

# eNews for RVGS/JCGL January 2016

About this Newsletter: 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 of member and society activities, and
- (3) JCGL News about our book collection and 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](#) and other social media sites.

We're here to help you research your family history.

## Classes and Events

### 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, Jan 5**

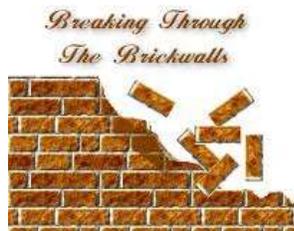
#### Family Tree Maker "PC" User Group, 1:30pm – 3:00pm



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! Please call (541)512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

**Sat, Jan 9**

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



Andrea Patterson and Marilyn Ayres will facilitate this session. Bring your questions and discuss with others ways of breaking through the brick wall in your research. Please register in advance by email: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free.

**Tue, Jan 12**

**German Interest Group, 3:30pm – 5:00pm**



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Mary Robsman facilitates 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 is available to all, but please register in advance by email: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Wed, Jan 13**

**Family Tree Maker User Group-Mac computers, 10:00am – 11:30am**



Family Tree Maker User Group (Mac computers). 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](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

**Thu, Jan 14**

**Irish Interest Group, 1pm – 3pm**



The Irish Interest Group will meet to discuss topics of interest for those researching or wanting to know more about researching their Irish ancestors. Please call (541)512-2340 or email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free activity.

**Tue, Jan 19**

**“Oral Histories,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Program and Members Meeting, 1:30pm – 3:00pm**



Charleen Brown and Marilyn Ayres will present strategies for making the most of the questions you ask your older relatives to put together their history and memories for your family. To register, call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or drop by the library to sign up in advance. Free.

**Sat, Jan 23**

**Finding WWII Records, 10:30am – 12:30pm**



Barbara Northrop will discuss ways that you can best search for records and information about your relatives who served in World War II. These records may be difficult to find or acquire. Please register in advance by email: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Fee: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

**Tue, January 26**

**Quilts and Genealogy Talk: "Coat Quilts," 1:30pm – 2:30pm**



The title of this month's talk is "Coat Quilts." The talk will be presented by Sue Waldron. Using three examples of the utilitarian quilts made from scraps of wool winter coats, Sue will share some of the philosophy behind their creation and the family stories that the names that appear on the quilt bring to mind, enriching and bringing color to the memories of our ancestors. Please register in advance by email: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free.

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## LOCAL EVENTS

### MEDFORD

**Wed, Jan 6 2016 - 12:00pm. Windows In Time:** "Heroes and a Few Villains," noon talk presented by Ron Brown. Location: Medford Library.

**Sat, Jan 23 2016 - 10:00am. Tales from the Collection:** "Digging Jacksonville," presented by Chelsea Rose, Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Archaeology. Location: SOHS History Center, 106 N. Central Ave, Medford.

### GRANTS PASS

**Grants Pass Genealogical Society Meeting, Tuesday January 12 1:30 – 3pm.** "History Shakespeare & DNA - a puzzle solved." Meeting held at the LDS Church 1969 Williams Hwy. Grants Pass



## 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](#) for details.

### Feb 3-6 Salt Lake City UT RootsTech



The largest genealogy event in the world, [RootsTech.org](#), for 2016 is coming soon. RootsTech is the perfect place to discover, preserve, and share your family stories and connections across generations. With a line-up of world-class speakers,

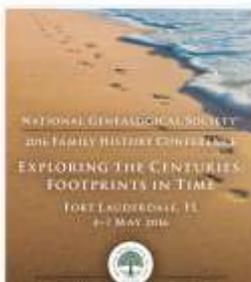
thrilling entertainment, over 200 engaging classes, and a huge expo hall, there's something for everyone, no matter the age or skill level.

## OREGON

**Apr 23 Bend Genealogical Society** Spring Seminar features Lisa Louise Cooke of Genealogy Gems. More information coming later!

## FLORIDA

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



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

## CALIFORNIA

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



Jamboree 2016 offers an exceptional educational opportunity for family historians and genealogists of all experience levels. The theme for Jamboree 2016 is "Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past." We welcome all attendees who are interested in genealogy and in preserving the past for future generations. Our heritage focus will be on German, Eastern

European, and African-American research. Topics covered will include research methods, analysis and problem solving, organization techniques, family history writing, the use of technology, and more. SCGS will hold its fourth **Genetic Genealogy Conference**, "The Future of the Past: Genetic Genealogy 2016," on Thursday, June 2, 2016, also at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. Read all about this year's event by going to their [blog post](#).

