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The Mystery of the Hatbox and the Suitcase: Part II

by Anne Billeter

The mystery began with the anonymous donation of a hatbox and a suitcase, with contents, to the RVGS Library, in September 2007. Since there did not appear to be a connection to southern Oregon, the goal was to find a descendant who would welcome these items. Part I of the mystery is related in the May 2009 issue of The Rogue Digger.

Summary of Part I: The contents of the hatbox and suitcase were determined to belong to Fannie R. (Kindig) Fry Honeycomb(e), who was born in 1838 in Maryland, and who died in 1919 in Portland, Oregon, leaving two married daughters. Her older daughter, Lula (Honeycomb) Rupel, raised Thois (Rupel) Wilder. However, Mrs. Wilder, now 89, revealed in telephone conversation in March 2009 that she was not Lula’s daughter, that she does NOT think of Lula as her mother, AND that she has no interest in Lula’s belongings or in genealogy.

[Items in brackets were among the contents of the hatbox and suitcase and are noted thus]
{Information from Anne Billeter’s research is noted thus}

The Search For Daphne Honeycomb(e)

Fannie’s younger daughter was Daphne Honeycomb. Daphne was born in Indiana in June 1876. {1900 Oregon Census.} Throughout her childhood Daphne was referred to as “Tudie.” [various letters] On 18 August 1906 she married J. Gordon Marshall in Multnomah County, Oregon. {Multnomah County Marriage Record.} In the 1910 census the Marshalls were living in Cape Horn Precinct, Skamania County, Washington, and Daphne had had 1 child, not living. In the 1920 Portland, Oregon census Daphne Marshall is a widow with 3 children: Norma, Ione, and Vera, all born in Oregon. In 1930 “Daphhine Klemm” is divorced, living in San Jose, California, with her three Marshall daughters. “Daphne Klemm” is also found in the 1930 census as a patient in Franklin Hospital in San Francisco, with marital status “widowed.” She is listed as a California Registered Voter residing in Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County in 1924 as “Mrs. Daphne H. Klemm.” Adolph R. Klemm is also listed in Arroyo Grande in 1924. In 1928, 1930, and 1932, Mrs. Daphne Klemm” is a registered voter residing in San Jose.

Daphne/Dora (Honeycombe) Marshall Klemm/Clem
At this point the search stuttered. Daphne Klemm was not in either the California Death Index or in the Social Security Death Index. However, one of her three Marshall daughters was in the California Death Index: Ione Marshall, born 28 March 1912 in Oregon, died 21 February 1990 in Sacramento County. The evidence that this was Daphne’s daughter was in the final item of information: “Mother’s Maiden Name: “Honeycomb.” This inspired a new search of the California Death Index, searching for Kindig as the “Mother’s Maiden Name.” The search was successful, but mysterious, resulting in “Dora H. Clem,” born 17 Jun 1885 in Indiana, died 25 March 1953 in Sacramento County, and providing an additional item of proof: “Father’s Surname: Honeycomb.”

The next step seemed to be to find obituaries, with the hope that they would provide the names and locations of survivors, assuming that perhaps the other two Marshall daughters, Norma and Vera, might have married and had children. A perusal of the Internet led to someone in Sacramento who was willing to look for the obituaries. Although she did not find obituaries, she located and transcribed the information from their death certificates! {Sacramento County Clerk Recorder provides access to Sacramento County Birth, Death, and Marriage Records.} Dora H. Clem’s 1953 death certificate provided further proof, naming her father as Samuel Honeycomb and her mother as Veronica Kindig. (Fannie’s name is given as “Feronica” in a document in the hatbox.) The death certificate informant was Ione Marshall.

Ione Marshall’s 1990 death certificate names her father as “unknown Marshall” and her mother as “Dora Honeycomb.” The breakthrough information was “Informant Dora M. Solorio, daughter,” with a Sacramento address. A search of the Internet found Dora Solorio at the same address, nineteen years later! However, there was no phone number. Even a call to the Sacramento Public Library’s helpful reference department could not locate a phone number. An old-fashioned letter on RVGS letterhead was mailed to Dora Solorio, and two weeks later a reply was received! After several phone calls and letters, I drove to Sacramento and on May 31 delivered the hatbox, suitcase, and contents to Fannie’s great-granddaughter, Dora Solorio. Three days later I met her son Randy Fernandez, daughter-in-law Gloria, and granddaughter Natalia.

