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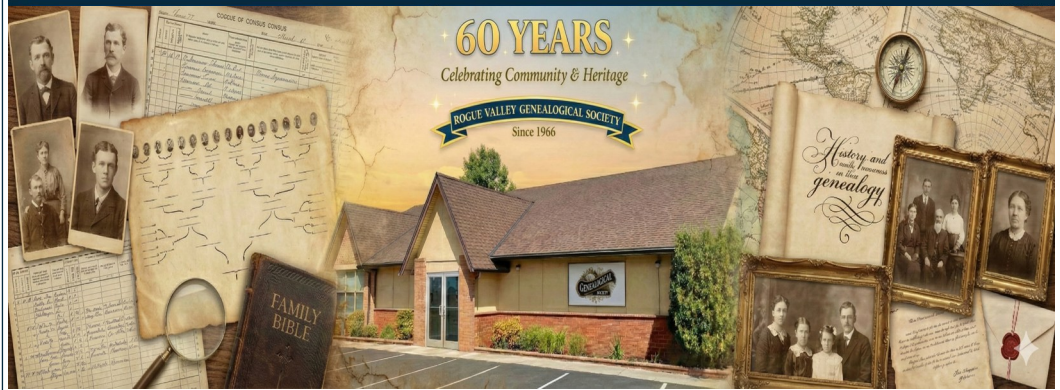
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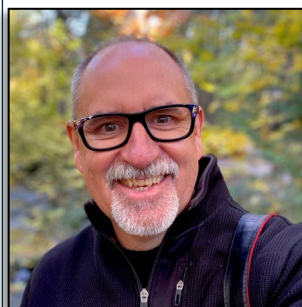
RVGS Library is open
Monday - Saturday
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM

The RVGS eNews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Eight Powerful Research Tools with One Membership



There are many great reasons to become a member of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS). A quick look at the Membership section of our website highlights a wide range of valuable benefits, but one of the most significant advantages for many members is access to our subscription genealogy websites.

RVGS currently maintains subscriptions to eight of the most popular genealogical research platforms available today. Six of these can be accessed by members from the comfort of

home, including MyHeritage, Fold3, American Ancestors, HistoryGeo, NewspaperArchive, and Newspapers.com (Oregon edition). Two additional resources, Ancestry Library Edition and FindMyPast, are available for use within the RVGS Library. Individually, these websites represent a substantial investment. Subscribing to all of them separately could easily exceed \$1,500 per year. Yet, for just \$50 annually, a RVGS membership provides access to all eight resources year-round. This represents an exceptional value for anyone interested in family history research. Genealogical websites offer researchers a powerful set of tools that go far beyond what most individuals could realistically access on their own. They provide vast collections of historical records, intuitive family tree building tools, and intelligent matching systems that suggest records and connections. Many also offer access to specialized collections, such as military records or international archives, along with digitized newspapers that add rich context to the lives of our ancestors. In addition, these platforms foster collaboration with other researchers and provide educational resources to help genealogists of all skill levels grow in their work.




Together, these tools help researchers save time, expand access to records across the globe, improve accuracy through cross-referencing, and bring the stories of their ancestors to life in meaningful ways.

Like many online services, these platforms occasionally experience disruptions. Recently, RVGS members encountered access issues with two of our subscription sites. NewspaperArchive suffered a significant outage due to a cyberattack, leaving users without access for several months. We are pleased to report that service has now been fully restored, and members can once again access NewspaperArchive both from home and at the RVGS Library. Additionally, MyHeritage experienced a brief interruption in remote access, which has also been resolved.


Beyond these paid resources, the RVGS Library is proud to serve as an Affiliate Library of FamilySearch, the largest nonprofit genealogical organization in the world. This affiliation allows visitors to access certain records that are restricted from home use, which further expands the range of materials available to our members when they visit the library in person.

The following section provides a summary of the subscription websites available through RVGS membership, along with a brief description of each and the approximate annual cost for an individual subscription.

Ancestry (Library Edition)  Ancestry is one of the most comprehensive genealogy platforms available, offering billions of records including census data, vital records, immigration documents, and family trees. Estimated individual cost: \$300 to \$480 per year.

MyHeritage

MyHeritage
MyHeritage provides extensive international records and powerful matching technology that connects family trees with historical documents. Estimated individual cost: \$150 to \$300 per year.

Fold3 
Fold3 specializes in U.S. military records, including service files, pensions, and draft registrations. Estimated individual cost: about \$80 per year.

American Ancestors
Focused on early American and New England research,

American Ancestors[®] A NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY HISTORY, HERITAGE & CULTURE

this site offers curated databases and scholarly resources. Estimated individual cost: \$100 to \$200 per year.



