

**Rogue Valley Genealogical Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – August 2021**  
**Technology & Data Management Report**

### **Subscription Websites Update**

- **American Ancestors** – Still available through member login on our website.
- **Ancestry** – Still available through member login on our website **through December**.
- **FindMyPast** – Still available through member login on our website.
- **Fold3** – Still available through member login on our website. Will be available indefinitely.
- **HistoryGeo** – **Now available indefinitely through an increase in subscription price.**
- **MyHeritage** – Still available through member login on our website.
- **Newspapers Oregon Collection** – Still available through member login on our website.
- **Internet Genealogy Magazine** – Still available in PDF form on the website.

### **Map Project**

As most of you know, a few years ago we received a grant to be able to scan Roger Robert's extensive map collection. Because of the transition to the new website, nothing was ever done with the collection. We have a patron anxious to access the maps, so I moved it up on my timeline. I retrieved the thumb drive from the safe that was supposed to have all the scans, it did not. In addition, a good portion of the scans on the drive were corrupted. I searched a back up drive and found many more of the maps, but still not everything. In addition, scans were in multiple different formats and naming conventions were not consistent. Apparently, no one was overseeing this part of the project. I got a hold of Roger and he loaned me his thumb drive, which, I think has everything on it. I have now copied all the maps from his drive to mine, erasing the corrupt files, and have gone through and reconciled the two drives. I have converted a huge number of PDF files to JPG for consistency and have renamed files, so they appear in alphabetical order, and have organized them in alphabetic folders. My next step is to upload them to the server. Jeanne Hoadley has volunteered to reconcile the various indexes. I have a variety of indexes of names of people on the maps which we will eventually use to sell the map scans themselves. We did not have an index of just the maps, but I found one in an email from SOHS. They had created one after Ben Truwe provided them with his index copies. The last hurdle will be getting them uploaded to the website, see the next topic.

### **Website**

Right after the last board meeting, I went through the "fixes" Project A supposedly did for uploading files, they did not do it correctly. I have sent them information regarding things that are still not correct. I have not heard back in over a week. One reply I got is that they have been buried with projects. Not sure if they are short staffed or what. I have committed to responding to them in a timelier manner, so the fault is not on my end.

### **Digital Sign**

Thanks to Kim and her detective work with the very poor documentation, we are now able to update our sign! I have been experimenting with some of the movement options and have posted slides for the seminar and genealogy week!

### **Server Update**

Progress is being made. There are links to the digital files on the reception computers. If you need specific files, please let me know, I have access to almost everything. Skeeter is working on assigning users to groups for file access, e.g., Board, Librarians, etc. When he is done, you'll be able to log in to any computer and access your files as well as files on the server assigned to your group. I anticipate creating instructions for use of the new system.

**Hybrid Meeting Equipment**

I have still not received a quote. I heard from Jeff last week. He said he was still working on it. Again, I think it's sandwiched between other projects.

**Selling Equipment**

I have now sold all the monitors and scanners. All that is left, besides the routers is the laser printer in the project room. I have lowered the price hoping I can move it. I had thought the toner alone would be the selling factor, but apparently not.

**Google**

I have started posting announcements on our Google My Business page. Google has really expanded the My Business services, which are free. Since people find us through Google, it makes sense to have some of our bigger current events posted.