The contents of the hatbox and the suitcase contained documents bridging four generations, starting with the 1796 birth certificate of Fannie Kindig’s mother, Salome Goshert (aka Sarah Yoshad), which lists Salome’s parents, down to Fannie’s two daughters, Lula and Daphne Honeycomb. Research found Daphne’s daughter Ione Marshall and granddaughter Dora Solorio. The visit to Sacramento resulted in meeting two more generations, Dora’s son Randy and granddaughter Natalia, for a grand total of 8 generations!

Dora generously shared photographs of her mother Ione and of her grandmother Daphne, who helped raise her and whom she knew as Dora Clem. She also arranged my meeting with her family, with the opportunity to photograph three more generations in the story of the Mystery of the Hatbox and the Suitcase.
As is so often the case with genealogy, mysteries solved often result in new mysteries and further discoveries. Dora does not know why her grandmother changed her name from Daphne to Dora. Klemm was changed to Clem to avoid having a “German” name during World War II. Dora does not know what became of her aunt Vera Marshall after Vera’s mother (Daphne) disowned her. She knows her aunt Norma Marshall married and had a daughter, but she hasn’t seen her cousin since they were young children. Efforts to contact the cousin have so far been unsuccessful.

Another mystery is the fate of Samuel Honeycomb, Fannie’s husband. Since Fannie received a pension as a Civil War widow, the pension papers have been sent for. See the next issue of *The Rogue Digger* and attend the October 20 RVGS general meeting for further revelations in the continuing saga of the “Mystery of the Hatbox and the Suitcase.”

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**THE VANPORT FLOOD**

**MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 1948**

By Alveriah Canamore Dreiszus

Vanport City was built for the Kaiser Ship building workers in 1942, and it became the second largest city in Oregon. It was located on the flood plain of the Oregon side of the Columbia River between Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. Five-and-a-half years later it was dead.

All of the housing apartments were set on blocks so that made them easy to become floatable when the water came rushing in. In May 1948, over 6,000 of Vanport's original 9,942 units remained. On the 25th of May, they started a routine check of the south and north dikes, the only two that the water had reached. On Memorial Day May 30th at 4 a.m., a sheet of paper was shoved under each door with the message reassuring the people that the flood situation had not changed. Barring unforeseen developments Vanport was safe.

However, all through the day and night people were moving out. At 4 p.m., the Corps of Engineers announced that the ground level at Vanport City was 15 feet below the level of the Columbia River and Smith Lake and people were told that the dike could go at any time. Flooding had occurred where it was not expected at a railroad fill where the railroad crossed one of the sloughs. All electric power went off at 4:50 p.m. Buildings started to float around at 5:50 p.m. and around 6 p.m. the Interstate bridge was closed to traffic in both directions. The nearest bridge now was the one they call The Bridge of the Gods, and it was 50 miles to the east. For those that lived in Washington or for people who needed to get back to Oregon from the Washington side, there was a 100 mile detour that day!
My sister Connie Canamore Heller and her husband Frank Heller were newlyweds. They were married March 3, 1948, and were living in Vanport City at the time of the flood. They knew that the dikes might break at any time, but the authorities kept coming over a loudspeaker saying that everything was okay. So they went for a drive up the Columbia River gorge on the Oregon side of the River. They stopped at a concession wagon to get a hot dog and a coke. It was at that moment that they heard the news that the Dikes had broken, so they turned around and sped back to Vanport City. When they got there, it was too late to get in to their apartment. Frank said that they didn't get their hot dog either!

At the time I was engaged to Howard Dreiszus, and our wedding date was set for July 17, 1948. We both were living in Vancouver, I with my mother Beulah Davis Canamore and Howard with his brother George Dreiszus. We had decided to go over to Portland to visit Howard's brother Gordon Dreiszus for Sunday afternoon on that Memorial Day. We took the Vancouver bus downtown to get the Portland bus, and then we took another bus out to Gordon's house. (Neither Howard nor I had a car. We took the bus everywhere we went and didn't think any thing about it, either.)

