



April 2015 eNews Classes and Events

Sat, April 4

Brick Wall Roundtable, 10:30am – 12:30pm

This month's Brick Wall Roundtable will be facilitated by Ruth Wade. Bring your questions and get help with suggestions to break through your brick walls and find those relatives! Please call (541)512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

Tue, April 7

Family Tree Maker "PC" User Group, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

This is an informal, casual group where everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns. As a group we try and resolve these issues. It is a great way to keep connected and share information, too. Free and Fun!

Wed, April 8

Family Tree Maker ~ MAC User Group, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Barbara MacMillen is the facilitator of this informal group discussing FTM, genealogy and the use of Mac computers.

Fri, April 10

Photoshop Elements 101, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Rick Black, our network specialist, will introduce you to Adobe's inexpensive version of its Photoshop program. The topics will include the following: tools and how they are used, tool variations, layers, file size and resolution, file formats, and saving projects. He will not include Organizer, a separate function to sort and organize photos on the computer. If you want to explore it on your own then "google"

"Photoshop Elements Organizer". You are encouraged to bring your laptop to the sessions since your version may look slightly different than the Elements 6 Macintosh version he will be using to demonstrate in the class. This is a free class for members only and is the second session to the first class on March 20th. Please call (541)512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free class.

Sat, April 11

FTM III - Including Media Items, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Come join Charleen Brown as she teaches the third of a six class Family Tree Maker Training Series. Names, dates, and facts tell only part of your family's story. In order to really bring your ancestors to life, you'll want to illustrate your family history with pictures and important documents. FTM will help you organize your media items all in one central location. Cost - \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members. Please call (541)512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this class.

Thu, April 16

Scandinavian Interest Group, 5:30pm – 7pm

In this third meeting, we will review websites for each specific Scandinavian country. If you have websites to share, send them to Andrea at pechu@charter.net. If YOU can give an overview of a website you are using, we welcome your presentation help. We will break into groups after website reviews. *My Heritage* will be added as a subscription site at JCGL library. We think you will find it a very helpful site for Scandinavian and other international research. If you are a member of RVGS, you may use one of our 15 patron computers at the library. If you are not a member, you may use them for a daily fee of \$5.00. We look forward to seeing you on April 16. Andrea Patterson & Betty Miller.

Tue, April 21

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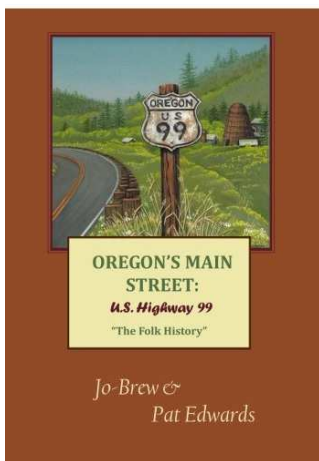
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You can read the eNews on our blog. Click the "Read Our Blog" link from either of our websites, <http://rvgslibrary.org> or <http://rvgsociety.org>. You can also check on times and dates for classes and events by clicking on the calendar link on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society website (<http://rvgsociety.org>).

RVGS also publishes a quarterly genealogical periodical, *The Rogue Digger*. If you are an RVGS member you will receive a copy of the *The Rogue Digger* by email each quarter. Current and past issues can be found online on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Website under the [News](#) heading.

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3rd TUESDAY Public Programs and Members Meeting, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Come to hear Jo Brew and Pat Edwards, authors of two books on Oregon's main street, U S Highway 99. Jo and Pat collaborated on these books which highlight the folk history and stories of towns and people who live along this route. They will share the stories and history contained in the books as well as some experiences they found along the way.

non-profit organization that operates the Jackson County Genealogy Library. Obituaries, vital records, court records, etc. can be purchased for a nominal fee from the JCGL website

(<http://rvgslibrary.org>).

The JCGL website also contains a complete listing of deaths/burials in Jackson County with vital statistics for all decedents as well as headstone photos where available.

Come visit us online or in person when you can!

Tue, April 21

DIGGIN' IN THE DARK: Genealogy after Hours, 3pm—9pm

How's your Family History? Do you have missing puzzle pieces? Come join the fantastic volunteers who are here to assist you when the library remains open until 9 PM! Show up anytime and use our computers with subscriptions to all the best genealogy research sites or our worldwide book collection. Come join us for an evening of family history FUN! Bring your known family information, a USB flash drive for saving what we find, and your dinner and leave blurry eyed at 9 PM!

Fri, April 24

Genealogy Record Keeping Workshop, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Karen Asche provides ideas on how to organize your genealogy research based on your objectives. We will talk things through to clarify the process so that you can continue your project effectively. Bring your paperwork and laptop if you have one. This is a follow up class to Charleen Brown's class, "How to Start Your Genealogy Project." Please call (541)512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free class.

Tue, April 28

QUILTS AND GENEALOGY TALKS: "Connecting the Dots on a Heritage Quilt," 1:30pm – 2:30pm

"Connecting the Dots on a Heritage Quilt" by Dawna Curler. A beautiful 19th century "Autograph Quilt" was among family heirlooms that Dawna Curler inherited from her grandmother. Using the quilt as an historical document, follow Curler through the research process as she relates what she found out about the people whose names appear on the quilt and learn of the connections she made to her own family history. This is a one hour talk, come and learn about how these quilts can be connected to genealogy. Attendance is free to all. Please call (541)512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this talk.