HistoryGeo
HistoryGeo provides tools for mapping ancestral land ownership and tracking migration patterns. Estimated individual cost: \$100 to \$150 per year.

Find My Past

FindMyPast
FindMyPast is particularly strong for British and Irish genealogy, with unique access to UK census and parish records. Estimated individual cost: \$155 to \$200 per year.

NewspaperArchive

NewspaperArchive
A large collection of digitized newspapers useful for obituaries, local news, and personal stories. Estimated individual cost: \$100 to \$140 per year.

Newspapers[™] by ancestry

Newspapers.com (Oregon Collection)
A major newspaper database offering millions of pages of historical publications. Estimated individual cost: \$90 to \$160 per year.

FamilySearch (Affiliate Library Access)



A free resource overall, but affiliate libraries provide access to additional restricted records that are not available from home. Estimated individual cost: Free.

Estimated Total Cost if Purchased Individually
Approximately \$1,000 to \$1,600 or more per year.

Final Note
For a modest annual membership fee, RVGS provides access to an extraordinary collection of genealogical tools and resources. It is one of the most cost-effective ways to pursue and enjoy family history research.

Rich Miles,
Technology and Data Management Director

New Members

New Members: Michael Rhoades, Caroline Smith, Carol Hill, Mary Silva, John Fox, Lori Offenbacher, Suzie DeHaas, Tara and Sharon Stablein, Randi D Patrick, Melinda Caldwell, Rosanne Wallace, and Suzanne Smith-Hammerli.



Returning Members: Susan K Deaton, Cynthia and David Hegdahl, and Shane Swenson.

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.
- Recorded events will be available for 30 days to those who registered for the class.

Registration Now Open!

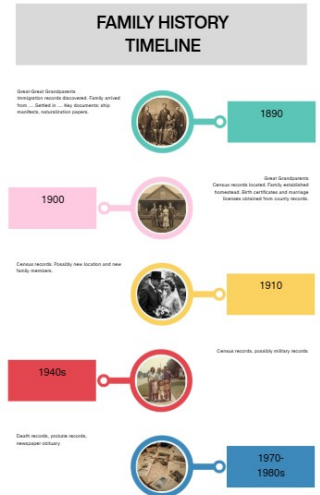


NOTE: From **May 1 through May 15, Fridays from 11:30 - 1:30**, the RVGS Library may be extra busy. RVGS instructors will be teaching an OLLI course with a class in the morning and a lab component using the computers each afternoon.

Thursday, May 7, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: Timelines: A Path to Your Next Research Steps

So, you've done all this research—now what? How do you figure out what you have and what to look for next? Organizing research results so we can determine the accuracy and reliability of evidence is a perennial problem for genealogists. In this class, Annette Burke Lyttle will show that timelines are a powerful tool, allowing us to see relationships between information items, enabling us to draw conclusions and see what research remains to be done. They can help us turn seemingly impossible research projects into manageable ones.

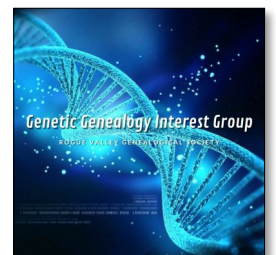
Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Presenter will be presenting remotely via Zoom. This class will be recorded. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.



Monday, May 11, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting
All members are welcome. Come to the side library 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, May 12, 2:30 - 4:00 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 on the second Tuesday of the month. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, May 13, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group
Sue Acuff facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. Each month there will be a different topic. In May Ron Naumann will present: "A brief

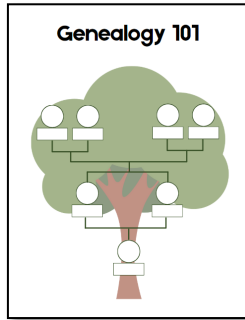


review of GEDmatch tools and why you should consider looking at it closer."

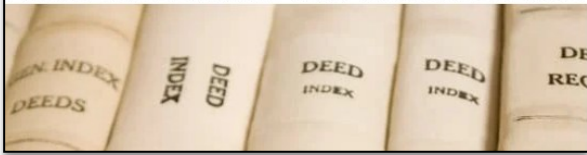
Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, May 14, 10:30 AM - Noon, Class: Genealogy 101 – Land Research in the USA

Land records can be in many forms and provide valuable clues to family as well as the "FAN" club (friends, neighbors, and associates) in your research. In this class, Kim Thurman will show how to use them. In Person at the library only. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.