## 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**

**TIME TRAVEL: CENTURIES OF MEMORIES**

**A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists**



FGS and local host the Illinois State Genealogical Society invite you to join genealogists and family historians from throughout the world for some innovative time traveling experiences in Springfield, IL! Learn from exceptional

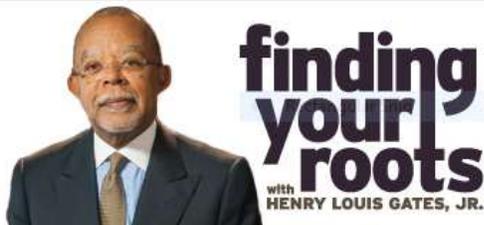
speakers, network with other researchers, stroll through a large exhibit hall filled to the brim with vendors, and take in the amazing sights and sounds of Illinois' capital city.

Hotel reservations are open now. Book your hotel today at [FGSConference.org](#).

## TV SHOWS

**Finding Your Roots: Season Three**

**Premieres Jan 5, 2016 at 8pm on SOPTV, repeating on Tuesdays at 8pm**



Hosted and written by Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., season three of Finding Your Roots is filled with emotional moments that enrich our national discussion on race, ethnicity, and identity. Gates traces the ancestral trails of 28 new guests, including Mia Farrow, Bill Maher, Gloria Steinem, Bill O'Reilly, Julianne Moore, Sean Combs, Maya

Rudolph, Richard Branson, Soledad O'Brien, Senator John McCain, Azar Nafisi, and Norman Lear.

## WEBINARS AND ONLINE VIDEOS

### Finding Webinars



Webinars are online videos that you can watch on your computer or mobile device (tablet, smartphone). If you wish, you can ask questions and participate in the discussion at the end of the presentation if you have a microphone set up on your device. Each month, dozens of webinars are available to help you with your research. To look at one collection of webinars go to: <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/geneawebinars-calendar.html>. I have listed a few free live webinars for you to check out.

The Southern California Genealogical Society makes available two free webinars each month. If you don't want to miss them, please download the pdf file containing their schedule for 2016. Follow this link, [http://www.rvgsociety.org/pdf/SCGS\\_WebinarSchedule.pdf](http://www.rvgsociety.org/pdf/SCGS_WebinarSchedule.pdf).

If want to find other sources for online webinars, follow this link, <http://www.rvgsociety.org/pdf/SourcesForWebinars.pdf>

#### **Webinar – “Organizing Your Genealogy Research Process” - Drew Smith**

**Tue, January 12, 6pm – 7pm.** To register, go

to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8573458780274373378>

#### **Webinar – “Technology and Techniques for Differentiating Two People with the Same Name” by Geoff Rasmussen.**

**Wed, January 13, 11:00am – 12:30pm.** To register, go

to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/20000000029005655>

#### **Webinar – “Making YDNA and mtDNA Part of Your Genealogy” by Diahan Southard.**

**Wed, January 20, 6:00-8:00pm.** To register, go

to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3798901005945422593>

#### **Webinar – “The Basics of Virginia Research,” by Shannon Combs-Bennett**

**Wed, January 20, 11:00am – 12:30pm.** To register, go

to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/552705074106043650>

## GENEALOGY VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

	Midwest Genealogy C...	
	Family History & Gene...	
	The In-Depth Genealo...	
	GenealogyTools	
	GenealogyBank	
	Legacy Family Tree S...	
	Family Tree Magazine	
	Family Tree DNA	
	Lisa Louise Cooke's G...	
	Ancestry	2
	FamilySearch	6
	Simon's Cat	1
	Devin Ashby	
	dpcomputing	1

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.

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## ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



### 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION NEWS

#### SAVE THE DATE!



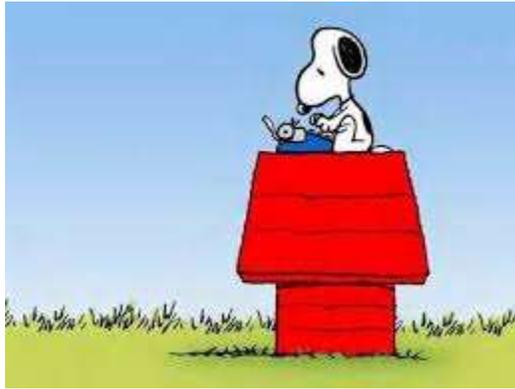
A genealogist with a law degree, *The Legal Genealogist* **Judy G. Russell, JD, CG<sup>SM</sup>, CGL<sup>SM</sup>**, is a lecturer, educator and writer. [More]

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 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration.

- **2016 FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST**

“True Stories from the Past”



\$100 1<sup>st</sup> Place Cash Prize

\$75 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Cash Prize

\$50 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cash Prize

Story submissions accepted between June 1 and July 15 in 2016.

