



This monthly eNewsletter (eNews) for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) and Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) has three sections:

- (1) Classes and Events both at the library and elsewhere in the US,
- (2) RVGS News pertaining to member and society activities, and
- (3) JCGL News pertaining to our book collection and to internet resources.

You can access the current issue of the eNews from either of our websites, [RVGS](#) or [JCGL](#).

Items of interest concerning genealogy are frequently posted on our [blog](#), on our Facebook page [Friends of Jackson County Genealogy Library](#), or on [Twitter](#) as well as other social media sites.

The December issue of *The Rogue Digger*, our genealogical periodical, is available online. Follow this link, [Rogue Digger](#).

CLASSES AND MEETINGS

JCGL CLASSES AND MEETINGS

JCGL Classes and Meetings are held at Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR. Please register in advance when requested.

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

This informal, casual group usually meets the first Tuesday of each month as long as interest continues. Everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns, etc. and as a group we try and resolve these issues. It is a great way to keep connected and share information, too. Free and Fun! To register, call 541-512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

Sat, December 5 **Let's Talk about It; Newspapers.com, 10:30am-12:30pm**

This new event is facilitated by Dorothy Cotton. Come and learn the value of using newspapers in your research for information about your families by searching newspapers from places your ancestors may have lived. Newspapers.com will be the focus. This class is free for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, December 8 **German Interest Group, 3:30pm – 5:30pm**

Mary Robsman is facilitating this group. Come with your questions, ideas, and share what interests you in finding your ancestors from one of the Germanic countries. The meeting is free and open to all, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in pers

Wed, December 9 **Family Tree Maker ~ MAC User Group, 10:00am – 11:30am**


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

Wed, December 9 **Scandinavian Interest Group, 7pm – 9pm**

The Scandinavian Interest Group is splitting into smaller groups focusing on specific

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You can read the eNews on home page of 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 notification when the *The Rogue Digger* is available. Current and past issues can be found online on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Website under the [Publications](#) heading.

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countries. Chuck Carlson and Brian Almquist will facilitate the group focused on Sweden. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free.

Thu, December 10

Family Tree Maker Class, 10:30am—12:30pm

Charleen Brown will teach the next FTM for PC class, Documenting Sources: Learn how to cite sources and write source citations for facts. Members - \$10.00; Non-members - \$20.00. Laptops recommended but not required. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Sat, December 12

LIBRARY CLOSED

Tue, December 15

Pre-Christmas Tours, 10am—9pm

Receive a complimentary tour of the library plus a 1930 or 1940 family census stocking stuffer. JCGL houses vital records (birth, marriage, and death) as well as census records for the entire United States (and more). Admission is free. For additional information call 541-512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com.

Tue, December 15

Irish Interest Group, 6—8pm

Roz Owens will facilitate this month's meeting. If you have Irish ancestors, you can find help here to trace their history. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free.

Sun, Dec 20 –Sun Dec 27

LIBRARY CLOSED

Fri, Jan 1- Sun Jan 3

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LOCAL EVENTS

Dec 2, noon – 1:00pm at Medford Library, 205 S. Central Ave., Medford, OR Also on Dec 9, Noon – 1pm at the Ashland Library

Windows in Time: To Reflect and Correspond: Southern Oregon Diaries and Letters. Presentation by Stephanie Butler. Free.

Dec 6, 13, 20 at Beekman House, 470 E. California Street, Jacksonville, OR. Experience a Victorian Christmas at Jacksonville's Historic Beekman House!

Tours: every 15 minutes, 11am-3pm. Admission: Adults/\$5, Seniors/\$3, Students (6-12)/\$3.

Dec 27, at Hanley Farm, 1053 Hanley Road, Central Point

Southern Oregon Historical Society presents the Annual Holiday Hanley Home Tour, 11am—3pm

\$5/person; \$3/member.

OUT OF TOWN

UTAH

Jan 11-15 Salt Lake City UT Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) is a week-long intensive educational experience that takes students deep into their topic of choice. Students attending SLIG have the opportunity to advance their education with renowned genealogy experts during a week-long experience, network through special events, and tap into the wealth of resources at the nearby Family History Library.

