MONTHLY NEWS OF THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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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!
Katie Haugse, RVGS President

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**Zoom into an RVGS Interest Group**

Two of our interest groups have restarted using Zoom for their meetings. Join like-minded genealogists at one of these two virtual meetings.

**The Genetic Genealogy Interest Group** meets the second Wednesday of the month from 10:30 AM to Noon. The next virtual meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, at 10:30 AM. If you are not currently a group member, email Jeff Roberts at jeffroberts@pobox.com for an invitation.

**The German Interest Group** meets the second Tuesday of the month from 3:15 - 4:45 PM. The next meeting, via Zoom, will be on Tuesday, July 14 at 3:15 PM. Please register in advance to receive an invitation by emailing Mary Robsman at mrobsman@gmail.com.

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**Looking for Rogue Digger Contributors**

Have you found a technique or resource that has helped you in your research or that might help others? Have you discovered something interesting in local history or genealogy that you would be willing to write about and share with our membership? Have you attended a conference or class in person or virtually that provided valuable information you would like to share?

If so, our publication, The Rogue Digger, needs you! The Rogue Digger is a genealogical periodical that reports information helpful to members and researchers by sharing the results of genealogical investigations, especially those related to the Rogue Valley or to our membership.
Submissions can be a mere page long or up to 10 pages long, with or without photos or illustrations. If you have an idea but don’t quite know how to pull it together, our editor can advise and help. Submissions should be made in Word, 12-point Arial, and photos should be jpegs with a resolution of 300 dpi or better; if that’s "all Greek" to you, our editor can help with that, too!

The deadline for submissions for our next issue is July 31, but submissions before that date are always appreciated! Contact Cara at caradavisjacobson@gmail.com.

**Two NEW Services for Members**

JCGL remains closed…but plans are underway to add **2 NEW SERVICES** 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 of 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](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](http://www.rvgslibrary.org).
NGS Announces Six International and Ethnic Live Workshops
by Kim Thurman, RVGS Vice President

If you are a current member of the National Genealogical Society, six new two-hour workshop sessions have been announced for July 14-17. These sessions were originally slated to be presented at the NGS 2020 Family History Conference, which was moved to a virtual conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The sessions offered include:

- **Reading Italian Records Workshop** – Learn how to read through Italian civil registration records and church records. Remember you don't have to speak it to read it! Fluency in Italian is not required.

- **Hispanic Research Methodology Workshop** – This workshop for beginners will cover basic research guidelines, finding aids, and language helps, along with a case study.

- **Strategies for Locating German Records Workshop** – So you’ve identified your ancestor’s hometown in Germany and are ready to research in German records. This workshop, for those beginning research in Germany, will help you identify what records are available, where they're located, and how to use them effectively.

- **Swedish Research Strategy Workshop** – Learn how to approach common problems and tackle them in an efficient way. Elements will include analysis, translation, records, and prioritizing research steps.

- **Ireland: Discovering Where and How They Lived Workshop** – Ireland is known for difficult research. This workshop will help people understand Irish jurisdictions, as well as key record groups for Irish research.

- **Native American Workshop** – The Native American workshop will concentrate on using 20th century records as the foundation for researching Native American ancestry.

All sessions will be offered through Zoom and are taught by credentialed or accredited genealogists. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from the best in the field!

Deadline for registration is **11:59 p.m. MDT on Tuesday, July 7th**, and **cost is $35 per workshop**. For schedule information and to register, see [https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/special-workshops/](https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/special-workshops/).
Historic Jacksonville Virtual Tours

JACKSONVILLE, OR
Like almost every other cultural organization, Covid-19 has forced Historic Jacksonville, Inc. to cancel all summer events. However, it has also provided an impetus for us to explore alternative ways to share Jacksonville’s storied history. As a result, we have created two new historic Jacksonville virtual tours — “Walk through Jacksonville History” and “Mrs. Beekman Invites You to Call…”

Our virtual “Walk through History” tour is based on the Jacksonville walking tour we introduced last year. Visitors to our Facebook (historicjville) and Instagram (historicjacksonville) pages can sample snippets of local lore every Friday and Saturday. They can also choose to delve deeper into Jacksonville history by visiting our website blog that expands on each tour stop. For example, they can not only learn about multiple escapes from the historic Jackson County Jail, they can also learn about someone actually breaking into it! And can you believe that someone was married in the jail? Or that one of the “inmates” was a stash of illegal liquor?

