MONTHLY ENEWS OF THE
ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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CLASSES & EVENTS

Stay tuned to our Website and Facebook page for more information on classes. As we bring classes and events back online, it is often a decision that does not allow time for printing in the eNews.

Using Find A Grave - August 18, 10:30 AM – Noon, via Zoom.

Rich Miles will teach this class about how to use FindAGrave.com with coverage of the NEW search tools. The Find A Grave website is a valuable genealogical resource. Learn how to navigate the site, search for your ancestors, create memorials for your loved ones, and connect memorials of family members. (NOTE: This a repeat of the class taught in July.) $10 for members, $20 for non-members.

Register in advance (go to the Programs & Classes menu at www.rvgslibrary.org). Only pre-paid registrants will be sent the Zoom login information the day before the class.

Brick Wall Roundtable – August 20, 10:30 AM via Zoom.

Are you stuck? Have you looked everywhere and can't push that ancestor back to the previous generation? RVGS Brick Wall Roundtables ARE BACK and will be scheduled every other month. Watch the eNews, our website, and our Facebook page for details.
Join us on Zoom as we brainstorm yours and other genealogy brick walls. Submit your information: who, when, and where your ancestor was, and what research resources you’ve searched on the registration form.

FREE for all. Register in advance here, enrollment is limited. Registration closes 24 hours before the session. Only those pre-registered will be sent the Zoom login information the day before the session. Zoom help can be found here. In addition, there are many tutorial videos on YouTube.

New Format for Genealogy Week

All Genealogy Week classes will be via Zoom starting September 19th. Be sure to check the September eNews, our website, and Facebook page in early September for the list of classes. You will need to register through our website for classes to receive the Zoom login information. There may be a nominal fee per class.

Zoom into an Interest Group!

Zoom help can be found on our website by going to the Programs & Classes Menu > Classes. In addition, there are many tutorial videos on YouTube. Come and join like-minded genealogists at these virtual meetings.

The German Interest Group meets the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting, via Zoom, will be on Tuesday, August 11, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Note the change of time. Please register in advance to receive an invitation by emailing Mary Robsman at mrobsman@gmail.com.

Family Tree Maker Interest Group meets via Zoom from 1:30 - 3:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss the Family Tree Maker program and share ideas with each other. Email Barbara MacMillen at bmacmillen@gmail.com to be put on the invitation list. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, at 1:30 PM. Barbara will send out invitations on August 10th. The invitation will have all the information needed for you to join the meeting. If you have specific questions you would like addressed, send them to Barbara ahead of time. We hope you’ll join us!

The Genetic Genealogy Interest Group is facilitated by Jeff Roberts. This interest group is for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12th. If you are not currently a group member, email Jeff Roberts at jeffroberts@pobox.com for an invitation.

Virtual Conferences & Classes

A Summer of DNA eConference
3rd annual A Summer of DNA virtual conference - Saturday, 15 August 2020.

Speakers and topics:
- Kevin Borland - Mathematically Reconstruct DNA kits for Your Ancestors
- Debra Renard - DNA Methodology for Unknown Parentage Research
The online sessions will begin at **9am Central Time on Saturday, 15 August 2020**. Some answers to common questions that people have asked us:

1. Yes, the sessions are live. These are not pre-recorded, so if you have questions, then please ask them in the chat during any of the sessions and we'll get them answered.
2. Yes, there are door prizes. We have DNA kits donated from several companies as well as other prizes.
3. No, you don't have to be watching the live presentations to win (although we hope you do), everyone who is registered will be eligible to win the DNA kits.
4. Yes, recordings of the sessions will be available for 30 days after the eConference so even if you can't make the live session, register so that you can watch the recordings.
5. Yes, we use our webcams. You don't have to watch slides all the time. You also get to see people.
6. Yes, this event is open to anyone who wants to register. No need to travel or even change out of your pajamas if you don't want to.

As with past events there will be a 5th hour panel discussion where you can ask questions about any of the topics or even anything else related to DNA and genetic genealogy. Early bird registration is only $19.99 until August 4th. The regular registration price is $24.99. Learn more at the website ([https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/summerdna](https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/summerdna)) and register today.