Tue, May 5

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Thu, May 7

JCGL Quilt Documentation Day, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Quilt owners are encouraged to bring in their quilts so that we can document and preserve information about the quilts and quilt makers for future generations.

Knowing the "who, why, when and where" about a quilt adds meaning and richness to your family history. Please call (541)512-2340 or email:

reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to schedule an appointment in advance. We will send you a quilt history form for each quilt (limit 2 per owner) to complete and bring with you. The cost is \$10 per quilt.

SAVE THE DATE!

Thu, May 14 – Sun, May 24

RVGS Member Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City
All reservations must be made individually, but we will gather at the Plaza Hotel in Salt Lake City and



can work together at the Family History Library. You will have the opportunity to socialize with other RVGS members and share finds during this research trip. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Salt Lake

Plaza Hotel at Temple Square for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society for May 14 through May 24. Call the hotel at 801-521-0130 to reserve YOUR room within that block. Then arrange your travel to Salt Lake City. We recommend that you make flight reservations through Delta Airlines. Delta has a direct flight to Salt Lake City that leaves and returns at mid-day. The cost of the room is \$84/night for a single or a double. The estimated cost of the flight is \$450. If you have questions, please contact Betty Miller, 541-245-3427 or millerba1@hotmail.com. Betty will schedule a meeting before the trip to answer questions and further explain the research trip. If you plan to go, please sign up at the library, call 541-512-2340, or email reception.JCGL@gmail.com so that Betty will know who is going.

TV OFFERINGS

Who Do You Think You Are?

"Who Do You Think You Are?" follows the journeys of some of the most well-known names in American popular culture. Watch as celebrities discover unknown details about themselves and their families while researching their ancestry with the help of historians and genealogical experts.

Tune into "Who Do You Think You Are?" which started Sunday, March 8. Celebrities featured in April include Paula Deen, Jason Sudeikis, and Rashida Jones.

Follow the link to learn more about this season of WDYTYA: click [here](#).

OUT OF TOWN

Grants Pass, OR Grants Pass Genealogical Society

Apr 14, 1:30 PM

Writing Your Family History, Part II

In March, Bev Wellington made a very interesting presentation about writing your life story. Celeste Guillory issued a challenge to members asking that they share a small piece of their life story with us at the April 14th meeting. Members Pat Heumann and Barbara Levering, among others, will discuss their success and failures as they create a record of their life for their family. This meeting of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society will take place at the Grants Pass Family History Center, 1969 Williams Highway, Grants Pass.

Providence, RI New England Regional Genealogical Conference

April 15–18—Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future. The 13th New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Providence, RI. Features Lisa Louise Cook and Judy G. Russell. Website: <http://www.nergc.org/>

Milwaukie, OR GFO Spring Seminar

April 25, 2015. The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is holding its Spring Seminar with Laura G. Prescott on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge. This seminar will focus on Finding Your Family Beyond Vital Records. The topics for this seminar are:

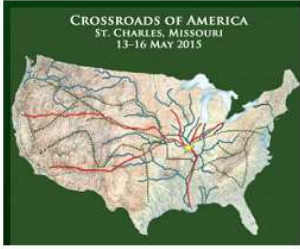
- Treasures Within the Ivory Tower – Finding Family in Academic Archives
- The Rest of the Story – Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History
- loc.gov – Using Our Nations Library Online
- Turning Fiction into Fact

The flyer with more information and registration information is posted on our website at <http://gfo.org/seminar/laura-prescott.pdf>

Bend, OR Sat, Apr 25, all day

Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar at the Bend Golf and Country Club here in Bend, Oregon. Our guest speaker this year is Thomas MacEntee from HighDefinition Genealogy. He is a genealogy blogger at GeneaBloggers and a presenter through webinars and at local, state and national conferences. Thomas is both very knowledgeable but also very entertaining. We are looking forward to a very fun and productive day. Please plan to join us. Click [this link](#) for more

information.



**St. Charles, Missouri
National Genealogical Society Family History
Conference: Crossroads of America.**

May 13-16. As people traveled the waterways, trails, and eventually railroads in search of new homes, the Midwest became the crossroads of the nation. Some settlers arrived from their first American homes in the East while others traveled directly from abroad. Some migrated via east coast ports while others sailed to New Orleans then made their way up the Mississippi River to reach points north and west. All traveled with their families, their hopes and

dreams, customs, occupations, and religious beliefs. Regardless of their final destinations, those early travelers left many footprints along the way as they crossed America. Explore these migration records at the 2015 NGS Conference.

RVGS/JCGL will be represented by professional genealogist member Melinda Henningfield, who will discuss migration via the Oregon Trail.

Please click on this link, [NGS 2015](#), to bring up the conference brochure. Registration opens in December, 2014. Hotels are filling fast!

