



Rogue Valley Genealogical Society  
Medford, Oregon, presents a virtual seminar:

## “North American Migration: In, Out, and Across”

with professional genealogist, Tricia Oberndorf  
**September 25, 2021, 10 AM - 4 PM Pacific Time**

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Tricia Oberndorf will set the stage for various migration periods with the who, what, when, where and why of migration. She will discuss the development of a new nation beginning with the Colonial period. The colonies developed and then expansion followed westward. Tricia will follow the progress of settlements up through the late 1800s examining research strategies and resources to further help us trace our ancestors. Who were they? What motivated them to move? How was the Manifest Destiny fulfilled? This seminar covers our ancestors' travels from Europe to Atlantic and Pacific ports. You will acquire a comprehensive understanding of our ancestors' motivations, struggles and successes.

### Seminar Sessions

- **Getting Started, the Five Ws:** To get started, this first session will explore the basic who, what, when, where, and why of migration. It will also set the stage for the "how" of various periods of migration.
- **Colonial Migration to North America:** Many European nations were interested in North America during the colonial period, and their countrymen sailed into ports on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. As more settlements were established, the colonies evolved, creating infrastructure such as trails and roads as their needs grew. This session will trace the development of these and how they helped create a nation.
- **Expansion of a New Nation:** From the end of the Revolutionary War through about 1840, the young United States pushed westward from the eastern seaboard to the interior and the mighty Mississippi River. It also became more engaged in events and developments to its south and along the Pacific coast. This session will explore the routes developed as part of this expansion.
- **Fulfilling Manifest Destiny:** For the remainder of the 19th Century, the U.S. fulfilled its claimed destiny and occupied the territory all the way to the west coast. During this exciting period of growth, new trails were forged, and new technologies quickly changed the methods of travel and the length of time required to move great distances. This session will follow these developments and the settlement progress made possible up through the late 1800s.
- **Migration Research and Resources:** With a solid grounding in how and when North American trails and progress developed, we are able to examine new strategies and resources that will help us discover more about our ancestors of the 16th – 19th centuries. Understanding who they were, what motivated them to move, and how they may have traveled can help us discover new things about them along the way.



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