Land Research in the United States



Thursday, May 14, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Class: Genealogy 101 – Land Research in the USA

Land records can be in many forms and provide valuable clues to family as well as the "FAN" club (friends, neighbors, and associates) in your research. In this class, Kim Thurman will show how to use them. Zoom only. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.

Monday, May 18, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Transcription Mission Work Group Interest Group



Help celebrate America's 250th anniversary of Independence in 2026 by joining the citizen archivist mission. We are transcribing Revolutionary War pension

files for the NARA/NPS citizen archivist mission. Learn how to join this effort. Tell us who you're transcribing. Let us know your transcription problems and solutions. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



In 1976, during the United States bicentennial year, the *Rogue Digger* published articles about RVGS members' Revolutionary War ancestors. Fifty years later, celebrating the United States 250th anniversary, RVGS members are transcribing Revolutionary War Pension Records for the National Archives Record Administration and the National

Park Service, so the records can be searched online using full-text search capability. The transcribers are especially focused on transcribing names, places, and the names of battles.

Tuesday, May 19, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting:

The Search for My Italian Family

After discovering seven unmarked family graves, Diane Claypool embarked on a journey to find their identities and their stories. With flashbacks from her early childhood, she was compelled to search back through time to another country, another culture, and another language; where nothing is possible and everything is possible. Diane will tell the story of this Italian journey filled with locked doors, reluctant archivists, train strikes, and other barriers to discovery, which provided newfound friends who guided the way. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Wednesday, May 20, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let's Talk Genealogy

Let's Talk Genealogy is a roundtable discussion, a chance to get together with others who share the same interests. Roundtables are free for everyone. We start with a focus topic and see where the conversation goes from there. Topic for this next roundtable is Roots Tech, and highlights that everyone found interesting and helpful... or not so helpful. We'll also follow up with searching for military members and the Federal censuses that we talked about last month. (And of course genealogy DNA is always a great topic). So, bring successes (and not-so-successes), stumbling blocks, and experiences to share with others where your genealogical research has taken you. Need help with a brick wall? Not sure if you have a brick wall? Join us with a cup of coffee or glass of wine and "Let's Talk Genealogy." Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.



Tuesday, May 26, 11:00 AM – Noon, German Interest Group

The emphasis of this group will be on tools and tips for finding and researching German ancestors and for Germans trying to find relatives who emigrated. In some months, the first part of the meeting may include a speaker, followed by 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.

RVGS Coaching Program is ready to help you!

RVGS is excited to offer our RVGS **Coaching Program**, connecting members with experienced **Research**

Coaches who can help tackle challenging genealogy questions.

During a one-hour session at the library, you and your coach will review your research problem, discuss what you've tried, and plan effective next steps using proven research methods.

To request help, complete a **Research Coach Request Form** on our website under RVGSLibrary.org >

Library>RVGS Coaching Program. The form is on the members only section, so you will need to log in first. We'll match you with the right coach for your question.



QUILT IN THE NICHE: COURTHOUSE SQUARE

The oldest pieced blocks in the RVGS quilt collection were pieced together in the 1870s by the widow Matilda (Kimball) Younker. Matilda was the daughter of Mr. Kimball and Mary (Kedick) Kimball, and was born around 1835 after her parents moved to Ohio.

In 1855, Matilda married John Younker. The couple had two daughters, Elsie and Grace, and a son, George before John passed away in February 1861. In spring of 1884, Matilda, Grace and George headed west by train to Portland, Oregon. They continued south to Ashland, Oregon, arriving on May 4, 1884 on the first passenger train. In May 1886, daughter Grace married John K. Helman of Ashland. Matilda passed away in November 1906 leaving these blocks to Grace.

Grace then passed the blocks on to her daughter, Almeda, who passed them to her friend Altadena (Dena) S. Powell about 1959. Dena decided to put the hundred year old quilt blocks together in 1970.

The blocks were pieced using two and a half inch wide strips of brown or grey fabrics highlighted by a wide range of beige and cream fabrics. The Courthouse square block is an old favorite from the Civil War, a variation of the Log Cabin pattern. The blocks are made from a stepped square with a white/light colored “+” or “x” in



the middle. In Barbara Brackman's book, *Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilted Patterns*, this pattern is also called “Odd Fellow's Quilt,” “Album,” “Arbor Window,” or “The Cross Patch.” This pattern is often used to create an album quilt as the center is well suited for a signature. Dena put the squares together by adding the sashing, batting and backing. She and the members of her quilt group quilted it by hand. The finished quilt is 84” x 97”. It was donated to RVGS by Dena's daughter, Julia (Powell) Woosnam in 2014.