Burbank, California

**Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree: Genealogy FANfare
June 5 - 7, 2015, Friday thru Sunday** at Los Angeles Marriott Burbank, Burbank, CA.

- 100 + Lectures
- Workshops | Exhibit Hall
- Free Sessions Friday AM
- Speakers include Craig Scott, Judy Russell, Tom Jones
- 2015 Genetic Genealogy: DNA Day Plus! Thursday, June 4, 2014 from 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Go to <http://genealogyjamboree.com/> for registration and more information.

Syracuse, NY

New York State Family History Conference

September 17-19, 2015. The New York State Family History Conference will be held in Syracuse, NY. For more information the website is:

<http://www.nysfhc.org/index.html>

Genealogy Webinars

For a complete listing of free webinars, Dear Myrt provides a website listing ALL genealogy webinars available on the internet. To access the calendar go to <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/calendar.html> and check back frequently for topics of interest to you. You can add the geneawebinars calendar to your personal calendar to avoid missing classes of interest to you. I've listed some April 2015 webinars of interest below:

Wed, April 1, 11:00am

Genealogy 101, a 3-Session Course in Beginning Genealogy - Part 1 by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

We all have an aunt or a grandmother that has a shoebox full of obituaries, funeral cards, or other old documents that sit on a dresser or closet shelf. Or, perhaps we are that person with the shoebox. These beginning genealogy sessions will show how to take what you know and what you have access to, and teach the steps involved in getting it organized and compiled into a useful genealogy that can benefit future generations. Session 1 - Getting Started on the Right Foot. All of us know at least a bit of information about our family. It may be something we have heard, or something we have and don't know how it can help us. We will start out learning about information from an obituary, and entering the facts into the Legacy Family Tree software. <http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com>

Sat, April 4, 10:00am



FREE WEBINAR from SCGS
Nancy Waters Lauer:
"She has the Same Name. Is She Her Sister?"

Join us for a webinar on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 10:00 AM PDT.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/808060045297769218>

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

Naming conventions used by our ancestors can explain why families have children with the same name and how to identify and differentiate between the various siblings.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Nancy Waters Lauer is a researcher, lecturer, college instructor, and award-winning author. She has extensive speaking experience and has presented at national and regional conferences. Her books have earned state (Maryland) and national awards (NGS Genealogical Writing Competition Award for Excellence) as well as several writing awards from ISFHWE and SCGS's writing contests.

Wed, April 8, 6:00pm

American Revolution Genealogy by Beth Foulk

The War of Independence changed history; our history; our families' history. It's a story about which we want to know more. Did my ancestor help? ...even a little? There's much to be learned about our ancestors' roles in this moment in history. In this class, we'll discover where to start... with <http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com>

Thu, April 9, 5 pm

FamilySearch Research Wiki by David Dilts, AG

FamilySearch Wiki is "Wikipedia for all Topics Genealogical." Learn how to use this collection to further your research on any topic and in any locality.

<https://meet.lds.org/orion/meeting/meetingInfo?MeetingKey=993086394&siteurl=meet>

Fri, April 10, 11:00am

Hookers, Crooks, and Kooks - Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House by Jana Sloan Broglin

Each of us wants to ignore that scalawag, that counterfeiter, or that madam in our family, but the black sheep may prove the most interesting of all. Learn to examine clues in unusual and also common sources. Learn how they lead to locating more records. <http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com>

Tue, April 14, 6pm - 7pm

Using Evernote as Your Primary Tool for Capturing Notes and Ideas by Drew Smith

Evernote is a free tool that runs on PCs, Macs, tablets and smart phones and that can be used to capture, organize, preserve, and synchronize (across multiple devices) information of different formats and sizes, including ideas, notes (typed, handwritten, and audio), photos, online articles, web pages, and URLs. Learn how to set up an Evernote account; how to create and edit notes; how to tag notes so that they can be identified with particular surnames, locations, and document types, so that they can be easily found, later; how to get content into Evernote using e-mail; how to clip articles found online into Evernote; how to share Notebooks with others for research collaboration; and how to use Evernote to create research to-do lists.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8189883145839699201>

Wed, April 15, 11:00am

Ten Genealogical Lessons I Learned the Hard Way by Warren Bittner

This light-hearted excursion into the mistakes of a novice researcher will entertain audiences of all levels of experience. <http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com>

Tue, April 16, 5pm

Using DNA to Explore Our Origins, Part 1 by Diahan Southard The use of Y chromosome and mitochondrial DNA in genealogy is a technology that has helped many better understand their origins. There are specific deep ancestral groups that can identify a person as a member of a specific genetic and genealogical community. Because DNA is an immutable record, it can provide links where paper records cannot. We will cover the basic language used in DNA testing, we will cover its limitations and applications, specifically for those who are not of Northern European origin. Your DNA has much to share with you, to help you determine your origins, as well as help you connect with others on a similar path.
<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/7481903211870535937>

Tue, April 21, 5pm

Genealogy Do-Over: A Year of Learning from Mistakes by Thomas MacEntee It isn't often that we get a "do-over" when it comes to stuff that matters in life. When you first got started researching your family history, did you do some things that now are just plain "embarrassing" such as name collecting, not citing sources and more? Well now there's hope since genealogists from beginner to advanced are employing new research methodologies and documentation practices. Follow genealogist Thomas MacEntee as he basically starts his genealogy research from scratch but includes sound research practices and methodologies as well as new templates, tools and the latest technology to create a better body of family history research. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4337347235408404994>

Wed, April 22, 11:00am

D-I-V-O-R-C-E by Judy Russell

Our ancestors' marriages lasted so much longer than our own. One reason: it was so hard to get a divorce. But it still happened, and the records created in the process tell us much about our ancestors, their lives and the laws they lived by.