Winners will be notified and honored at our 50th year heritage events in September 2016. Click on the following link to read Rules & Regulations and to download the Entry Form, [Writing Contest](#).

- **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 at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. All documents must be received by the society by the January 31, 2016. This scholarship opportunity is open to students enrolled 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, [aayres@aol.com](mailto:aayres@aol.com) with any questions.

- **Volunteer Help Needed**



Please help out with the many events planned for our 50th Celebration. Stop by at Jackson County Genealogy Library to examine the bulletin board to find a niche for your talents. Thank you! We depend so much on our volunteers.



### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: LIBRARIAN SHARON FREEBURNE**



Sharon is originally from Orange County, California where her family lived for several generations after arriving from Texas, Idaho, Oklahoma, and Mississippi during the early 1900s. After finishing school in Riverside, she relocated to a more desirable place to live—Oregon. She lived first in Brookings for five years, and in the Rogue Valley for the next 40 years.

Sharon joined RVGS in 1988 when it was located in a small set of rooms upstairs in downtown Medford. She liked it immediately and decided to volunteer so she “could become more familiar with how it all worked and what was available.” It's

been a journey ever since,” says Sharon!

“My library career really started in high school where I was a library aide, then in the Brookings Library, next at Jackson County Library Services (for 30 years), and now the Rogue Community College Library. I currently work on the reception desk at JCGL once a month and process new books for the collection on Mondays. The donations to the society’s library have increased dramatically and there is never a lack of work here. My current interest in research is using the newspaper databases since taking a class on what we have. Newspapers are full of stories that flesh out some of the details of past ancestors, especially my Orange County and Idaho families. “Fun and interesting stories!”

We are glad Sharon found her way to Medford. She has been one of our most dedicated librarians and project workers for over 30 years. Thank you Sharon. Yours is a well-deserved award.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: PROJECTS CARA DAVIS-JACOBSON**



Born in California and having resided in Oregon now for 16 years, Cara Davis-Jacobson is one of the 1,278,759 people in the U.S. today with the surname Davis, the seventh most popular surname in the country. Between that fact and all the secrets her family kept, she knew that if she was ever going to figure out where she came from, it would take an enormous amount of research. Her tree was one generation long when she started, and she wasn't even sure who her

true maternal grandfather was.

She found her way to RVGS and a cadre of amazing people who completely understood her curious obsession with unmasking her family's secrets and sleuthing for the truth. After showing up to do some data entry in response to a newspaper ad for help, a perceptive board member discovered Cara's professional editorial background, and put her time to better use on society publications. Cara has edited the *Between Us Diggers* monthly newsletter (now discontinued) and currently edits *The Rogue Digger* genealogy periodical.

So...has she discovered who her birth maternal grandfather is? Yes, but only his name. Has she discovered which Davis line she descends from? She's close but still does not have definitive proof. The moral of the story is find a great group of people to research with (like the folks at RVGS) who will make the long research slog fun and rewarding, and you will come to enjoy the journey as immensely as the longed-for destination!

The RVGS Board made a good selection with this nomination! We thank you for all you do.

### **HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON AND OFFICER INSTALLATION**

*Submitted by Andrea Patterson, RVGS President*



While the weather offered a little rain, it did not dampen the spirits of the 70 volunteers who attended the annual luncheon at the library on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. The food was good and the company to visit with even better. Officers were installed by Ruth Wade for year 2016. They are: Andrea Patterson, President; Anne Billeter, Vice President, Sheila Kimball, Secretary, Barbara Shrewsberry, Treasurer and Betty Miller, Trustee. Chloe Sternola will move to Library

Manager with the Vice Presidency accepted by Anne Billeter. Colista Bailey retired as Treasurer and the audience acknowledged her many years of service. There will be a reception for Colista after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Public Program on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Board directors will be announced in January 2016.

Rich Miles, Finance Director, announced that by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 the mortgage will be under \$39,999! We are truly grateful to our membership for their support. The mortgage was \$325,000 in February 2012, then the sale of the old library reduced it to \$165,000 and now 3 ½ years later the balance is below \$40,000. The 50<sup>th</sup> Year Heritage Celebration received \$1,000 through a grant written by Barbara MacMillen. The winners of the Gift Baskets were Barbara Grimes and Ted Madrala.

The Board announced the SPOT LIGHT on EXCELLENCE award recipients for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2016: Cara-Davis Jacobson for PROJECTS and Sharon Freeburne for LIBRARIAN. Their photos and brief bios will be displayed in the cabinet in the library.

We wish all of you a Happy New Year and we hope to see you often at the library.

