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Successful Salt Lake City Research Trip



Twenty-three RVGS members and friends traveled to Salt Lake City in April to research at the Family History Center Library. The research week started on Monday evening with a very interesting class on searching for immigration records. Some members of our group were able to put this information to use the very next day with excellent results. One researcher found a ship's passenger list that documented the birth of an ancestor aboard the ship. Many others documented their ancestors through books as well as marriage and census documents to mention a few.

The FHC Library is constantly improving their offerings and it was exciting to see and utilize some of the new technology. One of the impressive innovations is the way that microfilm copies can now be made. It is all computerized so that even very poor film can be adjusted so that the copy is quite legible.

Raindance Tours provided a very pleasant bus trip with an overnight in Winnemucca both coming and going for a chance to win our fortunes. Sorry to say that even though we had fun in the casino, nobody came home rich except in genealogical fellowship and research.

Come Meet the Winners of the Annual Photo Contest!

Come to our General Meeting on Tuesday, 15 June 2010, from 1:30 to 3:30, and meet the winners of the Ancestor Photo Contest!

Where? The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except July, August, and December) from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the OEA/Uniserv Building located at 2495 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford, Oregon. Each gathering consists of a genealogy- or history-related program, a brief break for refreshments, and a business meeting. You'll find a map to the OEA/Uniserv Building on page 17.



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New Members

- Albert Scott
- Tam & Ann Moore
- Monty & Carol Holst
- Dreda Grambow
- Linda Bush (rejoining)
- Sandra Orsini
- Donna Jones
- Susan Grizzle
- Michael Morgan
- Marle Jandreau
- Betty Camner
- Leslie Rooney
- Sharon Dallman
- Dianna Levingston
- Karen Pitton
- Susan Kathleen Moulder
- Chloe Sternola
- Sally Rasmussen (rejoining)
- Allan & Katherine Alsing (rejoining)
- Edith & Charles Carlson
- Larry Meyer
- John C. Wolcott
- John & Jeanette Peterman
- Jon & Christina Olson

Classes & Events



Tuesday, 15 June 2010—1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., General Meeting Program, OEA/ Uniserv Building located at 2495 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, Oregon

Event: Winners of the Photo Contest!

Refreshments will be served.

Cost: Free and open to the public!

Saturday, 31 July 2010—9 a.m., Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon

Event: 2010 Statewide Conference

Contact: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/>

Saturday 16 October 2010—9 a.m., Jackson County Library—Medford/Main branch, 205 South Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon

Event: Special Presentation by Karen Clifford, AG, FUGA, President/CEO of Genealogy Research Associates, Inc.

Contact: <http://www.rvgsociety.org/News.html>

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Lucille B. Dunn

b. 3-29-1930 d. 3-24-2010

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Audrey Alice Berry

b. 11-28-1918 d. 3-28-2010

ATTENTION DESCENDANTS OF JACKSON COUNTY PIONEERS!



A records search for the names of our members having early Jackson County ancestors will begin soon. Your input would help expedite this process. If you or someone you know has relatives who were in Jackson County before 1930, please let me know. Members having been issued pioneer and early settler certificates in the past are of particular interest.

Thanks,
 Chuck Eccleston
cgecc@juno.com



Elizabeth Burton New RVGS Life Member

After moving to the Rogue Valley, Elizabeth discovered “the charm of country cemeteries and learned about them.” Born and raised in Southern California, she began her interest in genealogy and family history at an early age, “pestering her grandparents for stories of when they were young.” Getting more serious about family in her early 20s, she did odd bits of research here and there and gradually added to an expanding database of ancestors.

Elizabeth says she was always able to find a library whether she lived back East, in California, or right here in Southern Oregon. It is her desire to find that proverbial pot of gold so

that she can explore what she loves full time—libraries to do research in and cemeteries to haunt!