So, how did we all get back to the Washington side of the Columbia River? Well, Frank’s parents lived in Vancouver and Frank had an uncle and aunt that lived in Portland so they went to their home for awhile. I am not sure how they knew where we were that afternoon. I must have talked to my sister Connie that morning and said what we were going to do that afternoon. As it came time for us to get back home, Gordon drove us down to the Portland bus station and dropped us off and left. We had not heard the news that the dikes had broken and that Vanport was flooding, but there were no buses going across the Interstate bridge to Washington. So now we were stranded in Portland. I told Howard that we could not go to a hotel because were not married. (We probably didn't have the money anyway!) So Howard called Gordon to ask if we could come back there. In the meantime, Connie had called Gordon and left a phone number for us to get in touch with them. So Connie and Frank came back down to the bus station to get us. And then we drove the 100 mile detour up the Columbia River to the Bridge of The Gods on the Oregon side and crossed to the Washington side. Then back down to Vancouver we came. My mother Beulah Davis Canamore was very, very, worried about us. We got home safe and sound around 2 a.m. I think.

Some of the details regarding the flood came from Manley Maben’s 1987 book *Vanport: Ship For Victory*. 

**Vanport flood aerial view (Image #68809) and photo of rescuers (Image #52428) courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society.**
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977.274 - G242 - Cav "Sources for searching Allen Co., Indiana"
ILLINOIS
977.311 - D372 - Pol  “Polish directory for the city of Chicago, Illinois - 1908"

WISCONSIN
977.5 - G242 - Ald  “Wisconsin’s early French habitants” (circ)

MINNESOTA
977.6 - G932 - Min  “A guide to genealogical resources of Minnesota” (circ)
977.6 - G242 - Int  “An introduction to Minnesota research sources”
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977.8 - M381 - Edd  “Missouri genealogical gleanings 1840 and beyond, vol. 4”

CALIFORNIA
979.415 - H388 - Mil  “Mendocino Co., California- records of the lumber industry 1852-1996”
979.415 - H388 - Lev  “Mendocino Co., California - a oral history - vol. 2”
979.455 - D218 - Dea  “San Joaquin Co., CA - Death Records - 1873 -1895; 1903-1905”
979.455 - D218 - Cer  “Stockton, CA. - Death Records - 1893-1897”

OREGON
979.525 - O138 - Obi  “Josephine Co., Oregon - Obituaries 2008”
979.527 - D218 - Dea  “Death certificates for Jackson Co., Oregon, 1944”
979.527 - D218 - Dea  “Death certificates for Jackson Co., Oregon, 1945”
979.527 - D218 - Dea  “Death certificates for Jackson Co., Oregon, 1946”
979.527 - H388 - Wri  “Talent [Images of America series]”
979.527 - D218 - Dea  “Death certificates for Jackson Co., Oregon, 1947”
979.527 - V381 - Obi  “Obituaries from newspapers, Jackson Co., OR.,-vol. 42, pt. 1, 2008”
979.527 - V381 - Mar  “Marriage & anniversaries 2008, Jackson County, Oregon”
ADVERTISE HERE!

Advertising space in The Rogue Digger is now available for genealogy-related services. Publication is quarterly and is sent to all RVGS members—now more than 460 individuals. A business card-size ad will cost $25 for a single issue or $90 for a full year (four issues). Larger advertisements will require special pricing. All proposed advertisements will be reviewed for relevance and appropriateness. Please submit your request or questions to Karen Asche by calling the Library (541) 512-2340 or via email at info@rvgslibrary.org.

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society

Cordially invites you to attend the "GALA" Open House and Capital Campaign Celebration!

"OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE"

To be held at the
Jackson County Genealogy Library
95 Houston Road
Phoenix, Oregon
Tuesday, September 22, 2009
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Activities include: Special Historical Presentation-
New Progress Tours-Prize Drawings-
Fun-Refreshments-Meet the Librarians and Board Members

HELP PLAN OUR LIBRARY'S FUTURE!
Genealogy Week, 2009

Sept. 28 - Oct. 3 is Genealogy Week. There will be mini-classes every day at the library during our regular open hours. The complete schedule can be found on Page 15 and is in the Classes Notebook.

