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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. 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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LIBRARY HOURS

The Jackson County Genealogy Library is temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

The RVGS eNews



CLASSES & EVENTS

The following RVGS classes and events are all offered via Zoom.

- Most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Programs & Classes** menu on our [website](#). **Registration closes for most events 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.
- For more details, [click here](#) to view our website calendar.
- [Click here to find Zoom help](#) on our website.
- All times listed are Pacific Time Zone.



Registration Now Open!

Monday, May 10, 9:30 AM - Noon, Board Meeting

All members are welcome to attend. Free to all. Email webmaster@rvgslibrary.org for a Zoom link.

Monday, May 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, "Introduction to Canadian Research and Resources"



Kathy Griffin will lead this class. If your family story includes ancestors who emigrated from Canada to the United States, this class may help you find out when and where they arrived in Canada, where they were born, where they lived, and what they did on the way to the

United States. The class will explore resources available to trace your Canadian ancestors, with a focus on the Library and Archives of Canada and its wealth of information. We will talk about how to access the Archives, which includes – Birth, Marriage, and death records – Census records – Immigration records – Military records – Much more. We will also look at resources available here in the United States.

Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members

Tuesday, May 11, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, German Interest Group

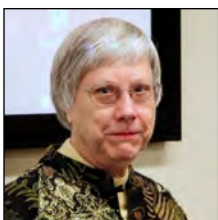
This group is facilitated by Mary Robsman.

Tuesday, May 11, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using "Family Tree Maker" software.

Wednesday, May 12, 10:30 - 12:00 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Jeff Roberts.



Thursday, May 13, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, "Introduction to Genealogy"

Anne Billeter will teach this class for genealogy beginners: how to start, forms to use, documentation to seek, helpful

clues, FamilySearch and subscription websites, online library catalogs, and why deduction is important. Cost: \$5 for all.

Saturday, May 15, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, "Brick Wall Roundtable" with Jan Dole.

This discussion is open to all. Bring your questions, your puzzles, your brick walls, and we will put our heads together to see if we can find a way to get you closer to your goal. You don't even have to have a "wall" to join us. We welcome you anyway and who knows? You may have a nugget that would help someone else. Cost: Free to all

Tuesday, May 18, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program & Member Meeting: "Ben Truwe's Southern Oregon History Website"



After a brief member meeting, Southern Oregon historian Ben Truwe will share his website, *Southern Oregon History, Revised*. The site contains nine hundred pages of Southern Oregon history, almost

exclusively transcriptions of primary and secondary

sources with emphasis on 1850's Rogue Valley and early Medford history. From a modest beginning, Ben's website has greatly expanded in quantity and regional reach. Check it out at <http://truwe.sohs.org/files/index.html>. Cost: Free for all.

Wednesday, May 19, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon, "Mapping Your Ancestors"



In this class, Jeanne Hoadley will review the types of maps that may be useful to a genealogist, including an overview of the map collection at the Jackson County Genealogy Library.

The class will take a look at

the David Rumsey Collection of Historical Maps and discuss how these can be used to help tell your ancestor's story. Finally, we will have a lesson in understanding the Public Land Survey System with case studies showing how to locate your ancestor's homestead on a topographic map. Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Monday, May 24, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, DNA Class Series: "Color Clustering Plus"



Learn what color clustering is and how to do it. You will see tools Lorita Cushman has developed to enhance color clustering. We will take time in class to work on your DNA color

clustering. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Tuesday, May 25, 1:30 - 2:30 PM, Heirloom Genealogy - "Finding Friends in Talent"

Jan Wright will present this talk. Who knows you best? Is it your family or your friends? An example of how genealogical research can sometimes be productive through associations outside of the family will be revealed through a 1937 friendship quilt from Talent, Oregon. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.



Thursday, June 3, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program: "PowerPoint Basics" with Cheryl Azevedo Johnson

In this FREE program, you will learn the steps to create a basic PowerPoint slide deck. Learn how

to add new slides, photos, change formatting, and run the slide show. Sharing your slides via Zoom screen share will also be covered. Cost: Free for all.