**2020 Family History Conference: Blazing Trails in the Heart of America**

Registration is now open for the Federation of Genealogical Societies’ Virtual Family History Conference!

The virtual event will begin with FGS "Live!" on September 2, 2020, starting at 11:00 a.m. (EDT) and concluding at 7:00 p.m. (EDT). In addition to the Live! event, all conference registrations will include a collection of 16 society management sessions assembled by FGS and more than 30 sponsored sessions. The registration packages allow you to further select either 10, 20 or 45 sessions from the On-Demand content from leading genealogists (more than 80 sessions from which to choose). All registration packages include online access to our digital conference syllabus. A special commemorative goody bag is included with the 45-session package. If you had already registered for the FGS conference in Kansas City, your registration will convert to the 20-session conference package. For more information, visit our [conference website](https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/summerdna).

The FGS Live! event will feature lectures from some of the most popular genealogy speakers:

- David E. Rencher, “FGS: Celebrating the Past and the Future”
- Ari Wilkins, “Scaling the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Research”
- Thomas W. Jones, “Building a Respectable Genealogy, One Documented Biography at a Time”
- CeCe Moore, “Strategies of “The Genetic Detective””
The Live! event will also include special presentations from our two Platinum sponsors:

- Ancestry’s “Journey to “Roots Less Traveled””
- Ron Tanner of FamilySearch, “What’s New at FamilySearch”

An online chat will take place during the Live! event and there will be a Q&A session following each session.

The following two-hour workshops will also be held on September 3-4:

- Angie Bush, “Using the “What are the Odds” (WATO) Tool” on 9/3/2020
- Pam Vestal, “What the Heck Does That Say” on 9/4/2020

For a full description of the registration packages, a list of the available On-Demand content, a list of all of the free sessions, and much more information, visit our conference website.

Open Call for Ancestor Adversity Stories

American Ancestors and NEHGS, the oldest and largest genealogical organization in the country, is seeking your help in building a web-based story of the resilience of our forebears that we are calling "Ancestor Strong."

Have You Uncovered Some Trials and Tribulations in Your Ancestor’s Past?

Have you had an ancestor who survived a harrowing historical event, such as a major war; a pandemic such as the 1918 influenza outbreak or polio outbreak; or a major natural disaster such as a hurricane or flood? Please tell us their story, how did learning about their experience influence your view of your family history? How did it shape you as a person?

Use the link below to access an online template to submit your story to us. Please, also submit a high-quality image if you have one. To submit your story, visit https://hubs.americanancestors.org/en/ancestor-strong

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Southern Oregon Historical Society Research Library Limited Re-opening

We would like to welcome you back to the SOHS Research Library. We’ve missed you! Starting July 7th, we will be open by appointment, with limited hours, and with precautions in place. Our initial hours will be Tuesday and Friday from 1-4 PM. In order to limit the number of people in the space, we will only allow in-person research by appointment. If interested in setting up an appointment, please contact Archivist Kira Lesley by email (archivist@sohs.org) or phone at 541-773-6536 x201 (please leave a message with your requested date, time, and length of time you anticipate being in the library).

Masks will be required for all patrons. For more specific information about our re-opening guidelines, please visit our website at http://www.sohs.org/node/252267.
Welcome out newest member Benjamin Bellinson!

Annual Fund Drive Launched

Dear Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) Members and Supporters,

RVGS organizes one main fund raiser each year, our Annual Fund Drive. This year the goal is to raise $17,000, officially beginning on June 1, 2020 and closing on December 31, 2020. Your generous contribution to the Annual Fund will allow RVGS to keep our membership dues low and assist in covering expenses. Membership dues only cover about one-third of our operating expenses. The remaining costs are covered by money raised through our Annual Fund Drive and income from our programs.