Be sure to let library visitors know about Genealogy Week!

FREE use of the library and FREE mini-classes!

Annual Fund Drive a Success!

Thanks to contributions from our members, we have exceeded our Annual Fund Drive goal of $8,500. In addition to the donors listed in our May issue, we wish to thank these members who put us over the top.

Silver Club – Andrea Berry, Myrna Wagler, Barbara McMillan, and Charles Dodge

Golden Club – Elizabeth Huska, James Carlon, Pat Shute, and Robert Hawk

Century Club – Dorothy Throne, Gloria Britson, Ellen Brannick, and Ruth Gerety

If you have an article or helpful information for Between Us Diggers, submit material as a Word file or email to newsletter editor Cara Davis-Jacobson at renaissancewmn@hotmail.com. Reprinted items must be given credit and may be subject to copyright, so please include your name and where you found the information.
NEW MEMBERS

Jeff VanAusdall
Frances M. Ryan
Bonnie Greenwell
Carole Karvis
Faye Callan
Margaret L. Duggar (rejoining)
Janet Thompson
Ted & Rayda Kinny
Thelma Schneider (rejoining)
Timothy A. Colvig
Lois Henderson
Mary L. Bertrand
Mariette Newhagen
Carol L. Chappell
Clara M. Ammond
Cecil & Florene Sprague
Karen A. Scott
Amy Raper
Rod & Joyce Witham
Barbara Matchett
Roger Estey
Steve & Linda Knowles
Margaret Nelson-Quin
Sharon Hamby
Shelly Douglas
Sandy Roney (rejoining)
Alan Marion
Mary Hunt
Catherine Whitlock

CLASSES

October 5, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Monday - "Beginning Genealogy Class" by Charleen Brown. Free to members and non-members.

November 7, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Saturday - "Photoshop Elements Part I" by Ida Pruitt. Correcting and manipulating old photographs. $10 members; $20 non-members.

November 14, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Saturday - "Photoshop Elements Part II" by Ida Pruitt. Correcting and manipulating old photographs. $10 members; $20 non-members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RVGS is now a member of the Ashland, Medford/Jackson County and Phoenix Chambers of Commerce. We will be announcing the Chambers’ upcoming events and helpful information.

The Medford Visitors and Information Center is recruiting Volunteers to “Meet and Greet” the visitors to our valley. On the job training provided. You will meet interesting people, answer their questions, and advise them on how to enjoy our area. If they are interested in genealogy, you KNOW where to send them! Contact Tammi Mendels at Tammi@visitmedford.org or call Tammi at (541) 776-4021

The RVGS Library will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

The RVGS Library will be closed from noon to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22. The RVGS General Meeting will be held at the library that afternoon.

The RVGS Library will be closed Thursday, November 26 through Sunday, November 29 and over the Christmas holidays. The last day open during December will be Friday, December 18. The library will re-open Monday, January 4.

~ REMEMBERING ~

William Henry “Bill” Seibert III
b. 4-21-17   d. 3-22-09
We apologize for the error in the last issue.
GENEALOGY WEEK, SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3, 2009

Genealogy Week is scheduled for Sept. 28th through Oct 3rd featuring a full schedule of free classes. We will start the week on Monday, September 28th with, “How To Start Your Genealogy Project” from 10:30 to 12:30 followed by a lunch break, then, “Using the RVGS Library” from 1:00 to 2:00 and free research from 2:00 to 3:00.

Each day, Tuesday through Saturday, we will have a mini class from 10:30 to 11:30 followed by a free research session from 11:30 to 12:30, a lunch break from 12:30 to 1:00 with another mini class from 1:00 to 2:00 followed by free research from 2:00 to 3:00. See schedule below for a complete list of classes and instructors. Mini class teachers and librarians will be available to help during the free research sessions. Free research is available to those not attending mini-classes. Computers will be available except when being used for a mini class. **BRING A LUNCH AND STAY ALL DAY!**

### SCHEDULE AND TOPICS FOR MINI-CLASSES

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FAMILY HISTORY EXPO

Get ready for the time of your life!