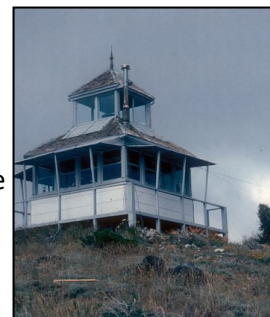
LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Windows in Time: Southwest Oregon Fire Lookouts
Wednesday, May 6, Noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library:**
In Person Only

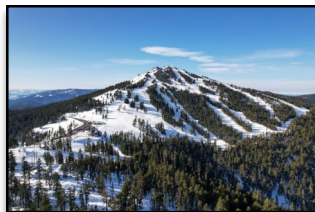
Wednesday, May 13, Noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland Library:**
Gresham Room

The U.S. Forest Service built a network of inter-visible lookout towers in the early 20th century. Brian White (retired United States Forest Service) will explain how the lookouts were designed, built and operated, with stories of unusual observations such as volcanic eruptions.

Brian White grew up in Northern California. His earliest



memories are of camping with his family, and his studies in Earth Sciences and career reflect a life-long interest in the natural world. He recently retired from the U.S. Forest Service where he worked in development and management of public recreational, natural and cultural resources. He intends to continue to contribute to the preservation of our national heritage and conservation of our spectacular public lands.



Windows in Time: The History and Evolution of the Mt. Ashland Ski Area

Wednesday, June 3, Noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library:**
In Person Only

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

The Mt. Ashland Ski Area, which encompasses over 240 acres of national forestland, is situated on and near the summit of Oregon’s highest peak west of the Cascade Range. Started largely by local ski enthusiasts, the ski area has been an important community and regional asset since the early 1960s. With five lifts, forty-four ski runs, and a ski lodge, the area operates under a U.S. Forest Service special-use permit and draws skiers and boarders primarily from southwestern Oregon and northern California. The area is managed as a non-profit by the all-volunteer Mt. Ashland Association Board of Directors. Mt. Ashland Association recently initiated year-round activities, including weddings, summer day camps for kids, concerts, disc golf, and business meetings. Join us to learn more about the history of this beloved destination of our region.

Jacksonville: Daily Life Then and Now: 1900 vs. 2025
Saturday, May 16, Noon - 3 PM.

Compare how lifestyles have changed in 126 years when Historic Jacksonville, Inc. opens the C.C. Beekman House for “Daily Life Then and Now” tours! Close your eyes and try to imagine your life in 1900 without your smart phone – for that matter, without any phone at all. What if you had no computer or Internet connection of any kind? Could you live without TV or radio? Do you take your car for granted? Your ability to travel via airplane? In 1900 you would have traveled by horse, wagon, or buggy. Trains had only recently replaced stagecoaches for longer trips; automobiles were a rare novelty.

And that’s just the beginning as Historic Jacksonville invites you to time travel back to 1900 for a “retro” tour of daily Jacksonville life. You’ll be visiting communication, fashion, etiquette, entertainment, chores, household



“amenities,” and much more – things we take for granted like HVAC, running water, and...bathrooms! Gain insight into how your great grandparents...or great great grandparents...might have lived. Join us for an innovative and informative trip into Jacksonville’s past! C.C. Beekman House, 470 E. California Street, Jacksonville. Tour admission is \$8. Tours start every 20-30 minutes and last for 45 minutes.

Additional information is available at 541-245-3650, info@historicjacksonville.org, and <https://historicjacksonville.org/then-and-now/>.

REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES

Genealogical Forum of Oregon
Saturday, May 9, 1 PM - 5 PM, Researching Your Norwegian and Swedish Roots, GFO Spring Seminar, Fritz Juengling Ph D, AG®, AGL™

Sessions include:

- Scandinavian Surnames - It's Complicated!
- Using the Norwegian National Database
- Calendars and Feast Days
- Using the Swedish National Database

Tips for reading records when you don't know the language.

This is a GFO seminar that will be held at the **Sons of Norway Hall**, 111 NE 11th Ave., Portland, OR. Participants may attend in-person or online via

Zoom.

Event Registration: non-Member \$65, or GFO Member \$55.

Doctor Fritz Juengling earned his doctorate in Germanic Philology from the University of Minnesota, where his studies included Swedish, Norwegian, other Germanic languages, and Medieval Latin. He is the former head of the International Team at the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City. Dr. Juengling is an Accredited Genealogist® for Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists. He currently operates a genealogy research and translation business.