Friday, June 4, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Class: "Using MyHeritage Library Edition for Research"



Are you looking for a new research option other than Ancestry and FamilySearch? Join us as Kim Thurman will demonstrate how to effectively utilize the numerous records found on MyHeritage Library

Edition. Both catalog browsing and search strategies will be demonstrated, as well as a review of records you may not find anywhere else. MyHeritage is particularly useful for Scandinavian and European research, so prepare to expand your research horizons with us! Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Saturday, June 12, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM: "Finding Your Native American Ancestors" with Kate Eakman



One of the most cherished beliefs in US Genealogical research is the presence of a Native American in our past. In this class we will walk through the key first steps used to determine if there is a Native American in your ancestry.

These steps include examining your family stories, tracing your lineage to that specific person; noting race/color in birth, marriage, death, and census records; the geography of a particular tribe; the history of that tribe; and comparing the facts of your family's story. There will be two sessions with a 30-minute lunch break between them. Registrants may submit questions on the registration form up to June 5. Cost: \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members.

Tuesday, June 15, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting: "History of Your House and Neighborhood"



Betsy J. Green has been a writer for more than 25 years. As a freelancer, she contributes articles to newspapers and magazines in the U.S. and abroad. She specializes in writing about local history, architecture, and the

environment. She researched and wrote about the history of more than 85 homes and was responsible for nominating five properties to the National Register of Historic Places. In 2020, she began writing "The Best House Detective" column for The Santa Barbara Independent weekly paper. Green is a former associate editor of Reader's Digest and staff editor of *World Book Encyclopedia*. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, June 22, 1:30 - 2:30 PM, Heirloom Genealogy Case Study: "Maryum's Yellow Rose"



"Maryum's Yellow Rose" is a quilt, a book, a rose, and John and Maryum McKee's local pioneer life story. Anne Billeter will explore how much of the story can be documented. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Save the Date

Saturday, September 25, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Seminar: North American Migration: In, Out, and Across with Tricia Oberndorf.

Local Happenings

Wednesday, May 5, Noon – 1:00 PM, Windows in Time: "Scandals from the Oregon Railways, 1884-1923" by Sue DeMarinis

The 1880s arrival of the railroad to Southern Oregon brought many lifestyle changes and advantages to our small, then isolated communities. However, Sue DeMarinis, a local Ashland author, has dug deeper to expose the scandals that also linked the rails to little

known history. Collaborating information from County documents, historic newspapers, and ancestry records, Sue uncovered mostly forgotten historical events and characters that shaped the foundation of our Southern Oregon Valley. Presented via zoom by Southern Oregon Historical Society and Jackson County Library Services. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for this FREE event.

Wednesday, June 2, Noon – 1:00 PM, Windows in Time: "Ten Quirky Things to Know About Historic Ashland" by Peter Finkle



Ashland began in the 1850s as a mill town and an agricultural town. The town boomed when the railroad came to Ashland in the 1880s, connecting the region with Portland, San Francisco, and markets far beyond. From "You won't believe what kids sold at the railroad depot" to "a fifth-generation local family business," Peter Finkle will recount little-known tales, most from the late 1800s and early 1900s, with six of the ten quirky stories reflecting the railroad's influence on Ashland. Presented via zoom by Southern Oregon Historical Society and Jackson County Library Services. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for this FREE event.

Virtual Opportunities

April 1 - May 31, Virtual NERGC 2021, "Springing from the Past into the Future"



Springing From the Past
Into the Future

The traditional NERGC (New England Regional Genealogical Consortium) conference is a three-day event. The virtual event will have three Gathering Days with scheduled presentations and a live chat with the featured speakers. In addition to the Gathering Days, there are three additional 'tracks,' at an additional cost to attendees that will occur on Saturdays. Each is a set of four presentations as well as a speaker's

panel discussion on a specific topic. Another aspect of the Virtual NERGC 2021 is a set of 60 additional presentations that are recorded and available 'on-demand' until May 31, 2021. Additional activities throughout the 61 days include – SIG's, Ancestor Road Show, Society Fair, Library & Archive, and Exhibit Hall, open 24x7 for 61 days, with many vendors opting to include scheduled appointments and/or video chats as optional activities at their booths. [Click here for more information.](#)