Family History Expos are fun, exciting, amazing opportunities to learn about the techniques and technology available to trace your roots. You will be so enlightened here you’ll want to come back again and again. Family History Expos have become a beacon of light for those trying to find their way through the sea of information in which their deepest family roots are buried. Every event is another lighthouse strategically placed to guide you through this journey.

What:
California Family History Expo

Who:

Where:
Redding Convention Center
747 Auditorium Drive
Redding, California 96001
Ample free parking

When:
Friday October 16th, 2009. 8 AM to 6 PM
Saturday October 17th, 2009. 8 AM to 6 PM
At the door registration begins at: 7 AM Friday & 7:30 AM Saturday

Cost:
Exhibit Hall: Open free to the public
Keynote Address: Open free to the public
Classes and Workshops:
Pre-Registration: $65
At the Door: $75 for both days or $40 for a single day

Register right now online and receive immediate access to all class syllabi on the SCHEDULE page! Note: Online class syllabi are available only to those who register online.
Google Family History Expo Redding California to find the website.

RESEARCH INCOME

Research income is continuing to be a steady resource that helps to meet our RVGS budget needs! Our ongoing projects produce index information so our wonderful website can continue to grow and help meet the needs of researchers everywhere! Check it out!

2008 Research income was $2,301 – with 190 requests for records as shown below:

Birth (4); Death Certs (12); Juror (1); Marriage Certs (15);
Obits (93); Misc (18); Deeds & Maps (16); Pioneer Files (10); Vertical files (2); Hourly Research (19).

And from 31 States and two foreign countries as shown below:

Arizona (1); Arkansas (2); California (19); Colorado (5);
Florida (1); Georgia (2); Idaho (1); Illinois (5); Indiana (1);
Iowa (3); Kentucky (2); Main (1); Maryland (1); Michigan (4); Minnesota (2); Missouri (1); Montana (3); Nebraska (1); New Mexico (4); New York (2); North Carolina (5); Ohio (7); Oklahoma (1); Oregon (36); Pennsylvania (1); South Carolina (2); Tennessee (3); Texas (2); Utah (2) Virginia (2); Washington (28); Canada (6) Wales (1).

From January through June 2009 we have received 185 requests from 32 states and The Netherlands for research income totaling $2,401.50.
RVGS MEMBER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Marion (Olson) Gill turned 100 years old Aug. 7, 2009. She resides in an apartment at Anna Maria Creekside Retirement Resort in Medford where she participates regularly in bingo and Bible study and maintains the residents’ library that bears her name. Her celebration included a two week visit in San Diego where she went to SeaWorld, a two day trip to Disneyland and a luncheon with family and friends at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. She met a new great granddaughter born a few weeks before her arrival. Her time was spent with her daughter & son-in-law, Andrea & Jack Patterson of Medford, and all grandchildren and great grandchildren. A social event at Anna Maria took place Aug. 19th and there will be a dinner gathering of area friends with the Canyonville 1-2 Birthday Club where she was a member for over 50 years.

Marion has been a member of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society for 10 years. Her Swedish genealogy is highlighted with many pictures and wonderful memories of family that she met during her trip there at age 92 to visit with many first cousins. She visited the farm, named Ostorp Onum, that has been in the family since 1695. A first cousin currently lives in the farm house. Marion’s mother was the oldest daughter in a family of 12 siblings, 6 of which came to the United States.

Marion grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Bethany College in Kansas. She married and moved to Canyonville, Oregon in the 1940s. She taught school in several states and became Superintendent of Canyonville Schools in 1944. At age 90 she was still involved with the Smart Program reading to first graders in Canyonville. Reading remains her favorite pastime. She moved to Medford to be near her daughter in 1999.

What are her secrets to longevity? First, a Scandinavian background—born to immigrant parents who raised 6 children with good food, a spiritual atmosphere and abounding love. Second, to remain positive and be surrounded by family and friends you love and who love you back. Also, she has said to eat healthy, limit the quantity and have something sweet with afternoon coffee!
RESEARCH NUGGETS

INFLUENZA: If your ancestors disappeared during a certain period in history, it could be due to an epidemic. In 1918, worldwide, the high point year for influenza, more people were hospitalized in World War I for influenza than for wounds. United States Army training camps became more like death camps, with a shocking 80% death rate in some camps.