Registration information: **GFO Spring Seminar 2026** (<https://gfo.org/learn/spring-seminar-2026.html>)

The **GFO website** (<https://gfo.org>) contains updated information on Special Interest Groups and a calendar of events and classes. Most classes are available via Zoom sessions.



From 1970 into 1974 RVGS met and stored the book collection at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 2900 Juanipero in Medford, but the continued growth of the collection led to the move to the attached garage at the home of member Jennie Deardorff. The address at the time of the move was 1893 King's Highway, but the mailing address was soon changed to 643 Ipson Drive. (Letters to the editor from residents of Ipson Drive published in the *Medford Mail Tribune* made the need for the change clear.)

San Angelo Genealogy and Historical Society 2025-2026 Speaker Series

Tuesday, May 5, 5 PM PST, Finding Family in Indian Territory, Hannah Kubacak

Discover the complex history of modern-day Oklahoma when it was Indian Territory. Learn about the Five Civilized Tribes, Freedmen, and Intruders, and explore records that reveal the lives of those who lived there between 1850 and 1907. Myths will be dispelled, insights shared, and practical tips provided to help you uncover your family's story in this fascinating and often



misunderstood region.

To register visit: **Meeting Registration - Zoom**, (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75271204204>)

SOCIETY NEWS



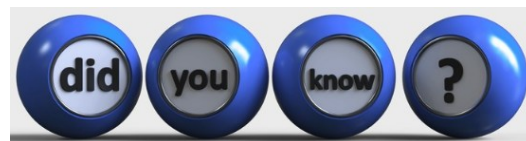
May 1 BottleDrop Blue Bag Recycle Program Update

March collections amounted to \$97.06, a slight increase over February collections. The big news is that we had an opportunity to increase collections from **April 15 to April 26** during "Earth Week Give", an incentive for non-profit organizations such as RVGS to earn an **additional 20%** match from BottleDrop Give. We hope our members were able to participate and earn a boost in savings! We are increasing Bottle Drop collections each month, so please continue the **good work**. Our blue collection bags are located inside the front doors just to the right of the entryway.

And remember; when you have a bag filled just drop the bag back at the library and we will deliver it to the Redemption Center. 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 cent recyclable (cans, glass, and plastic) bottles and support your Rogue Valley Genealogical Society.

It's so Easy! Thank you for supporting RVGS!



Queries were an important part of genealogical publications for many years. The first issue of the Society's newsletter in Spring 1966 contained a few queries. By the Summer 1982 issue queries appeared on five pages. Queries began to decline in the 1990's and eventually disappeared as the internet provided new ways for genealogists to communicate.

BECOME AN RVGS VOLUNTEER – WE NEED YOU!



This has been a difficult last couple of months for our Volunteer Program. We have lost several volunteers due to illness, moving out of the area, and general life getting in the way. We really need some more hands-on deck to keep the Society and library moving forward. Will you help us?

We are looking for librarians to keep our doors open, along with members willing to help with community outreach events.

Whether you only have a few hours every month or two or are available for a regular schedule, there's a role that will fit your interests and talents:

Current Volunteer Opportunities

- Outreach event volunteers
- Librarians
- Education Committee members
- Special Interest Group (SIG) Coordinator
- Research Coaches
- Zoom Host Scheduling Coordinator
- Zoom Hosts & Co-Hosts
- Genies
- Ashland Chamber of Commerce Greeters / RVGS Representative
- Finance Director
- *Rogue Digger* article writers
- *e-News* article writers
- Quilt Committee members
- Scholarship Committee members
- Transcription Mission members

If one of these roles sparks your interest — or you'd simply like to learn more — Read more details on our website page [Volunteers Needed: rvgslibrary.org > Support Us > Volunteers Needed.](#)

If you are ready to jump right in, complete our volunteer application. Volunteer Application: [rvgslibrary.org > Support Us > Volunteer Application.](#)

We want to match your skills, curiosity, and passion with opportunities that help RVGS thrive.

We're Looking for a Special Interest Group Coordinator!

Do you enjoy organizing and connecting people? Our Special Interest Group (SIG) Coordinator keeps RVGS interest groups running smoothly by being the go-to link between the groups, our society members, and the extended community.



What you'll do:

- Check in with SIG leaders, collect their monthly plans, and share them with the Education Committee.
- Make sure RVGS interest group meeting details are communicated to the member who puts together the monthly RVGS calendar and with the RVGS Conference Keeper coordinator.
- Help the Education Committee with their events and keep communication flowing.
- Develop and share resources & suggestions, lend support, and help our Special Interest Groups thrive!

Interested? Have any questions? We'd love to hear from you. Email: volunteer@rvgslibrary.org.