In addition to her Life Membership with RVGS, she is a Life Member of the Ohio Genealogical Society, a member of NSDAR, the National Genealogical Society, and the Association of Professional Genealogists. She has contributed to local historical websites and has been a valuable volunteer for RVGS and our library. Thank you, Elizabeth, for your interest and support in our society!

Are You Interested In Becoming a Life or Life Benefactor Member?

Life and Life Benefactor memberships include all of the privileges of an annual membership. The portion of the fee going to the **Endowment Fund** is tax deductible for income tax purposes. A **Life and Life Benefactor** membership expires at the death of the donor and cannot be transferred.

Life Membership also includes special recognition in Society publications. The fee is \$500 for each individual, \$300 toward fees and \$200 to the **Endowment Fund**.

Life Benefactor Membership also includes recognition on a special plaque in the Library and voting rights as a Life Trustee on the Board of Directors when in attendance at any Board meeting. The fee is \$5,000 for each individual, \$300 toward fees and \$4,700 to the **Endowment Fund**.

If you want to become a **Life or Life Benefactor** member, please fill out the form below and hand deliver it to the Library at 95 Houston Road in Phoenix or mail it to P.O. Box 1468, Phoenix, OR, 97535, with a check payable to RVGS. Or you can log on to <http://www.rvgslibrary.org> and click on “Donate “at the bottom of the first page to pay with your credit card.

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Make Plans to Attend!

The Genealogical Council of Oregon (GCO) announces the 2010 statewide conference. It will be held Saturday, 31 July 2010, at [Lane Community College](http://www.lanecc.edu) in Eugene, Oregon.

RVGS's very own Barbara Basden and Melinda Henningfield will lecture on "Googling Your Genealogy Plus."

There will be several dozen other concurrent lectures as well as the popular "Ask the Experts" sessions. A packed vendor area is also planned for this summer genealogical festival. The sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning (CML).

To register go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/>

The featured speaker is Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA. She is a distinguished and internationally-recognized genealogy expert, speaker, author, and researcher. Elizabeth Mills is often called the first lady of genealogy. She was editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and president of both the Board for Certification of Genealogists and the American Society of Genealogists. She teaches the Advanced Research Methodology track at the Samford University Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research. Her best-known books are *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*; *Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers & Librarians*; and *Isle of Canes*.

Elizabeth's popular lectures appeal to the full range of genealogical expertise. Her four lectures for this conference are as follows:

- The Elusive Ancestor: There's No Such Thing as "Too Poor to Trace"
- Sources & Citations Simplified: From Memorabilia to Digital Data to DNA

(continued, next column)

- The Identity Crisis: Right Name, Wrong Man? Wrong Name, Right Man?
- Okay, I Got the Neighbors – Now What Do I Do with Them?

Join us for this exciting day of genealogical presentations, vendors and exhibitors, and great genealogical treasures.

Internet News



Changes in the Website Menu: The Website Menu on the computers at the library gives you access to subscription sites such as Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Footnote, Genealogy Bank, etc. The Website Menu is now the home page in Internet Explorer. For example, if you are in Heritage Quest and want to go to Ancestry, you can click on Home (the house icon on the toolbar) to return to the Website Menu, and then select Ancestry. As before, you can also click on the Website Menu icon on the computer desktop to get back to the Website Menu, but going to Home should be more convenient for you. For access to the subscription sites, just click on the site name, e.g., Genealogy Bank, and then login, if necessary, because the username and password have been saved for you.

Changes in Favorites: Again, at the library computers, via Internet Explorer, thousands of genealogy sites recently suggested by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City can be accessed from the Favorites bar (look to the right of the word *Favorites* for the star with a green arrow on it). Click on one of the categories—e.g., US & Canada—to explore the many sites available to you for specific locations, such as counties and provinces. If you have hit a brick wall, you may be able to find that key bit of information on one of these sites.



FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR . . .

In this highly competitive world of nonprofits, our ability to grow in quality and reputation can be directly related to our financial resources. RVGS is one of the most financially healthy nonprofits in Southern Oregon, thanks in large part to our dedicated membership.