For the health and safety of our members and in compliance with Governor Brown's executive order, the RVGS Board of Directors temporarily closed the Jackson County Genealogy Library. The library classes, seminars, research, and day-use fees provide a major part of our operating revenue. With the closure, we have temporarily lost those revenue streams, but still have bills to pay. We know this is a tough financial time for many, but if you are able, we are asking for support from our members to continue providing services.

The 2020 Fund Drive will provide financial assistance for the following initiatives:
- Assisting with operating costs of the library during closure
- Adjusting our services to the new normal due to the pandemic
- Continuing website development and expansion
- Increasing library resources
- Developing special seminars and hosting guest speakers as health guidelines allow

Thank you for making 2019 another successful year.
- Our membership is just around 800 members with over 12,000 volunteer hours recorded.
- Thanks to generous donations to the 2019 Annual Fund Drive, we surpassed the goal set by the Board.
- With 2019 Annual Fund campaign dollars and a grant from the Jackson County Cultural Coalition, RVGS held another successful seminar, Blaine Bettinger, The Genetic Genealogist.
- We completed the new website, www.RVGSLibrary.org, where you may now search the JCGL databases, past publications, and stay up to date on RVGS news. Consequently, this year, we have been able to offer our members access to many of our JCGL subscription websites during the closure.
- At the end of December, we were able to purchase 900 books from Douglas County Genealogy Library, bringing our book collection to over 20,000 items!

Your generous and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in three ways.
1. Return the donation slip attached to the letter you received in the mail along with a check in the envelope provided,
2. go to the Support Us menu on our website, www.rvgslibrary.org, and select Annual Fund Drive to donate online,
3. or, drop off a donation at the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford (when we have re-opened).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you so very much for your donation!
Two NEW Services for RVGS Members

JCGL remains closed…but 2 NEW SERVICES are now available for RVGS Members:

Circulating items may be checked out to RVGS members!

1. First, look in the JCGL online library catalog located in the Library menu on our website. If the book or magazine call number starts with “Circ,” the item may be checked out. Almost all the magazines can be checked out, some of the how-to genealogy books can be, and other books that are more for reading than researching are designated “Circ.”

2. Email reception@rvgslibrary.org with:
   a. The list of items you would like to check out, including call number and title, plus volume and issue number(s) for magazines.
   b. When you plan to pick them up. Specify day, date, and time. Allow at least 1-day notice. (Note available times below.)
   c. Your name and phone number.

3. Available pick up times will be Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., starting July 1.
   a. Come to the side door with your mask on, ring the doorbell, and the checked-out items will be handed to you.
   b. Items will be checked out for 2 weeks and may be returned during pick up times.
   c. Email the day, date, and time you plan to return items, at least 1 day in advance.

Volunteers will do LOOK UPS at JCGL for members!

A few dedicated JCGL librarians have offered to do lookups for RVGS members for FREE. This is an effort to make the resources of JCGL available to you while the library remains closed.

Librarians can check for specific records in books, periodicals, microfilms, and databases on our computers for you. (The database lookups will be only for those of you who do not have computers or Internet access. Members who do can access American Ancestors, Ancestry, Fold3, HistoryGeo, and MyHeritage from home through the RVGS website: http://www.rvgslibrary.org) We can look up FamilySearch items that are only available at a FamilySearch Affiliate Library as well. This is a way you can access indexes and images that you know exist, but you can’t get to while we are closed.

- Lookups must be for specific records.
- You may request 1 lookup per week.
- Our library catalog is a great place to start, especially with all of the new books and periodicals we have been adding to the collection.

The lookup request form is located in the Library menu on our website, view it here.
FindMyPast Now Available Online for RVGS Members

We have added one more of our subscription websites for online access by our members. FindMyPast can now be accessed from the rvgslibrary.org homepage along with Ancestry, MyHeritage, Fold3, American Ancestors, HistoryGeo and Internet Genealogy magazine. Members will need to be logged into our website by using the Sign In button at the top right of any page. Accessing FindMyPast is a bit different than the other sites. There is a username and password listed on the secure page that comes up when you select FindMyPast from the homepage. Because FindMyPast opens in a new tab/window, you can easily navigate back to the original page to get the login credentials. As always, if you have any difficulty, email webmaster@rvgslibrary.org.

eNews Submissions

Members are invited and encouraged to write articles and/or submit photos for the eNews that are relevant to genealogy research, RVGS, and/or JCGL. The eNews is published on the first of each month. The deadline for article submission is the 20th of the preceding month. Submissions should be sent as a Word document in an email attachment to: enews@rvgslibrary.org.

JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY

Oregon Marriage Returns Now on Ancestry

You have heard of marriage licenses and certificates. How about a “marriage return?” These can contain slightly different information from the other marriage records.

The Oregon State Archives shared a great tip on its Facebook page: Oregon marriage returns spanning the years 1906-1910 and 1946-1966 and consist of 1,441,718 entries are now available on Ancestry.com. The Archives writes, “These are the first of several vital records series that will be available through a cooperative project between Ancestry and the Oregon State Archives. Probably the most unique (and perhaps useful) information on the form is the number of marriages for each individual. You would be surprised how often people will see that it was the 2nd or 3rd marriage for one of the parties. The returns also provide place of birth and nativity for the parents which can provide good information for pursuing additional genealogical information.”

To search the records at Ancestry.com, you can find them at Oregon, State Marriages, 1906-1966.
TechTips: Using the RVGS Website Calendar
By Rich Miles, Technology Director

If you have spent any time on our new website, www.rvgslibrary.org, you have probably seen the new calendar. All RVGS/JCGL events will be listed here.

The calendar can be accessed from several different places on the site. If you scroll down the homepage, you will see a Calendar section on the right next to News. You can select any event in the list to be taken to a screen with all the details. You can click Subscribe to subscribe to the calendar which will provide you with an email any time a new event is listed.

(Everyone who was a member when we launched the site was automatically subscribed. You can also change your subscription settings by selecting the Subscribe button.) The Calendar can also be accessed from the Program & Classes dropdown menu.

Only a limited number of events, those upcoming, will display on the homepage. Just click the See All button to be taken to the full calendar. The default view is List view, showing all scheduled events. From the navigation bar above the calendar, you can change your view to Year, Month, Week or Day. Within each view, you can use the <<Prev (previous) and Next>> buttons to go to the previous/next year, month, week or day.

The most powerful tool on our calendar is the Calendar Search tool. You can use the Keywords search to find events on a specific topic (as long as your word is listed in the title). For instance, a search for “DNA” would bring up any event with “DNA” in the title. If you input “DNA” and “Genetic” then select Match at least one of my keywords, you will get all events with EITHER of those words in the title. The Event Type dropdown menu filters out events by type. Currently, the choices are Class, Interest Group, Meeting, Program, Seminar, Special Event, and Tutorial Tuesday. For instance, selecting Interest Group will provide you with a list of all Interest Groups currently scheduled. Because we do not schedule by Department, there is no need to use that filter. The Location filter can be useful now for finding all classes occurring on Zoom.

Within the detailed listing for an event you will find the Event Type, the time it Starts and Ends, Contact (which is a link to the email address), and Details of the event. You can Set a Reminder for the event, click View All or Go Back to return to the calendar list of events.
New Records Added to Our Accessible Subscription Websites  (Partial List*)

**Ancestry**
- New Mexico: Select County Marriage Records, 1905-1999
- New York: War of 1812 Certificates and Applications of Claim and related records, 1858-1869
- Wyoming: Divorce Index Cards, 1941-1952
  - Death Records, 1909-1969
  - Marriage Records, 1941-1966

**My Heritage**
- New Zealand, World War I Service Personnel and Reserves Index
- Spain, Vitoria Diocese
  - Index of Baptisms, 1535-1903
  - Index of Deaths, 1573-1904
  - Index of Marriages, 1559-1899
- United Kingdom, Service Medal and Award Rolls Index, 1914-1918

**FamilySearch.org** (NOT a subscription); free, just open an account
- Canada, Nova Scotia
  - Delayed Births, 1837-1904
  - Deaths, 1864-1877
- Denmark, Church Records, 1484-1941
- Idaho, County Marriages, 1864-1950
- Michigan, Detroit Manifests of Arrivals at the Port of Detroit, 1906-1954
- Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885-1950
  - “In some instances, divorce records are recorded with marriages”
- Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records, 1807-1992

*To see the list of updated and new record sets, on FamilySearch go to “Records,” click on “Browse all Published Collections,” click twice on the right-hand column heading “Last Updated” and you will see the list of the most recent updates and additions.