Outreach Event Staffing Help Needed

RVGS wants to get ahead of the game. We have had several outreach events already this year and are planning on several more.

To make them successful, we want

to gather a list of members willing to meet the public, tell them about what makes RVGS so special, and possibly even help event attendees with a little beginner genealogy research. Are you willing to step up and be an Outreach Event Helper?

It is fun to help at a Southern Oregon Historical Society event like their antique car show or Harvest Festival. OLLI Classes happen in the Spring and need volunteers for their help sessions. In the Fall we need assistants for Genealogy Week.

The Access Fair is always well attended and lots for RVGS staff to see and do. Genealogy Roadshows are a new addition to our events. Our research aides love offering their knowledge assistance.

We do not know what other events will present themselves, but we want to be ready to put our best foot forward. Contact volunteer@RVGSlibrary.org and get your name on our Outreach Staffing list. You are not committing to every event. You can choose what works for your schedule and skills.

ZOOM Host Scheduling Coordinator Needed

We need help keeping our Hybrid Classes running smoothly!

We're looking for an RVGS member to coordinate Zoom host scheduling for our classes. This role involves ensuring each class has one or two Zoom hosts scheduled and letting the facilitator know who will be assisting them.

We typically offer about two classes per month, so the time commitment is minimal. You'll simply stay in touch with our Zoom hosts and match them to upcoming classes.

Your help will make it possible for us to continue offering Hybrid Classes, therefore reaching more learners. If you enjoy being organized and supporting a great program, we'd love to have you coordinate our Zoom Host Program! Will you be our Zoom Host Organizer? Contact: volunteer@rvgslibrary.org



MEMBER SHARING

Submitted by Krista Menold

When I joined RVGS last summer, I was excited to check out the Pioneer File for Jesse Dollarhide, my 4th great grandfather who arrived in Jacksonville in 1869. Unfortunately, there wasn't much information in the file that I didn't already have. That's OK because I've been collecting and organizing my own research to submit and it's certainly been a good opportunity to use some of the skills I've learned from the classes I've taken here. One photo I came across at the Southern Oregon Historical Society was labeled "Dollarhide Sisters." It shows four of Jesse and his wife Nancy's nine daughters and listed their names: Priscilla, Amanda, Jemima and Lucy. A bit further into my research I came across the

same photo with an original handwritten caption in an album—this time the names of the sisters were in a different order. In the album the women were identified as "Sisters of Dudley Dollarhide: Priscilla Oatman, Lucy Clark, Amanda Doty and Jemima Rose." At this point I had conflicting information about who was who in the photo, and I was determined to solve the mystery!

Using individual photos of the four sisters, some taken when they were much younger than in the group photo, I was able to put a name with each face. Knowing that Amanda was twelve years older than the next eldest was helpful. It seems that the photo was taken around 1916 as Lucy looks to be close to the same age as in her individual photo which was taken for her 50th wedding anniversary. I think this will be a great photo to enter in the RVGS 60th Anniversary Ancestor Photo Contest! (See the [April newsletter](#) page 4)

Left to right, the sisters are Amanda Dollarhide Doty (1839-1933), Priscilla Dollarhide Oatman Rhodes (1856-1942), Jemima Dollarhide Colver Rose (1853-1932) and Lucy Dollarhide Clark (1851-1940).

Rogue Digger

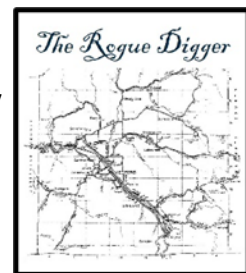
Do you have a great family genealogy story to share?

Did your research lead you down a fascinating rabbit hole?

The *Rogue Digger* is seeking fresh, engaging articles for our next issue.

Email your article ideas or submissions to Meghan Thompson at roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org.

Thanks, Meghan



LIBRARY NEWS

24 Items Added to the RVGS Library



23 books and 1 map, only 5 NOT about Oregon, were added to the RVGS Library in April. The map is of Warwick Valley in Orange County, New York in 1803 (Map Drawer 12 - 974.731 H388 Van). On the other side of the country we added a book about another Orange County, this one in California: *Legacy: the Orange County story* (Oversize 974.496 H388 Tay). For those who are researching their less-than-shining ancestors, take a look at Jay Roberts Nash's *Bloodletters and Badmen: A Narrative Encyclopedia of American Criminals from the Pilgrims to the Present*. The books about Oregon include seven counties, including seven about Jackson County, from two old cookbooks (979.527 C988) with historical tidbits interspersed among the recipes, to three school yearbooks: the first ones in our collection from Hedrick Junior High (979.527 S227 Med Hed 1961 and 1962) to three more from Ashland High (979.527 S227 Ash H 1930, 1965, 1998), and one more from McLoughlin Junior High (979.527 S227 Med McL 1962). The local yearbook collection is growing, which makes it more useful to researchers! Ever wonder about Williams in Josephine County? Take a look at the copiously illustrated full color *Williams General Store and Various Histories of Williams* by Tom Glass (Circ 979.525 H388 Gla). Three books about Umatilla County include the large and heavy *Pendleton Round-Up at 100* (979.569 H388 Bal) filled with black and white photos and lots of names and history. [Click here](#) for the complete list.

