

Researching Jackson County Oregon People by Anne Billeter

RVGS (Rogue Valley Genealogical Society)

- rvgslibrary.org
- Searchable database of INDEXES to Jackson and Josephine County information
- Online catalog of over 26,000 genealogical research resources, 500+ about Jackson County
- Pioneer Files (anyone who was in the Rogue Valley 100 years ago is eligible)
- rvgslibrary.org > Library > Research Resources
- Archived website: rvgslibrary.org > Library > [Archived Old JCGL Website](#)
- 8 subscription websites, including
 - Newspapers.com Oregon Collection (72 papers; 36 cities)
 - Ancestry.com
 - HistoryGeo.com
 - NewspaperArchive.com (68 Oregon cities)

Southern Oregon Historical Society (SOHS)

- <http://sohs.org/>
 - especially drop-down menu under “Library & Research”
- Research Library
- Collections
- At RVGS:
 - 979.527 L166 SOHS News: SOHS Newspaper Holdings
 - 979.527 L166 SOHS Maps, Posters...Holdings

Ben Truwe’s “Southern Oregon History, Revised”

- <https://truwe.sohs.org/>
- Searchable index
- Transcriptions of original materials: documents, newspaper articles, correspondence...

City Directories

- in the RVGS collection, at Medford and Ashland Libraries, and on Ancestry.com

Jackson County Library Services:

- Medford Library: Local History Index (over 100 books); local newspaper microfilm
- Ashland Library: Oregon Cabinet; local newspaper microfilm

Newspapers

- **Historic Oregon Newspapers:** <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>
- <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- <https://theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>

Newspaper Abstracts

Example: *Ashland Tidings*; 37 volumes: 1876 – 1931 [979.527 N298 Ash]

Ancestry.com

- Card catalog (Oregon = 38 hits (library edition; 103 hits personal subscription)
- Valuable resource: “Oregon, Wills and Probate Records, 1849-1963”

FamilySearch.org

- Catalog Search: defaults to Place search, starting with largest jurisdiction: “United States, Oregon, Jackson”
- Record Search
- Books (over 500,000 digitized, from 19 libraries including the FamilySearch Library)
- RVGS is a FamilySearch affiliate library

Smaller local historical societies

Examples: Gold Hill Historical Society Museum, Phoenix Historical Society Museum; Talent Historical Society Museum; Woodville Historical Museum...

Southern Oregon University (SOU) Hannon Library: (in Ashland): <https://hanlib.sou.edu/>

- Newspapers on Microfilm: Ashland Tidings; Oregonian (back to 1850)
- Catalog Search (Hannon, plus Summit libraries)
- **Special Collections and University Archives**
- **Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA): <https://soda.sou.edu/>**
- Government Publications (State, Federal, International)

University of Oregon Knight Library (in Eugene): <https://library.uoregon.edu/>

- Newspapers on microfilm
- book collection
- Special Collections: <https://library.uoregon.edu/special-collections>

Oregon State Library (in Salem): <https://www.oregon.gov/library/Pages/default.aspx>

Oregon State Archives (in Salem): <https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records.aspx>

Oregon Historical Society (in Portland)

Oregon Historical Quarterly [979.5 P273 OHQ (includes 3 indexes for 1900-1980)]
<https://www.ohs.org/research-and-library/>

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[out of date, but may provide some additional leads]

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Leasher, Evelyn. *Oregon Women: A Bio-bibliography*. c.1980. [979.5 B352 Leasher]

McArthur, Lewis A. *Oregon Geographic Names*. c. 2003. [979.5 G192 McA]