MOURNING RINGS:

In Colonial days the English custom of gifts (rings, scarves, gloves, etc.) were given to those invited to the funeral as a way of paying tribute to the dead. This was such a strongly ingrained custom, even funerals of the poor required a minimum of gifts. A prominent person’s funeral could require the distribution of over 2,000 pairs of gloves, for example. The cost of the gifts were deducted from the estate of the deceased, which eventually led to laws prohibiting the custom, which frequently left a widow and her children virtually paupers.

WEBSITE NEWS

The Jackson County Genealogy Library website, www.rvgslibrary.org continues to grow as we add more indexes to obituaries and periodicals such as the Rogue Digger. Statistics from IX Web Hosting (our web host) indicate that traffic on the website has increased in the past year. The average daily hits were 1,761 in August 2008 and 2,954 in August 2009 (as of Aug. 29th) and the average number of files accessed daily increased from 1,172 to 1967. Total hits per month increased from 54,609 to 85,675. Traffic on the site in August 2009 came to about 7.5 Gigabytes. The point of all this is that we have a large number of spreadsheets and indexes on the website that are of interest to many people.

RAFFLE!

JCHMA (Jackson County Historical Museums Association) is holding a FREE raffle. Have everyone who comes to the library write their name and phone number on a raffle ticket, write RVGS on the front of the raffle ticket, and then put the raffle ticket in the raffle can. Give everyone his/her half of the ticket. Drawing for two chockfull baskets of goodies will be on Sept. 10. RVGS volunteers may enter once. Other RVGS library visitors may enter each time they come in to use the library between now and when the raffle can is collected for the drawing (probably after the library closes on Sept. 9.)

(Editor's Note: Regrettably, the deadline for the raffle will likely have passed before this newsletter is received by the majority of our members. Our apologies for the delay. To all those who were able to enter, best of luck!)
Rogue Valley Genealogy Society, Inc.
Jackson County Genealogy Library

Presents

"If You Can Talk, You Can Write"

Four Week Writing Class
Instructor: Charleen Brown
95 Houston Road
Phoenix, Oregon
Phone (541) 512-2340

DATES:  TIMES:
October 10, 2009  10:30 am until 12:30 noon
October 17, 2009  10:30 am until 12:30 noon
October 24, 2009  10:30 am until 12:30 noon
October 31, 2009  10:30 am until 12:30 noon

Charleen will teach you to plan, make an outline, prepare for the first draft, write the first draft, edit the first draft, let go for someone else to review, and prepare the final draft.

Call for your reservations for this great class. Phone (541) 512-2340
WILL YOU STRIKE IT RICH?

Raindance Tours has submitted a bid to us for a trip to SLC in April 2010, so please check your calendar and reserve the dates below. As requested by the group in 2009, we have scheduled a longer trip with stopovers in Winnemucca coming and going and still maintaining the longer research time in SLC. It extends the length of the trip by 2 days.

APRIL 11 - 19, 2010

LEAVE MEDFORD - APRIL 11, 2010 - SUNDAY MORNING - TIME TO BE DETERMINED
SPEND SUNDAY NIGHT IN WINNAMUCCA - WIN YOUR FORTUNE!!!!
LEAVE WINNAMUCCA AND ARRIVE IN SLC - MONDAY AFTERNOON
ATTEND THE FREE SEMINAR - MONDAY EVENING - TOPIC TO BE DETERMINED
RESEARCH TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - STRIKE IT RICH WITH ANCESTORS!!!!
SUNDAY - ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE FOR THOSE INTERESTED
SUNDAY - DEPART SLC FOR HOME
SUNDAY NIGHT IN WINNAMUCCA - ANOTHER CHANCE TO STRIKE IT RICH!!!!
MONDAY AFTERNOON - ARRIVE IN MEDFORD

2 EVENINGS OF FUN AND GAMBLING IN WINNAMUCCA
6 NIGHTS AND 5 FULL DAYS FOR RESEARCH IN SLC PLUS THE FREE SEMINAR THE FIRST EVENING

ALL FOR THE NOMINAL FEE OF

$750.00 PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
SINGLE OCCUPANCY APPROXIMATELY $300 MORE
SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SPACE IS LIMITED TO 42!
NOTICE OF INTENT

