00
- *1860 Clatsop County Oregon Census* by Harley Haskin, 1973. \$4.00
- *1860 Columbia County Oregon Census* by Harley Haskin, 1973. \$4.00
- *The Carmack Family Genealogy* by Charles W Peckham, 2013. \$40.00
- *Descendants of Bartholomew Stovall (1665-1722): First Five American Generations* compiled by Donald E. Bishop, 1999. \$150.00
- *Terry Family Historian, June 1988* edited by Robert M. Terry, 1988. \$2.00
- *The Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1787 for Campbell County, Virginia [The 1987 Census of Virginia]* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Love, 1987. \$2.50
- *Wills and Where to Find Them* by J. S. W. Gibson, 1974. \$8.00
- *A Genealogical Gazetteer of Scotland: An Alphabetical Dictionary of Places* by Frank Smith, 1971. \$8.00
- *The Danish Genealogical Helper, Volume 1, Number 1 July 1968 Poulsen* edited by Elly M Poulsen & Gay P Kowallis, 1968. \$18.00
- *Land Ownership Maps: A Checklist of Nineteenth Century United States County Maps in the Library of Congress* compiled by Richard Stephenson, 1967. \$11.00
- *Irish and Scottish Ancestral Research: A Guide to the Genealogical Records, Methods and Sources in Ireland: Vol II Bibliography & Family Index* by Margaret Dickson Falley, 1961. \$15.00
- *Your Ancient Canadian Family Ties* by Reginald L. Olivier, 1972. \$50.00
- *The Handbook of American Genealogy. Vol. 1* edited by Frederick Adams Virkus, 1932. \$15.00
- *The Handbook of American Genealogy. Vol. 2* edited by Frederick Adams Virkus, 1934. \$8.00

**Rogue Valley
Genealogical Society
Board of Directors**

President: Anne Billeter
Vice Pres.: Frank Marksman
Secretary: Cathy Ullrich
Treasurer: Valerie Sanders
Trustee: Rosalind Lyne
Past President: Kim Thurman

Membership Director:

Loretta Barker

Education Director:

Jeanne Hoadley

Volunteer Director:

Ann Baracker

Technology and Data

Management Director:

Rich Miles

RVGS Membership

Membership is available to all interested persons.

Membership privileges include:

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

Visit our website at rvgslibrary.org to join today.

The RVGS eNews

Editor: Pamela Olsen

Submissions due 20th of Month to

enews@rvgslibrary.org

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, tax identification number: 93-0684590.

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 1:30 - 3:00 PM on the second Thursday 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.

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)

Led by Jon Wolfe, based in Germany. This group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 11 :00 AM—Noon. This group is for people interested in Germany history and genealogy.

Great Lakes Interest Group—Joint RVGS & GFO Group

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

Irish Interest Group

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

Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) Special Interest Groups

Are we missing a Special Interest Group that you'd love to join? You may wish to [check the available FREE offerings from GFO here](#).

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



- Irish Group
- Italian Group
- Learn & Chat
- The Q Review
- RootsMagic
- Virginia Group
- The Writers' Room