Over the course of the tour, “inquiring minds” can explore a new location each week as we trace Jacksonville history from the discovery of gold to the coming of the railroad. Join us as we visit government and commercial buildings, fraternal lodges, and homes that capture the stories of Jacksonville’s National Historic Landmark District and the people who transformed a gold rush town into Southern Oregon’s 19th Century social, governmental, and commercial hub.

Then visit the 1873 Cornelius C. Beekman House Museum when “Mrs. Beekman Invites You to Call…” Step back to 1912 Jacksonville when an older Julia Beekman (she prefers not to tell her age), wife of the town’s wealthiest and most prominent pioneer, welcomes you into her virtual home during weekly social calls. Julia is somewhat “house proud” so she does show off a bit while also sharing tidbits from the family’s earlier life and Jacksonville history. Mrs. Beekman is “at home” to guests on Facebook (historicjville) and Instagram (historicjacksonville) on Mondays and Thursdays between three and five. She can also receive visitors on Historic Jacksonville’s website at www.historicjacksonville.org/mrs-beekman-invites-you-to-call.

These new virtual tours are another way for Historic Jacksonville, Inc. to remind the public that history is not the names, dates, places, and battles learned for tests and then promptly forgotten. History is about the people and their stories. Our mission is to bring Jacksonville’s historic buildings to life…and to bring life to that history, and we are delighted to have found an additional venue for doing so!

Additional information on Historic Jacksonville, Inc. virtual tours and other programs and activities is available at 541-245-3650; info@historicjacksonville.org; and www.historicjacksonville.org.
Welcome to our NEW members!
Robert Vacca, Margueritte Hickman, Dan & Evon Carballo, Monica & Joel Weyhe, and Charlena McKnight

RVGS FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RESEARCH TRIP - October 4 to October 11, 2020

Come join your RVGS friends in exploring five floors of research treasures found only in the Family History Library. RVGS has put 15 rooms on hold at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel for the week beginning October 4. Please call the hotel directly at 1-800-366-3684 to reserve your room, asking for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society discounted rate. Several of the group fly Delta directly to Salt Lake City, but connections are also available through Alaska Air and United. To join the trip, reserve your room, schedule your flight, and notify Ann Baracker that you plan to attend by emailing her at abaracker@gmail.com.

German Interest Group on Zoom
by Mary Robsman, Facilitator

Our GIG is again on schedule for meeting the second Tuesday of the month, July 14, 3:15 - 4:45 PM. However, participants stay at home and we meet on our computers. The Zoom way allows us to view each member face-to-face (not strung out along tables), permits only one person to talk at a time (sort of an improvement) and makes sharing information easy (simpler than projecting files onto the library’s TV.)

HINTS:
- Locate your light source so that it does not cast a shadow on your face; body language (not beauty) is important in discussions.
- Pick a quiet spot for this time. (Mary will show you the mute button on the Zoom screen. Also, there is a hand-raising button that is “handy” for discussions.)
- Prepare a file with your document, information, what you want to ask or discuss, etc. (At the meeting you load the file onto your screen and hit the share button. All will see it on their screens. Talking goes on behind the screen.)

Plan to attend this meeting. Register by email to GIG facilitator mrobsman@gmail.com. On July 13 Monday Mary will email Zoom information for joining the group.

July 14 is French Bastille Day. To commemorate, shall we discuss the many French-German connections from Napoleon to the World Wars?