SLIG is dedicated to offering courses that fill a high-intermediate and advanced-level educational need. We additionally offer a handful of courses structured to help intermediate and transitional genealogists strengthen their core understanding of the research process. Visit [Utah Genealogical Association](http://UtahGenealogicalAssociation) for details.

Feb 3-6 Salt Lake City UT [RootsTech Event Registrations Are Now Available](#)

The largest genealogy event in the world, RootsTech.org, is now accepting registrations. If you plan to attend, you can purchase tickets now at a cheaper price than waiting until you arrive at the door. Reserve a hotel room **NOW** as reservations will fill up quickly now that the announcement is out. (I made my hotel reservation months ago.) Hotel information may be found at <http://www.rootstech.org/attend/hotels?lang=eng>.

FLORIDA

May 4–7 2016 NGS (National Genealogical Society) Conference

Registration opens Tuesday, 1 December 2015 for the National Genealogical Society's thirty-eighth annual Family History Conference, Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time, which will be held 4–7 May 2016 at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center. To register on or after 1 December 2015, visit the NGS website at

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!

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/> and complete the online registration form.

CALIFORNIA

June 3-5 2016 Burbank, CA Southern California Genealogy Jamboree

Sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society. Burbank, California. Visit [Jamboree](#) for details.

ALABAMA

June 12-17 2016 Birmingham Alabama

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

Registration for IGHR 2016 will open at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (10:00 a.m. Central) on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at the Samford University Library provides an educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology through a week of intensive study led by nationally prominent genealogical educators. Every year, some courses fill up in a matter of minutes, so be sure to be wherever you have your fastest internet connection at registration time. In the event that a course fills, links will be provided to online wait list forms. Visit [IGHR](#) for details.

ILLINOIS

Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference

August 31 - September 3, Springfield, Illinois

Celebrate our 40th Anniversary with us and local host Illinois State Genealogical Society as we return to the Land of Lincoln in 2016! Hotel reservations are open now. **Book your hotel today at FGSConference.org.**

WEBINARS AND ONLINE VIDEOS

Finding Webinars: Each month, dozens of webinars are available to help you with your research. To look at a collection of webinars go to: <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/geneawebinars-calendar.html>. I have selected a few for you to check out. Be aware that the starting time may not be PST.

WEBINARS

Wed, Dec 2, 11:00am

"Stories in Stone - Cemetery Research" with Gail Blankenau.

Register at http://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=273

Ever wonder what various gravestone symbols mean? Is everything "set in stone" completely accurate? Gail will walk you through cemeteries all over the country with tips on how to use cemetery and associated records in your genealogy quest.

Sat, Dec 5, 10:00am

"The Curious Case of the Disappearing Dude" with Debbie Mieszala.

Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1609510563458432770>

James McBride seemingly vanished after coming of age. This case study presents how multiple versions of obituaries and other records helped uncover a name change, discover a famous James, and identify what became of his kin.

Tue, December 8, 6pm - 7pm

The US Federal Census: Good, Bad and Ugly for Genealogists - Gary Smith

The US Federal Census has become a staple of genealogical research in the United States. Using the census most effectively, however, requires understanding that there are good, bad, and truly ugly aspects of this record. Most are related to the type, quality or quantity of information recorded, but there are also some major pros and cons of the existence of the record. Recognizing the possible pitfalls and highpoints will allow a researcher to use the record to best advantage.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4542747002682234370> This webinar is presented by the Illinois State Genealogical Society This webinar is sponsored by FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org>)

Wed, December 16, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Webinar - Pointing Fingers at Ancestors' Siblings - Breaking Down Brick Walls with Collateral Research by Marian Pierre-Louis

Your brick wall is giving you countless headaches and troubles. Perhaps it's time to take a fresh look at different people in your family tree. In this webinar we will talk about doing in-depth research on cousins and siblings in order to remove genealogy obstacles. Register (free) at [HTTP://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

Fri, December 18, 11:00am - 12:30pm

What Happened to the State of Frankland?-- Using Tennessee's Pre-Statehood Records by Mark Lowe