Thu, April 23, 5pm

Navigating the FamilySearch Website by David Dilts, AG®

The Family Search Website has undergone major reconstruction in the past few years and changes continue to be made to this very important FREE website. Learn from an expert.
<https://meet.lds.org/orion/meeting/meetingInfo?MeetingKey=995261578&siteurl=meet>

Fri, Apr 24, 11am

United States Colored Troops Civil War Widows' Pension Applications: Tell the Story by Bernice Alexander Bennett

Explore the challenges faced by widows and/or former slave descendants of soldiers in the United States Colored Troops Widows' Pension Applications.

Sat, May 2, 10am

Around Brick Walls Sideways: Using Collateral Lines to Further Your Genealogical Research by Gary Smith

'What is a collateral line, and what use is that to me?' Collaterals can be a great help in working around brick walls. In genealogical terms, a collateral line is any line of descent from one or more of your ancestors through any other than your own direct line.
<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/8701737695101695746>

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society News

Welcome New and Returning Members for March 2015

Kristine	Ballenger
Vanessa	Behrens
Gracie	D'Antonio
Kate T.	Evans
Reynaldo	Garcia
Rena Wimer	Gonzalez
Colleen	Graham
Bonnie	Greenwell
Diane	Henney
Cecilia Marie	Lehnhardt
Susan	Martino

Michael S.	Meredith
Joe	Peterson
Lynne Ann	Reardon
William Della	Santina
Tiffany	Smith
Pat	Spohn
Nancy	Vaughn
Dale	Young

What's Going on Here?



Picture and story by Constance Shotts from <http://www.repixl.com/photo-stories>. Visit the RePixl site to see restored photos and the stories about them.

When my mother was about 4 years old, in about 1923, she was taken to have her first picture taken in a photographer's studio. She was frightened about the whole process; this is the resulting picture of a very wary little girl.

What doesn't show is that her mother was standing a bit to the left of her and had just let go of her left hand when the photographer took the picture. Mom told me that story and how after that her mother could not get her to have her picture taken in a photographer's studio again as a child. This is the only formal picture of my mother as a child and taken by a studio photographer, other than one of her being held by her father when she was just a few months old.

Local Presentation

Library Director Anne Billeter presented "Maryum's Yellow Rose", the quilt and the story of the John and Maryum McKee family, to the Lake Creek Historical Society, at their potluck dinner on March 24. The audience of 37 appreciated the opportunity to see the quilt and to learn about this early Logtown (Ruch area) pioneer family.

3rd Tuesday Public Program Presentation



On March 17th, Melinda Henningfield presented, "From Missouri to Oregon by Way of the Applegate Trail." Her talk told of the thousands of pioneers who left their homes on a long and difficult journey for the west. The pioneers first traveled along the Oregon Trail. Some left the Oregon Trail and followed the Applegate Trail which went through the Rogue Valley. The records they left tell of their hardship and joys. Melinda will present this same talk at the National Conference of the National Genealogical Society to be held in St. Louis Missouri, May 13-16.

Native Plant Society Meeting at JCGL

On March 19th the Native Plant Society of Oregon held their meeting at JCGL. The topic was, "Table Rock Wildflowers, A Legacy of Beauty and Diversity." Over 200 species of wildflowers grow at the Table Rocks, some of which are depicted on the Table Rocks wildflower quilt. Molly Morison of the Nature Conservancy and Marcia Wineteer of the Bureau of Land Management stitched together wildflower stories and related how the botanical fabric of the Table Rocks inspired their organizations to provide special protection for the area over 35 years ago.

More than 40 attended the evening meeting in which Barbara MacMillen welcomed the attendees to our library and classroom. Barbara received numerous compliments on our facilities, inquiries about our quilt talk series, and questions about membership. Activities like this help introduce other community members to our Society and wonderful library facility.

A Big Thanks to Our Donors for January and February 2015



Our goal is to reduce the mortgage on our building to \$0 in time for our 50th Anniversary in 2016. The current balance due on the mortgage is just over \$73,000. Donations to *Leave A Legacy* reduce the principal on the

mortgage for our building at 3405 S. Pacific Highway. Donations to the 5/60 Club represent a commitment to donate \$5/month or \$60/year with the money used to make monthly mortgage payments. Donations to the Annual Fund Drive support general operations of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society.