RVGS ENDOWMENT PARTNERS WITH THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In 2007, RVGS established an Endowment Fund with funds from memorial gifts of \$5,800 honoring three former members. This year the Board took an important step toward long-term financial security by transferring our Endowment Fund of \$29,072 to The Oregon Community Foundation as an Endowment Partner. Partnering with OCF has immediate advantages for RVGS including a professionally managed investment program. The Board has decided that no distributions will be taken from the Endowment Fund until after May 2012.

Please bear in mind that the Endowment is a **permanent fund** and your gifts to it, in any amount at any time, will be held in perpetuity for the sole benefit of RVGS. Endowment support is one of the most important ways to guarantee the future of RVGS and the Jackson County Genealogy Library for generations to come. Please contact Karen Asche if you want to learn more about Endowment gifts and how gifts from your estate can leave a lasting legacy (541-734-3147 or kfasche@gmail.com).

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Memberships, research fees and our annual fund drive provide the funds needed for our day-to-day operations, including utilities, collection development and preservation, and educational efforts. These are the unseen, unglamorous expenses of RVGS that actually keep the Library doors open and the wheels turning, and allow us to improve on our status in the genealogical world. This year, since we also have a building fund campaign in progress, you have the opportunity to designate how you would like RVGS to use your annual gift—for current operating expenses, for future operating expenses through the Endowment, or for our physical growth through the *Pledge for the Future* Building Fund campaign.

A big *THANK YOU* to our members donating to this year's Annual Fund Drive goal of \$8,500!

Silver Club—Junelle Benedict, Barbara McMillin, Meredith Perry

Golden Club—Mr. & Mrs. Allen Alsing, Mary Amaro, Karen Asche, Linda Carr, Lloyd & Muriel Gathright, Linda Hildreth, Barbara Middaugh, Mary Jo Mueggler, Wanda Perdue, Shirley Rhodes, Linda & Bob Turner, Rod Witham, Vicki Bryden, Ken Clarke, Bon Dysart, Chuck and Colleen Eccleston, Monty & Carol Holst, Marle Jandreau, Alan Marion, Doris Sjolund, Breta Smith, Pat Stancel

Century Club—Melinda Henningfield, Anonymous, Carol Barker, Marion Gill, Lawrence Horton, Jean Maack, Connie Miller, Bonnie Nichols, Andrea Patterson, John & Janie Stewart, Charley & Jeanena Wilson, Anne Billeter, Sheila Kimball

OUR *Pledge for the Future* BUILDING FUND

The Facility Planning Committee continues its work on investigating the pros and cons of expanding our current building versus purchase of another larger building. Given these difficult economic times, the financial aspects of this process are extremely important. As of the end of April, RVGS has received pledges and donations to the Building Fund totaling over \$60,000. We need the financial support of all members to achieve, and hopefully exceed, our goal of \$100,000. You, our members, are the people who will benefit the most from a larger Library. Please pledge or donate what you can.

And there's nothing wrong with raising more than our stated goals!!



Obits: Did You Know?

RVGS volunteers have collected and indexed Jackson County obituaries for many years and continue to do so. The results are many happy researchers and continuing income for RVGS. But did you know that most of the women's obituaries are indexed twice or more: once by their present surname, once for each former married name, and once by their maiden name, even when these other names are not part of the name at the top of the obituary?

Would You Like To Help?

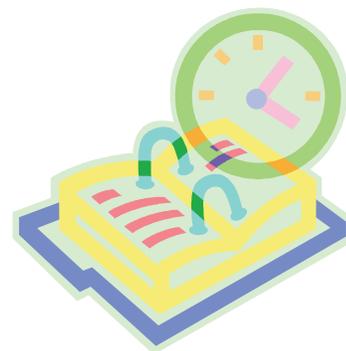
RVGS is always looking for volunteers to fill the obituary gaps from earlier years. If you are interested, contact Volunteer Coordinator Chuck Eccleston at 541-776-0778 or cgecc@juno.com.