Learn about the records (North Carolina & Tennessee) that exist for genealogists

researching pre-statehood Tennessee (before 1796). Record types, finding aids, locations, and examples will be discussed and presented. J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer. Register (free) at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1609510563458432770>

SOURCES FOR WEBINARS

- Legacy Family Tree Webinars, familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php
- Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars, <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>
- Ancestry.com including the new Ancestry Academy Series
- FamilyTreeDNA webinars, <https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/ftdna/webinars/>
- RootsMagic Webinars cover use of the RootsMagic software plus other topics such as Google Earth, <http://rootsmagic.com/Webinars/>.
- Illinois State Genealogical Society Webinars (in conjunction with Family Search), <http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234>
- FamilySearch Classes and Webinars
 - Go to FamilySearch.org.
 - Click the **Search** tab.
 - Select **Wiki**.
 - Type **Family History Library**.
 - Choose the top entry.
 - Click on **2.2 Live Online Classes** for details.
 - Scroll to find desired class.

GENEALOGY VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

To set up an account go to <https://www.youtube.com/>. Setting up an account is free and is more or less automatic if you have a Google account. Once you are logged in, you can search for videos on genealogy by simply typing *genealogy* in the search box. Once the search is complete, you can subscribe to one or more channels. One of those channels is Ancestry. Ancestry has literally thousands of videos on how to use Ancestry and how to solve other genealogy problems. Once you have subscribed to a channel you can choose to be notified via email each time a new video is posted. You can of course browse through the thousands of titles already available. Here's a link to an Ancestry video telling you how to break through brick walls, <https://youtu.be/zQLhtzYx7Bk>. Another useful channel is Devin Ashby who has published a large number of videos on how to use FamilySearch effectively. Other channels of interest include the following: Genealogy Bank (newspapers), Legacy Family Tree, Family Tree Magazine, Lisa Louise Cooke, and In-Depth Genealogy.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



50TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS NEWS SAVE THE DATE!

The RVGS 50th Year Heritage Celebration will be in 2016! 50 years as a society! Our celebration month will be September and on Sept. 19th we will have a "9-Day Kick Off" showcasing the events that will follow. We are planning many celebration events, so watch for news each month. For sure, mark your calendars for our big Seminar on Sept. 27th when Judy Russell, a genealogist with a law degree and author of the blog, "[The Legal Genealogist](#)" is our lecturer. She is a renowned national speaker. You will not want to miss this. More events will be publicized over the next months. 50 years! THAT IS REALLY SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF. The following two events are part of the 50th Year Celebration.

- **2016 FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST**

"True Stories from the Past"

\$100.00 1st Place Cash Prize \$75.00 2nd Place Cash Prize \$50.00 3rd Place Cash Prize

Story submission between June 1, and July 15, 2016.

Winning entries will be notified and honored at "Our 50th Year Heritage" events in September 2016. Click on the following link to read [Rules & Regulations](#) and download the Entry Form.

- **RVGS Scholarship Award**

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is pleased to offer a \$1,500 scholarship award opportunity to a high school senior residing in Jackson County, Oregon, who plans to attend a college or university in the state of Oregon. Application packets containing a

letter to the high school counselor, scholarship guidelines and instructions and an application have been mailed to all the high schools in Jackson County, Oregon. To be considered for this scholarship, students must return the completed application together with the requested supporting documents to the Scholarship Chairman, Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and must be received by the society by the stated deadline of January 31, 2016. This scholarship opportunity is open to enrolled students at the high schools as well as home schooled and online students who are working in conjunction with one of the Jackson County high schools.

We look forward to receiving many applications. The scholarship selection committee will review the applications and select the winning recipient in February, 2016. The scholarship monies will be sent directly to the financial aid office at the college or university chosen by the student to be used on that student's behalf after notice that the student is registered.

Please contact Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship Chairman, amayres@aol.com with any questions.



WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Gene R.	Austin
Crystal & Stephen	Bosbach
John	Brawner
Sharon R.	Deboer
Dorothea (Tia)	Hatch
Bonnie	Haynes
Lonnie	Jackson
Nancy D.	Johnson
Courtney N	Keen
Madi	Lunnen
Margery	Mathewson
Hazel	Smith
Ron & Jackie	Wagner
Bonnie C	Yates

ONLY A MONTH LEFT TO MAKE YOUR 2015 TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS! Let's leave a legacy to our descendants in the Jackson County Genealogical Library!