Leave a Legacy

Carita Culmer
 Patsy Marcy
 Catherine Culver
 Carl Shauger
 Sheila & Roy Kimball
 Linda Lipkind
 Ruth Gerety
 Richard Croly
 Bruce McGarvey
 Charles & Colleen Eccleston
 Carolyn Craig
 Alan Buchta
 Horton Family Foundation
 Jan Stutts
 Susan Milburn
 Sallie Riehl
 Barbara & Richard MacMillen
 Monty & Carol Holst
 Marilyn Bamford
 Carl Shauger
 Charleen Brown
 Alan Marion

5/60 Club

Barbara Shrewsberry
 Charles & Colleen Eccleston
 Carolyn Beron
 Andrea Patterson
 Gene & Charlotte Henry
 Colista Bailey
 Anne Billeter
 Betty Miller
 Marie Fulbright
 Bruce McGarvey
 Terry Fischer
 Barbara & Richard MacMillen
 Carl Shauger
 Carolyn Craig
 April Thomas

Annual Fund Drive

Carol Jones
 Barbara Hagen
 Charleen Brown

Help Earn Donations to RVGS at No Cost to Yourself

1. New Program: RVGS now participates in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. If you link your card to that program via RVGS, a portion of what you spend will be donated to RVGS with no reduction in the individual rewards you receive. To link your Fred Meyer card go to their website, www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Use the Non-Profit Organization number for RVGS, 91873, to locate our organization. Please click on link, Fred Meyer Community Rewards, to learn more about this program. **Have YOU registered your Fred Meyer card? No? Then please do it now.**
2. Existing Program: Shop at Amazon through the Amazon Smile program designating RVGS as the recipient of donations made by Amazon. To sign up go to smile.amazon.com and select Rogue Valley Genealogical Society as your favorite non-profit. Payments for the first quarter of 2015 equal \$131.04. When you purchase merchandise at Amazon.com please link to their site through our sites (rvgslibrary.org or rvgsociety.org) or sign in to the Smile program. Thank you!

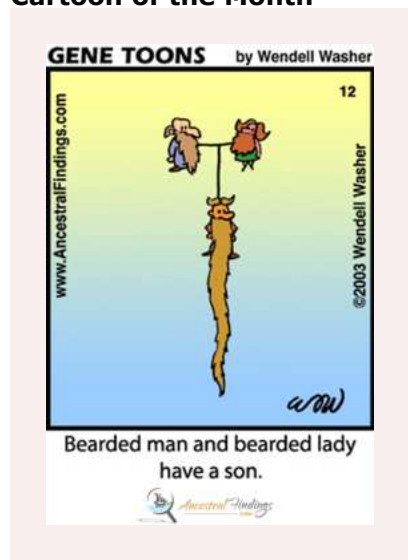
Your Opportunity to Honor YOUR ANCESTOR or any Prominent Jackson County Resident. The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2016. To commemorate that event, The Quilt Committee will create

an Anniversary Quilt for RVGS and its supporters. Deadline to submit Book Names is April 30th. The name of the person you choose to honor will be embroidered on a fabric patch cut to represent a book spine, so that the person's name is the "Book Name" (title) of the book. The "Books" will be arranged on "Book Shelves," similar to the example shown here:




Only 110 Books will be depicted so don't miss your opportunity to select a person to be honored in the Quilt. The price of each Book Name is \$50. Mail the Book Name Application along with your check to JCGL, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501 or drop it off at the library. You can also purchase Book Names online by making a donation to RVGS using the Donate Button on the [RVGSociety Website](#). Send a copy of the Book Name Application to RVGS, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford OR 97501, specifying that you donated online. Click here [Book Name Application](#) to obtain a printable copy of the application.

Cartoon of the Month



Resources for Irish Research

In honor of our spring seminar, "Finding Your Irish and Scots-Irish Roots," we have included some resources to help you pursue your Celtic ancestors in this month's eNews. Please check archived issues of the eNews on our blog: <https://rvgslib.wordpress.com/> for Irish Research Resources mentioned previously.