New Books added to JCGL in July 2020

149 New Books Added in July!

Our Book Committee (Anne Billetter, Marilyn Ayres, and Chloe Sternola) met in July via Zoom; our catalogers (Sharon Freeburne and Diane Brenner,) are continuing to come more often. The result: 149 new books added to the JCGL collection in July, including 54 Kentucky (976.9), 31 Illinois (977.3), 30 Iowa (977.7) and a few books for 7 other states, including the fascinating *History of the Great Minnesota Forest Fires, Sandstone, Hinckley, Mission Creek, Pokegama, Skunk Lake* by Elton T. Brown, c.1894 (977.6 H388 Bro) and the informative *Newspapers on the Minnesota Frontier, 1849-1860* by George S. Hage (977.6 N298 Hag). To see the complete twelve-page list click here.
New Periodicals Received:
You can find these in the magazine rack, and you can check out any of these circulating periodicals that pique your interest.

**American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution**
Circ 929.05 AmS July/August 2020
Illinois’ Pierre Menard Home and Museum, Capitol buildings, Early American logging, Colonial loyalists, Scots-Irish in the battle of Cowpens (SC), and Charlotte Robertson.

**The Genealogist. American Society of Genealogists**
929.05 Gen v.34 (1)
Peregrine Phillips, vinegar maker from England to Kentucky; George and Mary Stevenson Brown (MD); Crowninshield of New England; Sicilian ancestry (continued); a Kiser-Howard marriage in Wisconsin about 1850; Ancestry of William Colwill (WI)

**Internet Genealogy**
Circ 929.1 Int June/July 2020
Members can access a PDF version of Internet Genealogy through our website.
Photo restoring program Vidi-Pix, Tuberculosis sanatoriums (including the Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital in Salem), Free Luxembourg records online, Using coroners’ inquest records (and where to find some.) Victorian tax rolls, British “home children” brought to Canada, Heredis genealogy software, Holland America Line ticket sales registers online (1900-1920), and British online archives.

**Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society**
Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ Summer 2020
Pierre de Saint-Amant’s travels in Oregon Territory, 1852; Indian war veterans and Oregon’s violent history (including John Lupton’s attack on the Takelma along Little Butte Creek, 1855); and Indigenous influence in the early years of the Oregon Historical Society.

**Back-log periodicals added**

**Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter.**
977.5 P273 WS (16 binders)
Originally shelved by date in our library, the acquisition from the Genealogical Society of Douglas County of 16 binders including missing issues encouraged us to rearrange the whole series by county. Ann Baracker accepted the challenge of disassembling our collection and integrating these two runs. The Newsletter, published between 1969 and 2010, includes transcribed records from individual counties in Wisconsin – vital records, lists of small cemeteries, short biographies – the types of records individual county members thought would be of interest to state-wide researchers. Two binders of statewide information include bible records, military and passenger lists, convicts and lawmen, reunions and one curious list is of automobile owners in the state in 1906. The new organization will make searching this series much more efficient since county materials are gathered together.
Books Added from the Backlog
By Diane Brenner, Book Cataloger

Here’s a title to ponder – three additional titles join three on the shelf: "Stub Entries to Indents, issued in Payment of Claims Against South Carolina growing out of the Revolution."

Some titles stop me dead in my tracks, and this is one. What in the world are "Stub Entries to Indents," and why do I care?