May 2021, Family History Library Class Calendar

Whether you're a FamilySearch beginner or you're looking for more advanced topics, the Family History Library offers free classes every month for anyone who wants to learn more. [Click here for the full schedule.](#)



May 7 - 8, 2021 Heartland Family History Conference, "Finding New Connections"

The Heartland Family History Conference will be hosting a virtual event again this year, with two days of "live" programming on May 7-8, followed by 90 days of on-demand access to recorded content, their virtual exhibit hall, and participant networking opportunities. The featured speaker this year is Billie Stone Fogarty, who will be presenting four sessions. In addition, they will be offering more than 30 breakout sessions presented by regional, national, and international speakers. More details and registration information can be found on the [conference website.](#)

May 15, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Pacific Time, Seattle Genealogical Society Spring Seminar: "A Day of English Research" with Paul Milner

Are you knocking on the right door? Do you know where to search next? If you're seeking ancestors in England and throughout the United Kingdom, this event is aimed at bolstering your knowledge of how and where to research across the pond. [Click here to](#)

register online. [Click here for more information](#). For questions or assistance email Elizabeth at seminar@seagensoc.org.

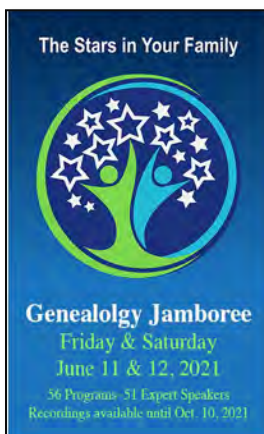
June 4 - 5, Genetic Genealogy 2021 “The Genes in Your Family”



DNA testing is an increasingly popular tool for genealogists. Learn the difference between autosomal DNA, mtDNA and Y-DNA and which tool is useful for what type of investigation. There will be presentations from AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, Living DNA and MyHeritage DNA. The keynoter will be blogger Roberta Estes, MBA. Other notables

presenting include Maurice J. Gleeson, MD of Genetic Genealogy Ireland, Leah La Perle Larkin, PhD, creator of WATO, and DNA authors Emily Aulicino, MED, and Richard Hill, MBA.

June 11 - 12, Jamboree 2021 “The Stars in Your Family”



The 51st Genealogy Jamboree brings you nationally known speakers keeping you in touch with the latest developments in the field of genealogy. From coast to coast, from North to South, from our neighbors - Canada and Mexico - and from the Old World, our speakers can help you find your ancestors' lives and stories. You'll be able to learn from

many tried-and-true speakers and get surprising insights from speakers who are new to Jamboree. Visit <https://genealogyjamboree.com/> for complete details on both virtual seminars.

Saturday, June 19, Noon Eastern Time, Free Polish Genealogy Lecture presented by the Polish American Foundation: “The Story Behind the Family Crest” with Tadeusz Pilat.

Each family crest tells a story. This lecture will cover



a brief history of the Polish Heraldry along with a detailed review of the elements and guidelines that make up a family crest. Even though family crests are no longer officially registered in Poland,

anyone can create their own Polish Family Crest by utilizing this knowledge of the elements and guidelines behind each crest. Tadeusz Pilat is a genealogist, historian, and artist. His master's degree work included the study of family crests. He hand paints family crests, both original registered and newly created, by special order. To register for the lecture, email dorenaw@paf-ct.org. For more information: www.paf-welcomehome.org.

RVGS NEWS

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to George Phillips, the newest member of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society!

RVGS eNews Subscriptions

New RVGS members are automatically subscribed to the eNews mailing list. If you are not a member, you can [subscribe by clicking here](#). If you choose to unsubscribe through Constant Contact, be advised that RVGS will not be able to send you ANY emails, including those for classes and events. Instead, email webmaster@rvgslibrary.org to have your name removed from the eNews list but remain in our database for other mailings.



RVGS Family History Library Research Trip Scheduled

As we look towards a more normal future, many RVGS members and friends are making plans to research the comprehensive genealogical collection at the Salt Lake City Family History Library this coming October 3 through 10.