New Periodicals on the Shelf

NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society



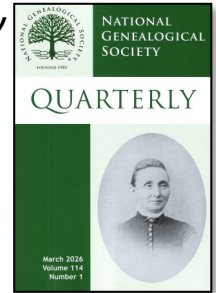
Circ 929.05 NGSM v.52(2) April-June 2026

This issue : The Nineteenth Century. Diseases and epidemics in the 1800s; Presidents in censuses and their paternal ancestors in passenger manifests; Occupational clues to an immigrant's identity; Accessing US Synagogue records for Jewish family

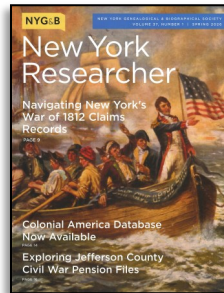
history research; A case study of Civil War prisoner-of-war records; Honoring blue-collar ancestors; Emigrant guides for westward travelers; Introduction to Y-DNA and mtDNA test results; Boolean searching.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly

Circ 929.05 NGSQ v.114(1), March 2026
Birth family for Kunigunde (Scheu) Maschke of Carver County, MN; Batholomew Anderson of Frederick County, VA; Parents of Abraham Holt's Adams and Pike county (IL) step-children; Parents of Jacob K Jenks of NH and ME.



New York Researcher, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society



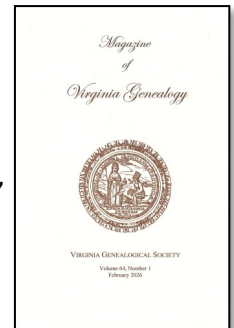
Circ 974.7 P273 NYR v.37(1) Spring 2026
Navigating New York's War of 1812 claims records; Colonial America database now available at the New York State Library; Exploring Jefferson County Civil War pension files. Featured county – Cayuga.

Magazine of Virginia Genealogy,

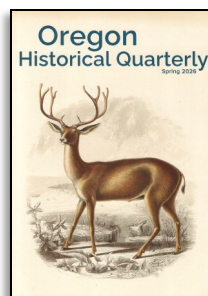
Virginia Genealogical Society

Circ 975.5 P273 MVG v.64(1) February 2026

Capt. William Preston's 1757 Company, French and Indian War; List of Landholders, c.1710-1740, Farnham Parish, Richmond Co.; Papers of Edward Dixon, Merchant; Elizabeth City Parish vestry book 1751-1784; Scott Co. Overseers of the Poor report, 1852; Kanawha County Free Negro Register; Records of Goose Creek Baptist Church, Upperville, 1775-1791; George Harrison Sanford King card file; Descendants of John Nicholson of Sussex Co.; Henry Co. delinquent tax list 1791.



Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society

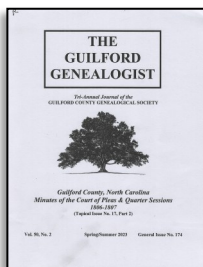


Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ v.127(1) Spring 2026

The Alien Enemies Act; Oregon's so-called Sanctuary Law; Two giants – Senators Anthony "Tony" Yturri and Harry Boivin; The Petros G Pelos collection and the evolving past of the Pacific Northwest.

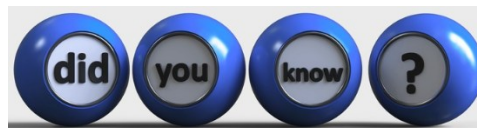
Older journals added

Long-time member Pat Kennedy is downsizing her genealogy collection and sending many treasures to our library. One of the largest 'sets' of serials is **Guilford**