1. *Findmypast* [available as a Subscription Site at JCGL] , a leading family history site which provides access to more than two billion international ancestry records, marked St. Patrick's Day 2015 by making records pertaining to the Irish diaspora in the United States available online for the first time. The depth of data included in these records offers much more than just names, dates and monetary figures. The archives also reveal details which allow researchers to build an accurate story of the events, challenges and emigration dreams of people living during and in the immediate aftermath of The Great Famine. The records, which include information from Ireland's Western Seaboard, offer details and context around Irish Poverty Relief Loans which were provided to applicants by the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund between the years of 1821 and 1874. These details include applicant names often unavailable to genealogists and family historians via other official government documents. Contextual historical information such as occupation, guarantor names (often giving insight into close family friends and neighbors), as well as the reason for the loan application and emigration intentions, are also available. For example, American pop star and rapper Ryan Macklemore may have found fame and fortune today, but back in 1844 his fourth great grandfather was reduced to taking out one such loan in order to buy a new sheep in Licknavar, County Cork.
 search with the experts
2. Access to a copy of *Irish Roots Magazine*, click this link to read this copy, <http://www.rvgslibrary.org/pdf/IrishRootsMag#92.pdf>
3. Irish Military Archives [reposted from In-Depth Genealogy] For those whose Irish ancestors are more recent immigrants, the Irish Military Archives may be a useful source. The archive contains records created during the political and military actions of the Irish rebellion against British rule (1913-1921) which lead to the ultimate formation of the Irish Republic. These actions include the covert preparation for an armed rising and declaration of a republic in 1916, and the regrouping, reorganisation and initiating of the guerrilla war which was conducted from 1919 until the final success of the rebellion in 1921. In 1922, 26 of the 32 counties of Ireland became independent, initially as a Free State, and later (from 1948) as a Republic. The archive also holds documents created by the Army of the Irish State from 1922. These sources include operational and administrative records from the Irish Army and Dept. of Defence, army periodicals, press cuttings and materials donated by the public, retired soldiers and officers or their families, including various documentation, diaries, letters and photographs covering from the revolutionary period up to more recent Overseas Missions as part of United Nations forces. There are some 35,000 boxes of documentary military heritage. The full details are available at www.militaryarchives.ie/collections. The on-line collections include:
 - Military Service Pensions Collection: This collection consists of the administration records relating to the process of application and granting of pensions to those who were actively involved during the revolutionary period from 1916-1923 (or families of those who were seriously injured, incapacitated through illness, were killed, or died, as a result of their involvement). It contains a wealth of detail on individuals' activities during this period, along with extra local detail on what was happening in Ireland during both the War of Independence and the Civil War. It is an ongoing project, so only the first few thousand individuals who were successful in applying for a pension have had their files uploaded onto the website www.militaryarchives.ie, but more files will follow in the coming years.
 - Bureau of Military History. This is a hugely significant collection of papers on the revolutionary period in Ireland (1913 to 1921). See www.bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie for details.
 - 1922 Army Census. Following the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in December 1921, Ireland was declared a Free State and formed an Army from among the ex-Rebels and new conscripts. However, during 1922 there were increasingly serious divisions along pro-treaty and anti-treaty lines, until there was a complete split in the Army leading to the outbreak of a full Civil War in late June 1922. Due to rapid and local recruiting taking place in the Pro-Treaty Irish Free State Army, administrative necessity required a census of this expanding army, which was spread over the country in different divisions. This was conducted in November 1922, and lists (in addition to army rank etc) the age, home address and next of kin information for each soldier.

Do you have the "Celtic Curse?" Are you Irish!? Scottish? Celtic ancestry? New research finds high frequency of HH gene mutations in the Irish community!

If you have a Celtic heritage, ancestors from Ireland, Wales, Scotland, or Great Britain, then you are at high risk for carrying the HFE mutations for hereditary hemochromatosis (HH), also known as iron overload disease or iron storage disease according to researchers on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Follow this link, <http://www.americanhs.org/celtic.htm>, to read more information about the Celtic Curse. [Thank you to RVGS Member Linda Turner for pointing this out.]

New Resources on Patron Computers at JCGL



Patron computers at JCGL now have word processing and spreadsheet software installed. Open Office can be accessed from a link on the desktop of each patron computer. We have also added Cute PDF so that images can be easily saved as PDF files if you prefer. Click this link, , to access a PDF file showing how you can use the various utilities available to you as well as describing how you can login in to subscription sites and use the gmail system.

What Happened between Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest?

[The following information is re-posted from The Ancestry Insider. It explains the changes that have taken place in the HeritageQuest website. The Insider posed several questions about the situation to Ancestry.com and received the following replies from Kim Harrison, senior account executive for the Ancestry Library Team.]

Last Jun. 2014 at the American Library Association ProQuest and Ancestry announced the renewal of our contract to have ProQuest remain our license vendor in the non-consumer market. This would be selling Ancestry Library Edition to public libraries, academic, corporate and non-profits. With this contract renewal ProQuest will also be able to offer Fold3 (in May 2015) and Newspapers.com (coming 2015) to these markets as well. The upside for ProQuest is that Ancestry will help to expand and update the Heritage Quest Online (now co-branded but not sold to Ancestry).

- *Did ProQuest sell something to Ancestry.com?* There was no sale of anything.
- *Will the databases available on the old HeritageQuest website continue to be available on the new website?* The Heritage Quest Online database does have all the same components but expanded. The census now includes every year index, plus added the non-pop and the Indian Census. The Freedman Bank Records and the American Revolutionary Collections are now the full set, not a sub-set. The Local History & Genealogy books now have a more robust search interface. PERSI and the Serial Set is there on Heritage Quest Online in their current format. So, yes all the content from the Heritage Quest Online is on the new interface, but expanded.
- *Some people have expressed concerns about a change in the underlying search technology. Does the new website utilize the old HeritageQuest search technology or the Ancestry.com search technology? Will HeritageQuest searches return the same results as before or can users expect changes?* The new interface is based on the Ancestry search form platform/technology.
- *Because the HeritageQuest census images were different scans than the Ancestry.com images, there were times when one company's scans showed more information than the other's. Is there a way to access the old HeritageQuest census images?* Because of the new Ancestry technology there is not a way to host the old census images or to access them.
- *Dollarhide's The Census Book, was available on the old website. Is it still available?* [Yes.] The new interface also makes the wonderful Dollarhide Census Maps easier to find. [Comment: Dollarhide's census book with its maps is an indispensable resource that sits on many serious genealogists' bookcases. Now, to have it basically free, online, is a tremendous value. To find it, click Maps on the reddish header. The chapters can be found underneath the U.S. map.]