There are still a few SLC Plaza Hotel rooms available for our attending members. Now is the time to reserve your room. Just call the Plaza Hotel at 1-800-366-3684 before September 1st. Be sure to ask for your discounted Rogue Valley Genealogical Society rate. For more information contact Ann Baracker at abaracker@gmail.com. Ann will keep those who are planning to go up to date with FHL opening announcements as they become available. No concrete opening date has been published at this time. Keep your fingers crossed. Hope to see you at the Family History Library in October.

Terrific Offer for RVGS Members



Our various RVGS interest groups continue to meet virtually to learn and share information. At our recent German Interest Group (GIG) Zoom meeting, German translator Theresa Berns shared her webinar, “11 Tips to Help You

Decipher German Church Records.” Several GIG members have successfully used her tips and translation services.

Theresa has made a special offer for all RVGS members needing German translation. Theresa is offering a 25% discount on first-time transcription and translation services for all RVGS members. This offer is only good until July 1, 2021. Contact information can be found on the webinar handout and on Theresa's website <https://www.tb-translations.com>. You can also find her information on the GIG Resource webpage at rvgslibrary.org > Programs & Classes > About Our Interest Groups > Visit the GIG resource page. Mary Robsman, GIG facilitator, will work with Theresa Berns to validate that individuals using the discount are current RVGS members.

Access to Newspapers.com Through American Ancestors Extended

FREE access to Newspapers.com World Collection

through AmericanAncestors.org has been extended to June 30, 2021. To access Newspapers.com, follow these steps:



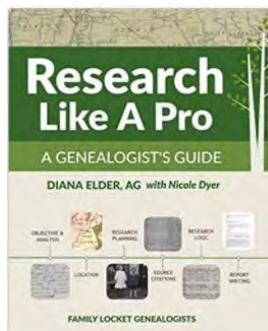
1. Log in to www.rvgslibrary.org.
2. Log in to American Ancestors using the link on the rvgslibrary.org homepage and following the instructions on the next page.
3. Once in American Ancestors, click on the **SEARCH** tab right under the logo.
4. On the pop-up menu, click on **Special Interest Databases**.
5. On the **Library Databases From Home** page, click on **ProQuest Databases**.
6. Click in the box for “I’m not a robot”, then click **Continue**.
7. Click on **Newspaper.com - World Collection**.

Program by Deb Root Shell at the RVGS General Meeting April 20, 2021

By Andrea Patterson

Deb Shell, researcher and current President of the Greater Cleveland, Ohio, Genealogical Society, presented “Mistaken Roots: A Cautionary Tale” on April 20th. Deb described how she questioned the conclusions of others, even cousins, leading her on a path to new results **with sources**. She researched all four brothers and children. She demonstrated that by using original records, census analysis, and DNA results, the evidence gave her Oliver Root, her 4th great-grandfather. Now, with a proven ancestor, she could go forward. Lesson learned, don’t spend years on your incorrect, unsourced ancestor! Thank you, Deb.

Another Successful RVGS Virtual Seminar



By Andrea Patterson

Author Diana Elder, AG of Family Locket Genealogists was guest lecturer for Rogue Valley Genealogical Society’s April 24th seminar, “Research Like a Pro.” In the morning

sessions, Diana clearly laid out the steps for a successful genealogy project: stating objectives, analyzing information, and proceeding throughout the project with specific planning. The afternoon sessions covered probate and tax records. Probates can be quite complicated and knowing the legal descriptions and location of these records is the key to success. Who knew to give a 20-year span in searching for probates of an ancestor? Diana challenged the audience to offer responses to her questions, engaging and keeping everyone thinking. The virtual classes went by quickly and now it's time to get to the lessons learned!

The three door prize drawings included two wonderful books and a certificate for free admission to Southern California Genealogical Society's Genealogy Jamboree June 11-12. [Click here](#) for more information.

A big thank you to our Education Committee and webmaster. The day went smoothly. The group consensus was to have Diana return for future presentations.

Watch our eNews, website, and Facebook page for information about the September 25th seminar with Tricia Oberndorf, who will present classes on Colonial Migration to North America, Expansion of a New Nation, Fulfilling Manifest Destiny and Migration Research and Resources.