With your help, the Jackson County Genealogy Library mortgage of \$325,000 has been reduced to just UNDER **\$49,000!** Our goal to, "Burn the Mortgage," for the 50th Anniversary of JCGL in 2016 is approaching fast.

Your donation before the end of this year can serve us both...receive a tax deduction just by donating to the "Leave a Legacy" drive and help us maintain JCGL for generations to come.

Contributing is easy, simply go to www.rvgsociety.org and click on the Donate button to make a donation online, or you can mail or drop off a donation at the library at 3405 South Pacific Hwy, Medford, 97501. When donating, please designate that funds are to go the Leave A Legacy Fund.

All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you take Required Minimum Distributions, you can donate all or any part of the distribution directly; send your request to the administrator of your fund. In addition, if you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive a tax credit for the ENTIRE amount of your donation (maximum \$500 for individual; \$1000 for married couple filing jointly.) Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details. (Note, the RVGS/JCGL address still shows as Phoenix on their web site, we working to get that changed.)

THANK YOU to ALL of our Leave A Legacy donors thus far in 2015!

Marilyn Ayres, Marilyn Bamford, Michael Benke, Albert M Beron Family Trust, Carolyn Beron, Anne Billeter, Diane Brenner, Charleen Brown, Jennifer Bryan, Alan Buchta, Wayne Cabler, Linda Carr, Carolyn Craig, Richard Croy, Carita Culmer, Catherine Culver, Pam Dallura, Charles & Colleen Eccleston, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Terry Fischer, Marie Fulbright, Ruth Gerety, Beth Gilmore, Robert Hawk, Linda Hildreth, Monty & Carol Holst, Larry Horton, Horton Family Foundation, R. Thomas Hunt, Sheila & Roy Kimball, Ben & Susan Law, Linda Lipkind, Barbara & Richard MacMillen, Patsy Marcy, Bruce McGarvey, Nick Mercedes, Susan Milburn, Rich Miles, Betty Miller, Helaine Noble, Andrea Patterson, Dorcas Phelan, Dixie Pollard, Sally Riehl, John & DeeDee Ross, Carl Shauger, Barbara Shrewsbury, Janie Stewart, George & Donna Strader, Jan Stutts, April Thomas, Judith Uherbelau, Nancy Vaughn, Cathy Weatherby, Evelyn Williams, Jackie Wobbe

THANK YOU to ALL our 5/60 Club donors thus far in 2015!

Every little bit helps. Can't do a lump sum, donate a little every month and bring that mortgage down!

Colista Bailey, Albert Beron, Albert M. Beron Family Trust, Carolyn Beron, Carolyn Craig, Anne Billeter, Charles & Colleen Eccleston, Kendall Engelund, Terry Fischer, Marie Fulbright, Elizabeth Gilmore, Melinda Henningfield, Gene & Charlotte Henry, Ann Horton, Sheila Kimball, Ray Kimball, Steve Kious, Norbert Liebeg, Barbara & Richard MacMillen, Bruce McGarvey, Betty Miller, Andrea Patterson, Bob & Judi Pohan, Carl Shauger, Barbara Shrewsberry, John & Janie Stewart, April Thomas

HOW TO DONATE TO RVGS WITHOUT DIPPING INTO YOUR OWN POCKET

AMAZON

Did you know? If you shop at *Amazon.com* **after** clicking on the Amazon ad on either of our websites, RVGSociety.org or RVGSLibrary.org, a portion of the amount you spend is deposited in the RVGS bank account. So far this year RVGS received \$321.20 from those purchases. You can also contribute to RVGS by using the Amazon Smile program while on the website. We are registered there as Rogue Valley Genealogical Society.

FRED MEYER REWARDS

Do you use a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Did you know you can "donate" to RVGS without it costing you a dime?