Pursuant to Bylaws Article XVIII the amendment described in this notice below shall be reported to the General Membership on Tuesday September 22nd and again on Tuesday October 20th, 2009 and resubmitted on Tuesday November 17th, 2009 for ratification as recommended by the RVGS Board of Officers and Directors at its regular meeting on Monday July 13, 2009.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

4. LIFE AND LIFE BENEFACtor MEMBERSHIP

The RVGS Board of Directors desires to offer Life and Life Benefactor memberships subject to the following terms and conditions:

PURPOSE: A Life or Life Benefactor membership shall be a one-time payment to RVGS sufficient to support annual membership for the duration of the member’s life and to provide long-term financial stability to the organization through the Endowment Fund, as well as increasing the number and variety of member benefits.

CONDITIONS: Life and Life Benefactor memberships shall be available to an individual of any age; the fee is not refundable and may not be transferred.

FEE: The Life Membership fee is $500; $300 will be deposited to a restricted life membership account and $200 will be added to the Endowment Fund (tax deductible by the donor). The Life Benefactor Membership fee is $5,000; $300 will be deposited to a restricted life membership account and $4,700 will be added to the Endowment Fund (tax deductible by the donor).

ADMINISTRATION: A restricted life membership account will be administered by the Treasurer. At the beginning of each fiscal year $30 for each Life and Life Benefactor member will be transferred from the restricted life membership fund to the general Dues Fund to support membership. If a Life or Life Benefactor member dies before his/her restricted life membership funds have been depleted, the balance will be transferred to the Endowment Fund. If the Life or Life Benefactor member is alive after his/her restricted life membership funds have been depleted, no additional funds will be transferrable by the Treasurer to the general Dues Fund and no additional membership fee collected from the Life or Life Benefactor member.

RECOGNITION: In addition to the benefits of annual membership, Life and Life Benefactor members will receive special recognition in the BUD/Digger. The name of a Life Benefactor shall be added to a Life Benefactor member plaque displayed in the Library. Life Benefactor membership will also include voting rights as a Life Trustee on the Board of Directors when in attendance at any Board meeting.
Enter the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society (Inc.) Writing Contest

When: Start writing NOW.


Why: Because we know you have talent! And because there are great prizes.

Theme for 2010: "Favorite Antiquity" A story about a unique family heirloom with a history. If only those relics could talk. They can! Through your story, bring the item and story to life.

Think of an interesting item that brings back memories. Here are some ideas:

- Grandpa Hill's Old Tractor
- Aunt Millie's Singer Sewing Machine
- Great-Great-Grandpa’s Civil War Sword
- The Water Bucket

Call the RVGS library for a copy of the application, rules, and other helpful information for participating in this exciting event.

Winners will be announced at the RVGS General Meeting on March 16, 2010.
RVGS Member Survey of Interests

The Society and Library are growing and changing and we need your input. Please share your thoughts and return this survey to RVGS as soon as convenient for you.

What fun activity would you participate in that could be a fundraiser for RVGS?

- Genealogical seminar/workshop  - Dinner and live auction
- Wine tasting and local family history  - Local historical tour
- Bus trip  - Merchandise to purchase
- Heritage cookbook  - Writing contest
- Picnic; breakfast; casual events  - Raffle
- Other activity/event you would support: ____________________________________________

In which of the following areas do you have strengths or interests that could be used to help RVGS?

- Accounting/bookkeeping skills  - Artistic skills
- Personal connections with an ethnic or special interest group: ____________________
- Good people skills/ presentations  - Personal connections with foundation staff or potential corporate donor: ____________
- Writing skills  - Reputation or fame as ________________
- Legal  - Fundraising of any type ____________________
- Educational programming  - Secretarial or data entry
- Event set up and cleanup  - Public relations/marketing
- Foreign language genealogy skills  - Internet or computer skills
- Ownership or access to an historic home, club, boat or other facility
- Teaching  - Areas of genealogy expertise ____________
- Other special skills or interests ______________________________________________________

- I prefer to use the Library for research and do not want to be involved in any activities or volunteer work.

Name __________________________________________________________ Member No. __________

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