Scholarship News



By Marilyn Ayres

We are happy to announce that Grace Feagan, a Senior at Eagle Point High School, has been

selected as this year's recipient of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Scholarship. Grace has selected Southern Oregon University with a planned field of study in Health Care. She is interested in mental health, wellness in general, and jobs in care giving.

In high school, Grace was an Eagle Point High School Link Leader, a member of the National Honor Society, in the Concert and Marching Bands, an FFA chapter member, competed in volleyball and varsity wrestling, all while maintaining a high GPA.

While doing her course work in high school, Grace has also been working full time. While working with elders at Table Rock Memory Center, guiding the residents, assisting with eating and hygiene, listening to concerns, and serving as a companion, she has gained compassion and finds nurturing others to be fulfilling. Grace also volunteers one day a week, driving 35 miles to a neighboring town, to help a senior citizen who needs constant care.

We hope that when the Jackson County Genealogy Library reopens our members will be able to meet Grace in person at one of our monthly member meetings, congratulate her on her achievements, and hear about her future plans.

This is the sixth year that RVGS has awarded a scholarship to a student who attends high school and is a resident of Jackson County, Oregon. This year's scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500. RVGS began the scholarship program as a community outreach as part of our 50th anniversary as a genealogical society here in the Rogue Valley. If you are interested in supporting this program by donating toward its continuance, please indicate High School Scholarship on your donation when giving to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society.

The RVGS Scholarship Committee, Marilyn Ayres, Lynn Leissler, Alan Marion, Jack Patterson, and Chloe Sternola.

Board of Directors Openings

Are you looking for an opportunity to be more involved with the society and meet new people who share your interest in genealogy? We have openings for both Treasurer and Volunteer Director that may be just right for you! These positions are appointed by the President with



the approval of the Board, is a voting member of the Board, and the term is one year. Our current Treasurer will provide training for the successful candidate prior to appointment, while the Volunteer Director is open for immediate placement. If you are interested, contact Kim Thurman at president@rvgslibrary.org.

Love to Research?

If you are interested in helping a fellow member with growing their family tree during this time, of library closure, we would be happy to connect you with those in need. If you can help, just [click here to fill out the Volunteer Application](#) on our website. Be sure to put “family research” in the “Other skills?” box.

JCGL NEWS

Library Services available to RVGS members:

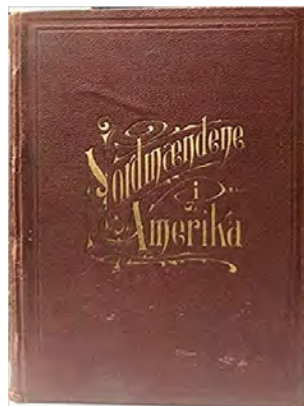
- **Check out** circulating books (Circ) and magazines (up to 4 at a time for 2 weeks)
- **Lookups:** in a book or other item in the Jackson County Genealogy Library [catalog](#)
- **Lookups:** familysearch.org images only available at a FamilySearch affiliate library
- **Lookups:** If you DON'T have a computer or internet access, a JCGL volunteer will look up a *specific* item for you on our seven subscription websites: American Ancestors, Ancestry, FindMyPast, Fold3, HistoryGeo, MyHeritage, and Newspapers.com Oregon Collection.

Email reception@rvgslibrary.org with your specific request.

Martin Ulvestad

By Anne Billeter

An unusual two-volume set was added to the Jackson County Genealogy Library in 2020: “Nordmaendene I Amerika, deres historie og Rekord” which translates from the Norwegian as “Norwegians in America, their history and



record.” (973 H388 Ulv)
The books are in Norwegian. Thanks to a very kind volunteer, the short section of the book about Norwegians in Oregon has been translated, typed, and tipped into the book.