1. Go to fredmeyer.com
2. Right under the search box on the Fred Meyer homepage, click the word **Rewards**, on the pop-up menu, click on **Community Rewards**.
3. If you have not signed in you will need to sign in at this point. If you have not registered your card/created your account, you'll have to do it at this point.
4. On the Community Rewards page, about half-way down the page, click on **Link Your Rewards Card Now**.
5. In the box below, "Enter Your organization's number or at least 3 letters of your organization's name and click Search." Type: **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society OR 91873**
6. Click the circle in front of our name
7. Click **Enroll**

RVGS BOARD HOLDS "RETREAT DAY 2015"

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society board consists of 15 members including 5 officers and directors of the major operations within the society and library. Once a year we review our 5 year goals [2014-2019] to determine if we are on track to meet these established goals, what is working and what isn't and discuss where we want to be tomorrow.

We always begin by reviewing our mission: **The mission statement of Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. is to inspire interest in genealogy, inform and educate the public, and maintain a growing sustainable library with a strong on line presence.**

From 9 AM to 3:30 PM we discussed the topics of: Marketing; Publicity; Programs/Events/Activities; Finance; Fundraising; Membership: Recruiting and Retention. Administration and Governance is a topic that includes improving effectiveness through streamlined and standard operating procedures, evaluating board skill levels and updating policies. Volunteer development and Technology are critical to continuing in the successful path we are on. Library Management and Operations; Collections; Building and Maintenance and Services were an important part of our day's discussion.

We have grown over the past 49 years to be a noticeable presence in this county. We are known for our success as an all-volunteer operation with no government funding. This works because of the dedicated people who work here, the financial supporters and the members. Our future consists of an Endowment Fund that will eventually support us and it will increase faster when our mortgage is paid off.

We have had a successful year with diverse Public Programs, events and classes. We have seen several Interest and User Groups develop. Our Brick Wall sessions and Mentoring Program help individuals with their genealogical challenges. Social media has increased our visibility and increased class and seminar attendance. Community Outreach programs create visibility in Southern Oregon. Research income is the result of our library website. Our 17 patron computers offer many genealogy subscription websites and there is not enough room to mention all the projects being done by volunteers at the library and in their homes. Our local Jackson County collection grows leaps and bounds each year. But, we still must get the word out that our collection offers researchers access to books and other media from around the U S and world, NOT just Jackson County.

At the end of the long, annual Retreat Day, the board always asks: Are we a society that is **Surviving or Thriving**? There is no doubt. The goals are being met, the mortgage is being reduced, and we will celebrate 50 Years in 2016.

Andrea Patterson, President

WHAT IS OLLI? AND, WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH RVGS?

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society has participated in OLLI [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute] Classes

for more than five years, introducing new patrons to the beginning and goal-setting aspects of becoming a good family researcher. The winter term included two-hour classes held on four consecutive Fridays, with an average of 28 participants each day. RVGS always gains memberships from these eager and interested students. The evaluations received are always positive and we are told we are a VERY popular course. So, what do we offer?

This four-week course includes an introduction: how to begin your research, where to find records you need, analyzing what you find and how to organize what you find. Resources include libraries, courthouses, cemeteries as well as free and subscription websites. We make sure OLLI participants know that the classes are held at JCGL as we want them to view our fabulous library and its resources. It is offered by several instructors who have a broad range of experience in genealogical research and in teaching genealogy. All of these instructors have a strong desire to share their enthusiasm for genealogy.

Who are the instructors? What are the courses?

- **INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY:** Anne Billeter, Instructor and the RVGS library manager offers "The basics of genealogy". Doing research for over 20 years, Anne is very knowledgeable about local resources. The class helps students know how to start, forms to use, documentation, researching in libraries, courthouses and cemeteries.
- **FINDING YOUR FAMILY:** Melinda Henningfield and Andrea Patterson are instructors. Melinda is a former board member and now a Certified Genealogist. Andrea is our current Society President. Both have been doing research for over 20 years. They explore where you can find information about your ancestors by consulting original records when possible and analyzing what you find for accuracy. Record groups discussed are census, land, military, immigration, church and vital records with some authentic documents for demonstration.
- **ACCESSING GENEALOGY INTERNET SITES AT THE JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY:** Barbara Basden, Instructor. Barbara is our ePublications director and co-manages our two websites with husband Dave. Her class covers types of information available and search techniques for the genealogy sites available on the Website Menu on patron computers at JCGL.
- **PAPER AND COMPUTER ORGANIZATION:** Barbara Northrop and Andrea Patterson, Instructors. Barbara is our RVGS Publicity Director and instructor to assist the new researcher how to start with paper organization. Andrea Patterson provides ideas on how to start to organize your research with your computer or mobile device. She covers technology tools, genealogy and note taking software and emphasizes backup for records.