Auf Wiedersehen!
JCGL Subscription Websites Available Online to RVGS Members

For a temporary time due to the pandemic, RVGS members have access to many of our library subscription websites through the RVGS website. American Ancestors, HistoryGeo, Ancestry, Fold3, and MyHeritage Library Editions are all accessible for research after logging in to www.rvgslibrary.org.

To make this happen, all members with valid email addresses have been automatically “subscribed” to our website. This means that members will receive an email when content is added to the website. You can change your subscription preferences at rvgslibrary.org/Subscriptions.asp once you are logged in.

To access the subscription websites from home, follow these steps:

1. Go to our website, www.rvgslibrary.org. Log in by using the Log in link in the top right corner of any page. On the Subscribe to this Website! page, go to the Returning Users box on the left and use your email address for username and your RVGS member number as your password. If you were emailed a password, use it instead. You must use the email address that is registered with RVGS. We have encountered over 20 invalid email addresses in our system with this implementation, and even more members with no email registered with us.

2. If you do not know your member number or would like to change your password, click the Log in link at the top of the screen and click on the orange Forgot your password? button, and enter your email address.

3. Once you are logged in, return to the homepage by using the little house/home icon on the top left navigation bar. Use the Ancestry, Fold3, American Ancestors, HistoryGeo or MyHeritage links on the homepage to access those sites. You will not be able to bookmark these pages as they must be accessed from those links.

If you need assistance, please email webmaster@rvgslibrary.org.

We are excited to be able to bring you five of our six subscription sites at home during this time of social distancing and quarantine. We hope you and your family are safe and healthy.
TECH TIPS: Using ZOOM
By Rich Miles, RVGS Tech Director & Webmaster

As more and more events move to an online presence, RVGS/JCGL will be adding more virtual options for our patrons. Here are some beginner tips for using Zoom to attend your favorite virtual events. For more instruction, check out the many instructional videos for Zoom on YouTube.

Computer Desktop or Laptop

- It is recommended to close any programs on your computer that use your camera like Skype or Facetime.
- Have a headset available if possible, to minimize feedback. Cellphone earbuds with in-line mics as well as over the ear headphones work well. **However, this is not required,** just make sure to minimize background noise like TVs and animals.
- To join the meeting on a **desktop or laptop** you must have a webcam. Most laptops have them built in. Click the link or copy the URL into your browser from the email Zoom invitation you received. The first time you do this, Zoom will load and install a small program. **If you have never done Zoom before, please practice with someone ahead of time.**
- When asked, be sure to join with video and use your device’s audio.
- You should now be joined to the meeting and able to see other participants if the meeting has started. If you are early you might have to wait for the organizer to start the meeting.

Smart Phone or Tablet

- To join the meeting on **iPhone, iPad,** or other “smart” device, download the Zoom app first. Launch the app and tap **Join,** then enter the meeting ID and password and tap Join. **You can also tap on the event link in the email Zoom invitation to activate your app.**
- When using a phone or pad, it is helpful to prop them up rather than holding them. When you hold the device, your hand rubs on it creating background noise, and your arm gets tired after a while.

Zoom Tips

- If you do not see everyone on the screen, tap or click up in the top right-hand corner to change the view to Gallery View instead of Speaker View. If there are more participants that will fit on one screen (especially true on small devices) there is a small arrow at the right side to scroll to other screens. In Speaker View, the person speaking will appear larger on the screen.
- If you hover your mouse over the bottom left corner of the screen, you'll find a microphone button to mute yourself. This is helpful in reducing background noise, just remember to unmute before speaking. While muted, you can hold the spacebar down to temporarily unmute and talk. Releasing the spacebar mutes you again.
- If you can’t hear anyone, be sure your speaker volume is on and turned up.
- Next to the mute button is the Start/Stop Video. If you turn off your Video, your name will appear instead of your video.
• Be sure to arrange the light so your face is lit. If the light is behind you, others may only see a dark silhouette.
• Turn off all TVs, music, etc. Background noise will be amplified, and with a lot of people in "the room" it could get hectic. This goes for barking dogs, talking birds, screaming children, etc.
• Consider what is behind you on camera - a simple, uncluttered background is best.
• If possible, raise your device (computer laptop, tablet, or phone) so the camera is level with your face. Otherwise, people are looking up your nose, which can be distracting!