The real surprise is that the author, Martin Ulvestad,

lived in Jackson County, Oregon, for a brief period while he was compiling these books, and even established a post office here. When he applied for the post office on 17 June 1904, he omitted the “e” from his surname, requesting that the name of the post office be “Ulvstad.” Thanks to Ben Truwe and the SOHS (Southern Oregon Historical Society), the 3 page application is digitally available at <http://sohs.org/content/ulvstad-post-office>, including the map showing the location of Ulvstad 13 ½ miles northeast of Trail just above where SugarPine Creek flows into Elk Creek (southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 32 South, Range 1 East). On the application Ulvestad notes the population is “about 30 now, but people are settling down quite fast.” Ulvestad served as the postmaster from 16 Jul 1904 to 4 Oct 1905. During that time, he contributed a newsy article about “Ulvstad” which appeared in the *Medford Mail* newspaper on 5 May 1905, p. 8. (Thanks to Ben Truwe for locating and transcribing the article.) An excerpt states, “The growth of the population has done good in many respects and the influence of law-abiding, industrious class of citizens is plainly evident. If we only had a church, religious services and longer terms of schools, we would be more satisfied. It is too early, though, to expect those things; they will come with the progress of the settlement. Such things take time.” [accessed on Newspapers.com, 29 Jan 2021]

Who was Martin Ulvestad? He was the son of Peder Olsen Ulvestad (1825-1918) and Alexandrine Knudsdatter (1824-1894) and was born in Volda municipality in More og Romsdal, Norway on 24 Dec 1865. He immigrated to the United States in 1886, and in 1893 married Gertrude Myklebust. They had

one son. After her death in 1901 he married her cousin, Hannah Oss. They had six children. Martin Ulvestad died in 1942 in Seattle. He was a pioneer in documenting the early history of Norwegian settlers in America.

New Records Added to Our Accessible Subscription Websites (Partial List*)

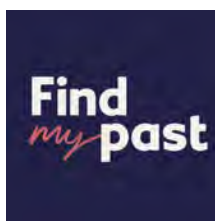
Ancestry

- Confederate Officers Card Index, 1861-1865
- Arkansas Ex-Confederate Pension Records, 1891-1939
- Illinois, Macon County, Decatur Public Library Obituaries, 1879-2007
- Montana, Beaverhead County Records, 1862-2009
- Nebraska, Index to Deaths, 1904-1955
- Nebraska, Index to Marriages, 1909-1955



FindMyPast

- England: Burials, Norfolk 1937 Baptisms, Norfolk Banns & Marriages from 1921
- England & Wales Deaths 2007-2020
- UK Electoral Registers & Companies House Directors
- US: Ohio: Cincinnati Roman Catholic Parish Registers



FamilySearch.org

- England, Middlesex Parish Registers, 1539-1988
- US: Illinois, Cook County, Birth Certificates, 1871-1949, Index to images. Images can be accessed at a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. RVGS members may request an image by emailing reception@rvgslibrary.org with film number, image number and name of person.



*To see the list of updated and new record sets, on FamilySearch go to "Records" > "Browse all Published Collections," click twice on the right-hand column heading "Last Updated" and you will see the

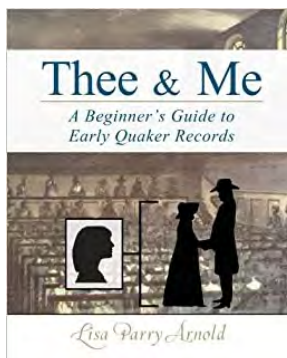
list of the most recent updates and additions.

128 New Books and 8 CD-ROMs Added to JCGL in April



136 new items were added to the JCGL collection in April, including 21 Virginia (975.5), 20 New York (974.7), 16 Massachusetts (974.4), 15 California (979.4), 13 Pennsylvania (979.8), and a quite a few about states not listed as often: New Jersey (974.9), Maryland (975.2), Delaware (975.1), West Virginia (975.4), and Arizona (979.1). [Click here to see the complete 13-page list.](#) **Remember, books with "Circ" at the beginning of the call number may be checked out** by emailing reception@rvgslibrary.org to arrange a time to pick them up at the Genealogy Library.

Worthy of special mention is the book by Ernst Hoyer entitled *Heimatbuch Borodino und Friedrichsfeld*. In German, it relates the history of the former German villages of Borodino and Friedrichsfeld, Bessarabia, Russia, now Odessa Province, Ukraine. It contains plans of the colony, plan of the vicinity, and a map of German settlements in Bessarabia.