Many hours are committed to the success of our program for OLLI. RVGS gets good reviews for its classes and is asked each year to do another series. There is always a Wait List! Our goal is to highlight our collection and services. With your memberships you support them and our growing presence in Southern Oregon for being the PLACE to go to.

RVGS VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

What is more important than thanking the dedicated volunteers who serve our library six days a week and our 15 member board that meets regularly, chairs committees and serves as class instructors? The answer is not much. This group is the foundation of a well-organized operating non-profit society. There is no way to completely say THANK YOU. Volunteers have been functioning for the benefit of the society and sponsoring a library for nearly 50 years. Some "volunteers" are our honored members, our life and benefactor members, and our financial supporters. We have over 54 members who are out of the Southern Oregon region or not residents of Oregon, but see the benefits offered. They might not be active volunteers and attend our thank you luncheon, but we will remember them! We will also remember those whom we have lost. Our luncheon is supported with purchases of main meal items and other contributions. The table decorations are donated as are the raffle basket donations which help with expenses. Please let us honor you and thank you for your support as a volunteer by joining us at the luncheon (by invitation only.) We hope to see all the volunteers. It has been a great year. Andrea Patterson, President

THE BASKETS ARE BACK.....

Our VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON is supported in part by the sales of raffle tickets for two baskets. Both baskets contain items donated by FamilySearch, BLM, Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), Harry & David, plus books, an excellent bottle of wine, \$20 cash, and gift cards from Fred Meyer, Olive Garden, Staples, TJ Maxx, Subway, and Applebees. Purchase your raffle tickets now! The first drawing at the luncheon will be for Basket #1 valued at \$200 and the second for Basket #2 valued at \$125. Thanks for your support. Follow this [link](#) to print the PDF file containing raffle tickets. Fill in the tickets then bring or mail them to JCGL. Our mailing address is Jackson County Genealogy Library; 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501. Pay by check or cash; please do not mail cash.

SHARE YOUR FAMILY QUILT STORY

The 1ST Annual RVGS Quilt Sharing Event will take place at JCGL on February 23, 2016. Plan ahead and participate by sharing a family quilt story. A sign-up sheet for

presenters is in the class binder at the library. If you want to be one of our presenters, contact us at the library by email: Reception.JCGL@gmail.com, telephone 541-512-2340, or in person. The deadline to sign up is January 4, 2016. The Quilt Committee will select five or six presenters from the list of those who submit quilt stories. You will be contacted by January 15th. At the Family Quilt Sharing Program you will have 10 minutes for your presentation. . If you have questions, please send an e-mail to annebilleteroregon@gmail.com.

JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION BIN

Please bring unwrapped toys to JCGL when next you come by to do research. RVGS/JCGL is participating in the **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program**. The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL

ATLASES

Atlas 912 Twe 1905

Twentieth Century Peerless Atlas and Pictorial Gazetteer of All Lands

[All of the cities in the United States with a population of 25,000 or more in 1900 are listed on a single page!]

BIOGRAPHIES

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National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans

Volume IV

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Aull

Aull, William F.

Aull and Martin Genealogy; Commenced in 1880, Finished in 1920

929.2 McCully

Wilbur, Sanford R.

Descendants of Samuel McCully of Early Nova Scotia, Canada

[including the McCullys of Jacksonville, Oregon]

929.2 Pond

Harris, Edward Doubleday

Genealogical Record of Daniel Pond, and his descendants

SCOTLAND

941 H388 Bro

Browne, James

*History of Scotland, Its Highlands, Regiments and Clans in eight volumes
8 vols.*

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

970.004 H388 Sta

Starr, Emmet

History of the Cherokee Indians and their legends and folk lore

NEW HAMPSHIRE

974.25 N298 Wen

Wentworth, William Edgar

Vital Records 1790-1829 from Dover, New Hampshire's first newspaper

NEW YORK

Circ 974.7 G242 New

New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer

PENNSYLVANIA

974.818 H388 Ann

Annals of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania and 460 Dauphin and Lebanon County marriage and death records, 1788-1838

KENTUCKY

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Battle, J. H.