TECH TIPS: Searching Document Images on FamilySearch
by Kim Thurman, RVGS Vice President

As many of us have turned to online research from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, finding new ways to locate elusive records on the FamilySearch website is like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. According to FamilySearch, their site has over 4 billion images of historical documents, and approximately 80 percent of the records cannot be searched by name since they are unindexed. Imagine the evidence gems to be uncovered! If you haven't fully explored the menu options on FamilySearch, I thought I'd pass along a favorite of mine. This new feature (called "Explore Historical Images") was released in February 2020 and is a fast and easy way to uncover that special source that could help you break down a brick wall.

• Make sure you are logged into your free FamilySearch account! Then, from the FamilySearch home page, click on Search, then select Images from the drop-down menu.
• This feature is driven by "place" for searching. Type in your area of interest by city, county, state, and/or country (a location-assist list will pop up as you type). Select your Place from the list, then click Search Image Groups.
• The search result page will show pertinent records by place and record type, along with an image count for each record group. You can choose from "List View" or "Map View" in the upper right corner below your account name.
• To view images within a record group, click on any of the hyperlinked text for the record.

Reading through unindexed images can be time consuming but considering the number of records that are missing from name searches, it can be extremely fruitful for your research. Keep in mind that in order to be efficient with your time, it's best to have solid knowledge of your ancestor's physical location prior to conducting this type of search.

If you happen to make an exciting find using this approach, we would love to have you share your story in an upcoming eNews. Please send a short explanation to enews@rvgslibrary.org by the 20th of the month and we'll include it in the next month's newsletter. Good luck and happy searching!
New Records Added to Our Accessible Subscription Websites
(Partial List*)

Ancestry.com
- German Concentration Camp Records, 1946-1958 (in German.) This series consists of copies of records which were created by the German Geheime Staatspolizei (Gestapo) during World War II, captured by the U.S. military, and compiled and used after the war by the International Tracing Service and later the Departmental Records Branch's Captured Records Section.
- Hawaii
  Marriage Certificates & Indexes, 1841-1944
  Divorce Records, 1848-1892
  Death Certificates and Indexes, 1841-1942
  Birth Certificates and Indexes, 1841-1944
  Voter Records, 1864-1910
  Birth, Marriages, Death Cards, 1850-1950

MyHeritage
- 1.8 million new Greek historical records:
  Greece, Sparta Marriages 1835–1935
  Greece, Corfu Vital Records, 1841–1932
  Greece, Electoral Rolls 1863–1924

FamilySearch (FREE, just open an account)
- Mexico Marriages, 1570-1950
- New Mexico Marriages, 1751-1918
- Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964

*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.

218 New Books added to JCGL in June 2020

Our Book Committee (Anne Billeter, Marilyn Ayres, and Chloe Sternola) met in June via Zoom. Our catalogers (Sharon Freeburne, Diane Brenner, and Julie Goodwine) are continuing to come more often. The result: 218 new books added to the JCGL collection in June, including 67 Virginia (975.5), 21 North Carolina (975.6), 13 South Carolina (975.7), and 27 Georgia (975.8). That is by no means all of the books, and if you detect a pattern of sequential call numbers, you are correct: the catalogers are helping the book collection shifters (Anne Billeter and Steven Hoolko) by cataloging as many as possible of the new books in Dewey call number order, as it makes the task of shifting the books (expanding into the newly built by Jack Patterson bookcases) much easier. Here are some more of the additions: 15 Texas (976.4) and 29 Tennessee (976.8). This STILL isn’t a complete list. There is something for almost everyone, and many counties are now represented at JCGL for the first time. The complete fifteen-page list can be seen here.
Researching Asian Roots
- One of the new-to-JCGL books adds to our books for those researching their Asian roots. While the list isn't long, it provides a beginning:
  - *World Conference on Records: v.11: Asian and African Family and Local History* (929.11 Wor v.11)
  - *Asian American Genealogical Sourcebook* (929.195 Asi)
  - *In Search of Your Asian Roots: Genealogical Research on Chinese Surnames* by Sheau-yueh J. Chao (929.195 Cha)
  - *Student’s Guide to Chinese American Genealogy* by Colleen She (Circ 951 A101)
  - *Strangers from a Different Shore: a History of Asian Americans* by Ronald Takaki (973 H388 Tak)
  - *Picture Bride Stories* by Barbara F. Kawakami (Circ 996.9 352 Kaw)