**Indents**, as the term is used in these volumes, were interest-bearing certificates issued after the Revolutionary War by the South Carolina Treasury. Indents were issued for militia duty, supplies and provisions, forage for animals, and services such as the hiring of wagons and teams. Each stub in the Treasurer’s book includes the name of supplier, item supplied and value of the debt. Here are summaries of thousands of individual debts, accounts of which have been received, audited, and approved. Rather than number the stub books the Treasurer chose to letter them; the book titles are not a reflection of surnames included in each. Thankfully, each volume is indexed. If your ancestor lived in South Carolina around 1780 he may have served in the militia or supplied food for the cause!

Our library has 975.7 G165 Stu, Bks. C-F, G-H, K, O-Q, R-T, U-W. It's worth a look.

More Surplus Books for Sale
Each month we will add books to the Surplus Book Sale, offering them locally (for less) before our internet book sale volunteers list them on Amazon. We want our members to have first chance! Books priced @ $1.00 will not be listed.

While the Genealogy Library is closed for the Coronavirus pandemic, you may email reception@rvgslibrary.org and we will hold the books you specify, for you to pick up after the library re-opens. Here are the books added in July.

- **Atlantic Bridge to Germany, vol. VII: Nordrhein-Westfalen (Northrhine-Westphalia** by Charles M. Hall. $11.00
- **Encyclopedia of world history, ancient, medieval and modern, chronologically arranged** by William L. Langer, c.1948. $5.00
- **Louisa County Iowa Marriages, 1837-1899** $9.00
- **Guide to Photographs in the Western History Collections of the University of Oklahoma** by Kristina L. Southwell $6.00
- **Harold II: The Doomed Saxon King** by Peter Rex $9.00
- **Northern and Western Islands of Scotland: their economy and society in the Seventeenth Century** by Frances J. Shaw $15.00
- **On both sides of the Ocean: a part of Per Hagen’s Journey** $7.00
- **Tracy Log Book 1855; a month in summer: Charles Tracy’s diary on Mount Desert Island [Maine] with original sketches and drawings by Frederic Edwin Church** $4.00
• The three castles: Grosmont Castle, Skenfrith Castle, White Castle [Wales] by Jeremy K. Knight $4.00
• Breaking New Ground: American Women, 1800-1848 by Michael Goldberg $3.00
• Personal Name Index to Orton’s “Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion $15.00
• Limits of Independence: American Women, 1760-1800 by Marylynn Salmon $4.50
• Golden Age of Royalty: Photography from 1858-1930 by Trevor Hall $3.00
• Mission San Gabriel, Two Hundred Years, 1771-1971 $3.00
• Tennessee: the Old River: Frontier to Secession by Donald Davidson $4.00
• Log Book of a Young Immigrant by Laurence M. Larson (Norwegian-American Historical Association $9.00
• Nicholas Rosscarrock’s Lives of the Saints: Cornwall and Devon $9.00
• Book of British Topography: A Classified Catalogue of the topographical works in the Library of the British Museum relating to Great Britain and Ireland by John P. Anderson $6.00
• 1955: Golden Jubilee; Jud, North Dakota, June 24-25 $60.00
• France in the Middle Ages, 987-1460 by Georges Duby $5.50
• English Surnames by C. M. Matthews $4.00
• King Harald’s Saga by Snorri Sturluson $6.00
• New England Merchants in the Seventeenth Century by Bernard Bailyn $7.50
• 300 Jahre Pfalzer in Amerika/300 years Palatines in America by Roland Paul $15.00
• Missouri Pioneers County and Genealogical Records volume VI $10.00
• Missouri Pioneers County and Genealogical Records, volume XVIII $10.00
• Missouri Pioneers County and Genealogical Records, volume XIX $10.00
• Missouri Pioneers County and Genealogical Records, volume XXII $10.00
• Missouri Pioneers County and Genealogical Records, volume XXV $10.00
• Missouri Pioneers County and Genealogical Records, volume XXVII $10.00
• Missouri Pioneers County and Genealogical [sic] Records, volume XXX $15.00
• Fairbairn’s Crests of the Leading Families in Great Britain and Ireland by James Fairbairn c.1911 $35.00