Kentucky, A History of the State

Microfilm 976.9435 L142 Ken
Deeds (Shelby County, Kentucky), 1792-1801

Microfilm 976.9435 T191 Ken
Tax Books, 1792-1815 [Shelby County, Kentucky]

Microfilm 976.9495 C597 Ken
County Court order books of Nelson County [Kentucky] 1793-1816

Microfilm 976.9495 L142 Ken
Nelson County, Kentucky deeds, 1785-1829, index 1786-1875

Microfilm 976.9495 T191 Ken
Tax books (Nelson County, Kentucky) 1792-1810

ILLINOIS

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History of Marion and Clinton Counties, Illinois

OREGON

979.527 H388 O'Ha
O'Harra, Marjorie Lutz
Ashland in Transition: 1980s and 1990s

979.537 C248 1895
Oregon Marion Co. 1895 Census, volume 2

979.541 H388 Web
Webber, Bert
Oregon City (By Way of the Barlow Road) At the end of the National Historic Oregon Trail

ALASKA

979.83 H388 Liv
Lively, Brigitte
Matanuska Colony: Fifty Years 1935-1985

MAGAZINES RECENTLY RECEIVED

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack [Partial contents listed]

American Spirit, November, v 149, #6, December 2015.
(Circ 929.05 AmS)

- * "If Not for the DAR: Recognizing Historic Preservation Efforts By Daughters Past and Present"
- * "The Quest to Save the World's Last Intaglio Effigy Mound"
- * "Come and Take It! Rallying Cry of Revolutionaries"
- * "Independence in the Piedmont: The Hezekiah Alexander House"
- * "A Pacifist's Dilemma: Quakers and the Revolutionary War"
- * "The Camp Meeting: Conversation and Conflict on the Tented Field"

NGS Magazine for Generations Past, Present, and Future, v 41, #4, October-December 2015.(Circ 929.05 NGSM)

- * "Utilizing Outlining for Strong Genealogical Writing"
- * "Genealogical Numbering Systems: History and Reasoning"
- * "Building Citations While Writing"
- * "Scrivener: An Organizational Tool for Genealogical Writers"
- * "In Their Own Words: Family Stories in the National Archives"
- * "Genetic Genealogy Journey: Tips for Initial Contact with a Match"
- * "Getting the Most from Case Studies in the NGSQ."

HEIR-LINES, v 40, #1, Oct. 31, 2015.
(Circ 979.421 P273 Hei) "Biographical Sketch of Early Pioneers of Scott Valley"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In December we will be taking our annual inventory of the book collection. This is a great opportunity to discover books you didn't know were in the library...you might find an ancestor! Volunteers are invited to join for one or more two-hour shifts (or longer if desired) during the following hours:

Monday, December 14 - Friday, December 18

Monday, December 21 - Wednesday, December 23

Monday, December 28 - Thursday, December 31 (if needed!)

Volunteers work in teams of two, so recruit a friend or sign up alone and meet someone new! Email Anne Billeter at annebilleteroregon@gmail.com to sign up or call JCGL during open hours: 541-512-2340.

OTHER RESOURCES AND NEWS

IMAGES ON FAMILYSEARCH

Images on FamilySearch cannot be viewed with Internet Explorer. Use an alternative browser, e.g. Google Chrome or Firefox. JCGL patron computers use Firefox. It's also important to update your browser from time to time.

HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY ARCHIVES FOR OREGON STATE

From an article in the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter:
Oregonians and other historians are now able to harvest information about hundreds of historical books and studies in an online History and Archaeology Library created by the Oregon Heritage division of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

"During the past five decades, we have received hundreds of studies and reports about historic and pre-historic places in Oregon," said Chrissy Curran, manager of Oregon Heritage and the deputy state historic preservation officer. "We've worked so that the public can now have easy access to these documents as well as the titles of other books that have been published since the 1950s."