Harrison also proffered some links to further information.

- The ProQuest press release <http://www.proquest.com/about/news/2015/ProQuest-Advances-Genealogical-Research-with-HeritageQuest-Online.html>
- Heritage Quest Online LibGuide <http://proquest.libguides.com/heritagequestonline>
- Heritage Quest Online Product page <http://www.proquest.com/products-services/HeritageQuest-Online.html>
- ProQuest also hosts free webinars for librarians and volunteers on using Heritage Quest Online. Their training calendar can be found at [http://www.proquest.com/customer-care/training-webinars/.](http://www.proquest.com/customer-care/training-webinars/)

Search Tips for Newspapers.com (and for other sites with Newspaper records)

Wildcards are great if there are multiple spellings or possible misspellings of a name. Two common wildcards are the question mark [?] and asterisk [*].


- *Use a question mark to replace a single letter.* For example, if the person you're searching for has the surname "Johansen" but you aren't sure if it's spelled -son or -sen, you can search [Johans?n], and that will return results for both "Johanson" and "Johansen," as well as other variations.
- *Use an asterisk to replace multiple letters.* If you think there might be a double S in the surname "Johansen," searching for [Johan*n] will return results for "Johansen" and "Johanssen," in addition to "Johanson," "Johansson," and other possible spellings.

Boolean operators can help you focus your search. Two common ones are "or" and "not."


- *Use "or" between your search terms to return matches that have either (or both) of your terms.* For instance, if you are searching for news stories that mention either William Johansen or his brother, John, you can search for ["William Johansen" OR "John Johansen"] and the search will return results with matches for just William Johansen or just John Johansen, as well as results with both names.
- *Use "not" between search terms to help eliminate irrelevant results.* If you are searching for "William Johansen" but you don't want to see any results that also talk about his brother, John, you can search for ["William Johansen" NOT "John Johansen"], and that will get rid of any matches for William that also mention John.

So if you're having trouble finding the right person in your search results, try using wildcards or Boolean operators!

Online Digitized Book Collections: Google Books [Reduces its Digitizing and Preservation of old Books while Internet Archive Increases its Efforts at the Same Thing](#) (from Dick Eastman's Genealogy Blog)

 An article in *The Message* states that Google is reducing its efforts at digitizing old books. That certainly is a loss for genealogists, historians, and many others. In what appears to be an unrelated move, the Internet Archive is INCREASING its efforts at digitizing old books, adding 1,000 books to the online collection EACH DAY. Perhaps there is hope for genealogists after all.

In 2004, [Google Books](#) signaled the company's intention to scan every known book, partnering with libraries and developing its own book scanner capable of digitizing 1,000 pages per hour. Since then, the company has digitized millions of old books, creating a valuable archive. Google Books is still online, but has curtailed its scanning efforts in recent years, likely discouraged by a decade of legal wrangling still in appeal. The Google Books Blog stopped updating in 2012 and the Twitter account has been dormant since February 2013.

 In contrast, the [Internet Archive](#), a non-profit organization, has created one of the world's largest open collections of digitized books, over 6 million public domain books, and an open library catalog. The digitized books available from the Internet Archive also are available in many more formats than those from any other online service, including PDF, Kindle, EPUB, and more. Of course, you can also read any book simply by displaying it on your screen in a web browser.

The Internet Archive has also digitized 1.9 million videos, home movies, and 4,000 public-domain feature films. It has also added 2.3 million audio recordings, including over 74,000 radio broadcasts, 13,000 78rpm records, and 1.7 million Creative Commons-licensed audio recordings, more than 137,000 concert recordings, nearly 10,000 from the Grateful Dead alone. Other items added to the FREE online archives include more than 10,000 audiobooks from LibriVox, 668,000 news broadcasts with full-text search, and the largest collection of historical software in the world.

The Internet Archive also offers scanning services. The non-profit offers FREE and open access to scan complete print collections in 33 scanning centers, with 1,500 books scanned daily. Best of all, the scanning of books is performed in a non-destructive manner. That means there is no need to cut the bindings off the books before scanning. The Internet Archive either operates or partners with 33 scanning centers on 5 continents.

You can read more about the demise of Google Books and the rise of the Internet Archive at <http://goo.gl/DFYq7W>. The Internet Archive may be found at <http://archive.org>. Information about the Internet Archive book digitization efforts may be found at <http://archive.org/scanning>.

New Additions to the JCGL Collection

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Lineage book of the first families of the Twin Territories

KENTUCKY

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Logan County, Kentucky Cemeteries

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Logan County Kentucky Funeral Home Records

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Coffman, Edward F., Jr.

Logan County Kentucky: A Pictorial History

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Logan County, Kentucky, Marriages

1790-1865

1866-1900

1900-1926

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Logan County Kentucky Union Soldiers 1861-1865

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Vanderpool, Montgomery, compiler

Logan County, Kentucky Newspaper Genealogical Abstracts

v.7 1915-1925

v.8 1925-1927

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Abstracts of Wills and Settlements Logan County, KY

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Todd County, Kentucky Obituaries

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Perrin, William Henry, ed.