Special Presentation in October! Save the Date!

Seating will be limited and you'll want to book early!

When: 16 October 2010; 9:00 am; four informative classes

Where: Jackson County Library – Medford Branch, 205 South Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon



For registration and topics log on to www.rvgsociety.org/News.html

Guest Speaker: Karen Clifford, is an Accredited Genealogist Professional (AG), and a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA). She is President/CEO of Genealogy Research Associates, Inc. www.GRAonline.com; and a part-time faculty member, Distance Education Instructor, in Family History Studies, under the Library Department at Monterey Peninsula College. She has authored 7 college textbooks on genealogy and credentialing in genealogy, and numerous family histories. She serves as Co-Chair of the Testing Committee of the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (one of the two major credentialing bodies for genealogists in the United States, see <http://www.ICAPGen.org>). She served 10 years on the board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and was the founding President of the Monterey County (CA) Genealogy Society. Karen was the Director of the Monterey California Family History Center for ten years.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS WONDERFUL, INFORMATIVE SEMINAR!

CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF GENEALOGY AND TAKE INSTRUCTION FROM A GENEALOGY PROFESSIONAL!

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GENERAL MEETING

The third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.
(Except July, Aug., and Dec.)

Usual location:
OEA Uniserv Building
2495 S. Pacific Highway
Medford

MEMBERSHIP

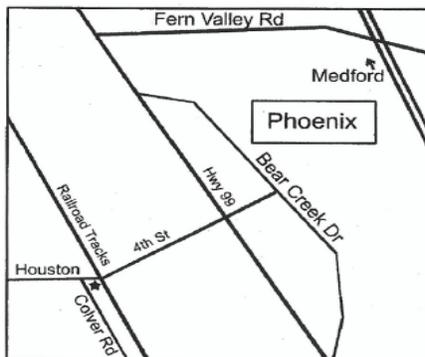
Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$15 for each additional member of the same household. This includes library checkout privileges.

LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday - Saturday
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Directions to the Library

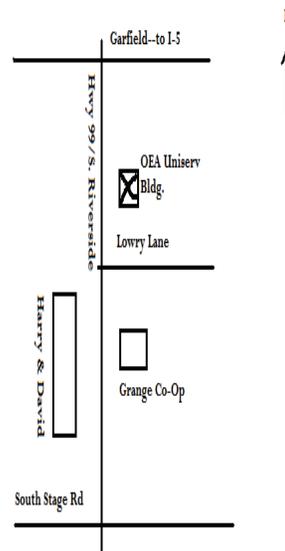
Enter Phoenix from I-5 or Hwy 99 and drive South on Hwy 99; Turn right on 4th, and continue until crossing the railroad tracks. Jackson County Genealogy Library is on the left.



Directions to the OEA Uniserv Building 2495 South Pacific Hwy

From Medford (north): drive south on Hwy 99. Turn left at the light on Lowry Lane. The building is on your left.

From Ashland (south): drive north on Hwy 99. Turn right at the light on Lowry Lane. The building is on your left.



ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Annual Membership: \$30 for an individual and \$15 for each additional household member

_____ Life Membership: \$500 for an individual (\$200 is tax deductible)

_____ Life Benefactor Membership: \$5,000 for an individual (\$4,700 is tax deductible)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

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| 14 | Monday | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., RVGS Library |
| 15 | Tuesday | General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m. OEA Uniserv Bldg. Winners of the Photo Contest will be announced. |

July

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| 12 | Monday | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., RVGS Library |
| 31 | Saturday | GCO statewide conference, 9 a.m., Center for Meeting and Learning, Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon |

August

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| 5 | Monday | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., RVGS Library |
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September

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| 13 | Monday | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., RVGS Library |
| 21 | Tuesday | General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m. OEA Uniserv Bldg. |
| 27 | Monday | Genealogy Week begins at RVGS Library: More info to come! |

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