Organized by county, the online [History and Archaeology Library](#) also includes links to lists of historic cemeteries and National Register sites in the counties. There are also links to the State Archives location guides to government records in each county. "We have also included links to digital projects that we have supported with our grant programs," said Kyle Jansson, coordinator of the Oregon Heritage Commission. "For example, we link to the historic photos digitized in a joint project of the Albany Regional Museum and the Albany Public Library. An-other link is to historic land survey maps digitized by Baker County."

The History and Archaeology Library also includes listings and links of other regional and statewide re-sources related to history and archaeology, and history research guides. Oregon Heritage will continue to add studies and book listings to the online library as they are received.

"We want researchers who know about other work to let us know of its existence," said Ian Johnson, manager of the State Historic Preservation Office. "We want researchers to think of this as the first place to go when they are gathering information."

The Oregon Heritage division includes the State Historic Preservation Office, the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, the Oregon Heritage Commission, and the Oregon Main Street Program. Its website is <http://www.oregonheritage.org>

JACKSON COUNTY OREGON RESEARCH AT JCGL

In November JCGL Library Director Anne Billeter taught class on "Researching Jackson County People" to volunteer and staff librarians from JCGL, Southern Oregon Historical Society Research Library (SOHS), and the Medford and Ashland Public Libraries. She shared which research resources are available in local libraries, including book, manuscript, photo, and electronic resources. She demonstrated what could be found about Sarah Howlett...who had only one page in the JCGL Pioneer Files (but who will soon have many more pages.) JCGL's many indexes to Jackson County information provided many rich "finds," as did photographs and manuscripts in the SOHS Research Library, and digitized images of early issues of the *Medford Mail*, the *Mail Tribune*, and the *Oregonian*. Anne also shared her discovery of scanned images of wills and probate records from Jackson County (most of the case files for 1853-1920) and many other Oregon counties on *Ancestry.com*, which is available in all 15 branches of Jackson County Library Services, as well as on all 17 patron computers at JCGL.

Anne also presented "Sarah Ann: A Jackson County Mystery" at the Medford Library for the November Guild Lecture. She reported her recent discovery that the scanned images available at JCGL of volume 1 of the *Jackson County, Oregon, Marriage Book* has consent forms, which were required by Oregon law if either the bride or groom were under the age of consent. "Sarah Ann Coakley, formerly Mrs. Cox..." swore that her daughter Sarah Louisa Cox was over the age of fifteen and that she was consenting to her marriage to David Peninger (29 March 1869.) Genealogical clues can be found in unexpected places!

IRISH ROOTS MAGAZINE

As an addition to JCGL's subscription to *Findmypast*, the library receives quarterly issues of the *Irish Roots* magazine designed for those interested in finding Irish records. You can download and then read or save a personal copy of this magazine, here is the link, http://www.rvgsociety.org/pdf/2015IrishRootsMagazine-Issue_96.pdf
Here is a list of the contents of this issue:

- 1916 Leaders Family Histories
- Sacred Sites Of Ireland
- Tracing Your Roscommon Ancestors
- ACE Summer Schools
- Books Ireland
- Society Notes
- Genealogy and Geology
- What's New? - Review
- Back To Basics - An Overview
- U.S. Occupational Sources, Railway Workers
- From Ballynastockan To Minneapolis
- Australian Irish Connections
- A Question Of Genealogy

EXTREME GENES

The New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is the oldest genealogical society in the US. NEHGS provides JCGL with the *American Ancestors* website in addition to other useful resources for genealogists. One of those resources is *Extreme Genes, Genealogy and Family History Radio*. Here is a list of recent topics covered by Extreme Genes podcasts and news stories.

Russian Birds Preserve History!

Unopened Dutch Letters Found from 17th and 18th Centuries

Queen Calls For DNA Test To Settle Baronet Title / Utah Mormon King Coming?

America's "Oldest Living Vet" Hits 110! Way To Go Frank!

- See more at: <http://extremegenes.com/category/podcast-archive/>

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