Christian County, Kentucky, Historical and Biographical

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Rothert, Otto A.

History of Muhlenberg County [Kentucky]

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Hammers, Marian G., compiler

Muhlenberg County, Kentucky Abstracts of Wills and Administrations

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Oregon's Main Street: U.S. Highway 99, "The Folk History"

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Oregon. Excerpts from the "Woodburn Independent"

v.1 December 1888-December 1889

v.2 January - December 1890

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v.6 January - December 1894

v.7 January - December 1895

v.8 January - December 1896

v.9 January - December 1897

v.10 January - December 1898

Magazines Recently Received

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack

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American Ancestors (New England Historic Genealogical Society), v. 16, #1, Winter 2015

(Circ 974 P273 AA)

- * "Katharine Gibbs and Her School: Beyond White Gloves"
- * "Benjamin and Samuel Blyth, Eighteenth-Century Artists of Salem, Massachusetts"
- * "Fornication and Paternity Suits in Massachusetts, 1740-1800"
- * "Richard Thayer of Braintree, Massachusetts - Town Thief?"
- * "A Shared Sensibility: Examining the Legacy of John and Mary (Mason) Norton, Maternal Great-Grandparents of Abigail Smith Adams"
- * "Unusual First Names as Markers in New York Genealogy"

American Spirit (Daughters of the American Revolution), v. 149, #2, Mar/Apr 2015

(Circ 929.05 AmS)

- * "A Remarkable 'American Woman'" (Esther De Berdt Reed)
- * "Stitches in Time" (Charting Family History in the DAR Museum's Quilts)
- * "The Dawn of Revolution" (The Stamp Act, 250 Years Ago)
- * "The Founding of a Fashion Plate: Godey's Lady's Book"
- * "Clementina Rind, Virginia's Patriot Printer"
- * "Genealogy Sleuth: Felicity or Harriet?" (Colonial Naming Choices)
- * "Mary Hays McCauley and the Myth of Molly Pitcher"

Beaver Briefs (Willamette Valley Genealogical Society), v.47, #1

(Circ 979.53 P273 Bea)

- * "Happenings the Past Year - 1887"
- * "Faith, Fads, Frauds & Quackery, Part IV: Alternative Healing"

Douglas County Pioneer, v. 29, #1, March 2015

- * "North Douglas County Gleanings" including:
- * Book Review: *Ginia, The Story of Virginia Putnam Lyons, An Oregon Pioneer*
- * Family Group Sheet for Daniel Jackson Lyons (4 pages with extensive notes)

Family Tree Magazine, v. 15, #7, December 2014

(Circ 929.05 FT)

NOTE: JCGL received a generous gift of 10 recent back issues, chockful of helpful articles. In the most recent issue:

- * "America Online" (75 genealogy websites focused on states)
- * "Show Your Roots" (13 projects and gift ideas)
- * "Untying the Knot" (finding divorce records)
- * "Getting More From the Census"
- * "Norse Nods" (6 top websites for ancestors in Norway)
- * "Directories" (City, House Business and other Directories)
- * "Photo Detective" (finding clues in family photos)
- * "Four Secrets to Successful Web Searches"

Heir Lines (Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County, CA), v.39, #2

(Circ 979.421 P273 Hei)

- * "Early Shasta County Stage Drivers"

Oregon Genealogical Society Journal (Lane County), v. 53, #1, Spring 2015

(Circ 979.531 P273 Ore)

- * "Victims of Silver Lake, Oregon, Fire of 1894"
- * "Death of a Pioneer Woman, Mrs. A. J. Chapman"
- * "Wilson, Sly, and Lee Families: Oregon Pioneers"
- * "Genealogical Resources at the University of Oregon's Knight Library"
- * "Oregon Pioneer John M. Forrest"
- * "New York Civil War Veterans in the GAR, Department of Oregon"
- * "Personals Column, Roseburg, Oregon, & Vicinity" (Transcribed from The Plaindealer (Roseburg, Oregon), January 3, 1895, page 3)

Oregon Historical Quarterly, v. 116 #1, Spring 2015

(Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ)

- * "Criminal Operations" The First Fifty Years of Abortion Trials in Portland, Oregon
- * "The Job was Big and the Man Doing It was Still Bigger" The Forgotten Role of Thomas B. Watters in Klamath Termination, 1953-1958
- * "A Foreigner's View of Oregon: The Portland Photography of E. O. Hoppe"
- * "Western Landscape Photography: Then and Now"
- * "P.I.B. Ping: A Kansan in 1880s Oregon"
- * "How Do You Celebrate a County's Centennial?" [Jefferson County]

Redwood Researcher: Humboldt County, v.47 #3, February 2015

(Circ 979.412 P273 Red)

- * "Leatrice Marie "Lea" Moxon" (obituary, d. 20 Nov 2014)
- * "California Birth Index, Humboldt County" (1909)



Ancestry Video, "Document Your Research: What Does That Mean?" Click the link to watch this recently released video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zadUh13kmKo>

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