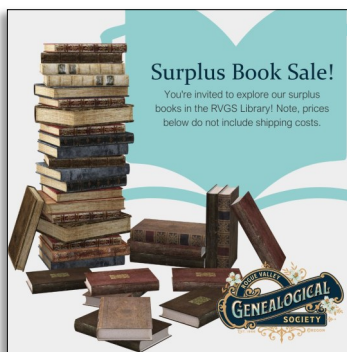


Genealogist (Circ 975.662 Pe273 Gui) from the Guilford County (NC) Genealogical Society. She has more than doubled our holdings (to more than 2 running feet) and is challenging shelving in the North Carolina section. The Society publishes transcriptions of court records, land transactions, and

other hard to find records. While each issue contains an index, the Society's website features cumulative indexes, making for a quick search. While there are many holes in our collection, seek holdings here before facing the expense of purchasing issues from the Society. Another title we are most thankful for is the **Umpqua Trapper** from the Douglas County Historical Society. Her more than 80 issues (starting in 1965) provide insight into the comings and goings in our neighbor to the north. Pat has also filled holes in **Tennessee Ancestors**, **Journal of East Tennessee History**, **New Mexico Genealogist**, **Ohio's Last Frontier** (Williams County), and the **Vance Family newsletter**.



1982 was the year of the lawsuit. In January, the RVGS Board was informed by Jennie Deardorff that an immediate rental charge of \$200 per month would be necessary in order for the library to remain at 643 Ipson Drive. At a special membership meeting it was decided that the Society could not afford that amount of rent. The members voted to pay for one month to allow time to find another location. A new location was found upstairs in the Franklin building at 125 S. Central Avenue, for \$75.00 per month. Jackson County Circuit Court Judge L.A. Merryman signed a temporary restraining order to prevent members from moving books and materials, as Jennie Deardorff claimed the special membership meeting violated state law. All of the members had not been notified of the special meeting. Also, Jennie wanted time to separate her personal books from RVGS books. An inventory was ordered and made of the RVGS collection, a compromise was reached, and RVGS moved to 125 S. Central Avenue, Room 204.



Surplus Sale Books for April 2026

Price does not include shipping costs.

A minimum book order of \$5.00 is required for shipping.

For more inventory, we also sell on **AbeBooks** (www.abebooks.com).

Prices are based on 50% of the lowest price found online. If you find a lower price and would like to make an offer, send a request to booksales@rvgslibrary.org

- *Lane County Historian vol. 37, No. 2* Summer 1992 by The Lane County Historical Society, 1992. \$6.00
- *Canadian American Journal of History & Genealogy #5* Spring 2000 by Northwest Territory, Canadian and French Heritage Center, 2002. \$5.00
- *Lost in Canada? Canadian - American Genealogical Journal Vol. 17 #3* Summer 1994 by Joy Reisinger, 1994. \$5.00
- *Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families* by Jeannie Sharp Phillips, 1994. \$5.00
- *Talent (Images of America)* by Jan Wright, 2009. \$9.00
- *Always do the Right Thing, The One Hundred Year Legacy of Lawrence's Jewelers (Since 1908)* by Dawna Curler, 2008. \$5.00
- *1790, 1800, 1810 Population Schedules, Guilford County, North Carolina* by Ruth Hackney Kirkman, 1981 Rep. 1993. \$5.00
- *1830 Census Guilford County North Carolina* by E. Jarrell, 1997. \$15.00
- *Kingfisher Illustrated History of the World* Foreword by Magnus Magnusson, 1993. \$3.00
- *A Century of Coos and Curry: History of Southwest Oregon* by Emil R. Peterson and Alfred Powers, 1952. \$10.00
- *Umpqua: The Lost County of Oregon* by Jerry Winterbotham, 1994. \$5.00
- *Illahe the Story of Settlement in the Rogue River Canyon* by Kay Atwood, 1978. \$5.00
- *Oregon and the Pacific Northwest* by Lancaster Pollard, 1946. \$4.00
- *They Came to Jerome: The Billion Dollar Copper Camp* by Herbert V. Young, 1972. \$3.00

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- Check out of materials
- Free access to subscription websites
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- Interest groups
- Free mentoring
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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 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 2:30 - 4:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss the Family Tree Maker software program.

Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Led by Sue Acuff 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.

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.

Let's Talk Genealogy

Led by Rich Cunningham on the third Wednesday of every month, from 1:30 - 3:00 PM via zoom, this is a roundtable discussion. Each month starts with a focus topic and sees where the conversation goes from there. This is a place to share successes (and not-so-successes), stumbling blocks, brick walls, and genealogical experiences.

Transcription Mission Work Group

This group meets the third Monday of the month, 1:30 - 3 PM at the RVGS Library and by Zoom. We are transcribing Revolutionary War pension records for the NARA/NPS citizen archivist mission.

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
- AI in Genealogy
- British
- DNA Advanced
- DNA Q & A
- French Canada
- Genealogical Problem Solvers



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