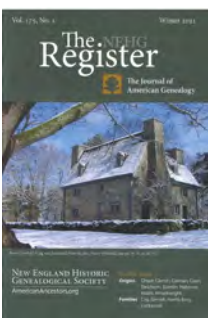


Two books about Quakers recommended at the recent Quaker seminar have also been added to the collection, both circulating books. *Thee & Me: A Beginner's Guide to Early Quaker Records* by Lisa Parry Arnold (Circ 289.6 Arn) is an excellent guide for the 50% of Americans who are likely to have a Quaker ancestor! She first provides a quick guide to the genealogy research project, useful for ANY genealogy beginners, whether they have Quaker ancestors or not. She then provides an invaluable historical guide to the Quaker religious movement, including an explanation and guide to the major schisms, with how the schisms affect the search for records. The fact that Quakers were authorized by the various governments to record

their own vital records *and NOT report them to the civil authorities (i.e., government)*, makes the search for Quaker vital records an essential part of the search for Quaker ancestors. The author was a major part of the development of the Quaker Collections on Ancestry.com and provides a step-by-case study to using them effectively.

Quakers in America by Thomas D. Hamm (Circ 289.6 Ham) is a very different book, providing a more in-depth history of the Quakers, then providing a detailed presentation of Quakers in America in the twentieth century: the broad variety of their religious beliefs and practices, their impact on the world, and the role of women, marriage, and family. This is a more academic, well-footnoted approach, which is well-written, informative, and engaging.

New Periodicals



The New England Historical and Genealogical Register

974 G242 NEHGS Winter 2021

Thomasine (Clench) Frost of the Great Migration; Sarah (Gerrish) King (1714-1798), Salem, MA; Aquila and Thomas Chase (MA); Robert Gamlin of Roxbury and Concord MA; Early Cram,

Dearborn, Haborne, and Wheelwright records from Lincolnshire; Robert Harris of Roxbury and Muddy River MA; David Coy family of Oneida county, NY; Theophilus Lockwood (CT, NY); Thomas and William Hatch (MA); John Thorndike of Essex county MA.

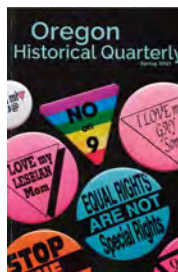


Colorado Genealogist, Colorado Genealogical Society

Circ 978.8 P273 Col Feb 2021

The issue is devoted to an index to the family Bible records that the *Colorado Genealogist* has published over the past years.

Happily, our library holds a nearly complete set of this publication since 1983 so you will only have to email reception@rvgslibrary.org to request a scan of specific pages if you find something you need.



Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society

Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ Spring 2021

The rise and fall of “No Special Rights” [for gays]; Chinese religion in John Day; White supremacy in Oregon history; and Finnish

Evangelical Lutheran Church 1904 confirmation class.

New to the Surplus Book 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 members to have first chance! 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 by arrangement.

Surplus Sale books for May 2021 eNews:

- *History of the old township of Dunstable including Nashua, Nashville, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield and Merrimac, N.H.; Dunstable and Tyngsborough, Mass.* By Charles J. Fox. Orig 1846; facsimile reprint, 6 pages per page.
- *Schoonmaker Family: Descendants of Hendrick Jochemsz Schoonmaker, 1624-1683* by Ruth P. Heidgerd (Part 1) and Heidgerd and William M. Shoemaker II (Parts 2-4) \$75.00
- *Standard Dictionary of Facts* by Henry W. Ruoff, 1917 \$9.00
- *First Puritan Settlers of Connecticut* by Royal R. Hinman, NEHGS, \$21.00
- *New England Town, the First Hundred Years* by Kenneth A. Lockridge \$6.00
- *Original Scots Colonists of Early America, 1612-1783* by David Dobson \$21.00
- *Boston Taxpayers in 1821* edited and indexed by Lewis Bunker Rohrbach \$12.00
- *Nova Scotia Immigrants to 1867* by Leonard H. Smith Jr. and Norma H. Smith \$40.00
- *One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families* by John Osborne Austin, orig 1893, repr 1977 hardcover \$78.00
- *Fort Laramie and the Pageant of the West, 1834-1890* by LeRoy R. Hafen and Francis Marion Young \$4.50
- *Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* by Val D. Greenwood, 1973 \$4.00
- *Maps Maps Maps and More Maps* \$5.00
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