Researching African American Roots:
- *Black Genealogy* by Charles L. Blockson (Circ 929.1 Blo)
- *Black Studies: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications* (929.1 Bla)
- *Finding Oprah’s Roots, Finding Your Own* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Circ 929.1 Gat)
- *Black Family Research: Records of Post-Civil War Federal Agencies at the National Archives* by Reginald Washington (929.192 Nat)
- *Black Indian Genealogy Research* by Angela Y. Walton-Raji (970.004 G242 Wal)
- *The Road to Freedom; the Freedmen’s Bureau Records* (973.8 H388 ROA)

Researching Native American Roots:
- JCGL has more resources for Native American research. [Click here for a partial list.](#)

Internet Genealogy Magazine Available for RVGS Members

In addition to our subscription websites, RVGS members are now able to access issues of *Internet Genealogy* magazine from our website. Be sure you are logged in, then just follow the link from the homepage. The pdf files are large, so give them time to download. The June/July issue has just been posted.

New Periodicals Received
Located in the Magazine rack

Circ 929.05 NGSM v.46 (2), April-June 2020

This issue deals with veterans records: Bounty Land Warrant Applications, Hessian soldiers in the Revolutionary War, Immigrants in WWI military naturalizations, Veterans in federal census records, and Quakers and slavery in Philadelphia.

974 G242 NEHGS v.174 Spring 2020
*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*

Mayflower and other pilgrims from Kent, Michael Powell (MA), George Harris (MA), Elizabeth Lazell (Allen) Trowbridge (ME & MA), Leete, Elizabeth Smith whose husband was Samuel Smith.
(MA), Rebecca Star who was wife of Ezra Dibble, Mary Davis (MA), Samuel and Maximillian Boush (VA), and Deacon Edward Collins (MA).

Circ 974 P273 AA v.21 (1), Spring 2020

**American Ancestors. New England Historic Genealogical Society.**
Harriet Tubman; William Calder of Boston; English immigrants to Illinois; report from the Jewish Heritage Center; short notes on Joseph Wright, Yeamans family, and Joseph Hill’s children; and the 2019 annual stakeholder report. Always listed are new databases that can be found on AmericanAncestors.org.

**Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly, Summer 2020**
The issue is about women suffrage nationally and in Oregon; Abigail Scott Duniway; Women and the KKK; (Phoenix resident) Marian Towne; women’s names on local place names; and a list of on-line resources at SOHS.

**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 June:

- **Church cemeteries of Meade, Breckinridge, and Hancock Counties, Kentucky** $10.00
- **Church cemeteries of Breckingridge and Meade Counties, Kentucky** $10.00
- **Wilderness Road Cemeteries** by Robert Foster Johnson $33.00
- **Grow a Family Tree!** By William Dollarhide $7.00
- **Ozarks Country: a collection of articles about folklore, places, people, history and other Ozarks subjects** by Ernie Deane $4.00
- **Falaise Roll recording prominent companions of William Duke of Normandy at the Conquest of England** by M. Jackson Crispin and Leonce Macary $15.00
- **Topographical dictionary of 2885 English emigrants to New England, 1620-1650** by Charles Edward Banks $12.00
- **Some marriages in the burned record counties of Virginia** $7.50
- **Kentucky Genealogy and Biography vol. 1** edited by Westerfield $15.00
- **Kentucky Genealogy and Biography vol. 3** edited by Westerfield $11.00