### **FINANCIAL NEWS: THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED TO BRING DOWN THE MORTGAGE IN 2015!**

**With the help of MANY generous donors in 2015, the Jackson County Genealogy Library mortgage now stands at \$39,000!!**



- **THANK YOU to ALL of our Leave A Legacy donors in 2015!**

Billy & Joan, Jack & Debbie Adams, Karen Asche, Marilyn Ayres, Barbara R. Baehr, 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, Sheila G. Coney, Carolyn Craig, Richard Croly, Carita Culmer, Catherine Culver, Pam D'Allura, Charles & Colleen Eccleston, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Terry Fischer, Sarah Forbes, Marie Fulbright, Ruth Gerety, Beth Gilmore, Celeste Guillory, Robert Hawk, Gene & Charlotte Henry, Linda Hildreth, Monty & Carol Holst, Larry & Ann Horton, Horton Family Foundation, R. Thomas Hunt, Linda Jameson, Sheila & Roy Kimball, Ben & Susan Law, Linda Lipkind, Barbara & Richard MacMillen, Patsy Marcy, Bruce McGarvey, Nick Mercedes, Barbara Meddaugh, Susan Milburn, Rich Miles, Betty Miller, Jeffrey Monosoff, Helaine Noble, Andrea Patterson, Dorcas Phelan, Dixie Pollard, Rhoda M. Ralston, Sally Riehl, John & DeeDee Ross, Carl Shauger, Barbara Shrewsberry, Janie Stewart, George & Donna Strader, Jan Stutts, April Thomas, Robert & Linda Turner, Judith Uherbelau, Nancy Vaughn, Ruth Wade, Cathy Weatherby, Evelyn Williams, Jackie Wobbe

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

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, Shiela Kimball, Ray Kimball, Steve Kious, Norbert Leibeg, Barbara & Richard MacMillen, Bruce McGarvey, Betty Miller, Andrea Patterson, Bob & Judi Pohan, Carl Shauger, Barbara Shrewsberry, John & Janie Stewart, April Thomas

Note: If we missed your name, PLEASE let us know!

### **WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!**

The date to meet our goal to "Burn the Mortgage" for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in September is approaching fast. With just 8 months to go, we will need to make average payments of about **\$5,000** each month, which means about \$4,200 in donations each month. We CAN DO IT with YOUR help!



Contributing is easy, simply go to [www.rvgsociety.org](http://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 to 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. Just go to [www.culturaltrust.org/donate](http://www.culturaltrust.org/donate) for more details.

## WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Lynn A.	Bernstein
John H.	Halverson
Virginia	Sommerlot
Marjorie J.	Roner
Alx	Fox
Nathan	McCoy
Christy	Jenkins
Mardell	Lau
Charles	Lewman
Sheila G.	Coney

## 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, [Rogue Valley Genealogical Society](#), or [Jackson County Genealogy Library](#) a portion of the amount you spend is deposited in the RVGS bank account. Amazon currently pays us 4% of all purchases. The link to Amazon on the society site looks like this:



Click on the word *amazon* in the upper left corner. If the picture isn't shown by your internet browser, e.g., Internet Explorer, click on the link, [Link to Amazon](#).

The link on the library site looks like this:



Click anywhere on the picture to go to the Amazon website. If the picture isn't shown by your internet browser, e.g., Internet Explorer, click on the link, [Link to Amazon](#).

In 2015, RVGS received **\$338.81** from your 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

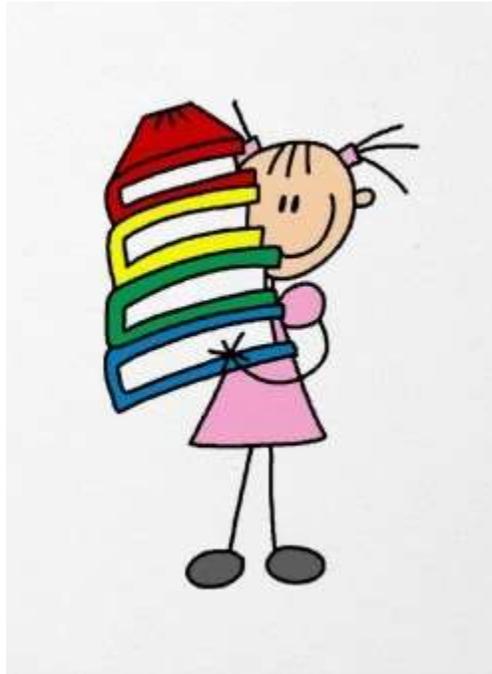


Do you use a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Did you know you can “donate” to RVGS without it costing you a dime?

1. Go to [fredmeyer.com](http://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**

# JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

## PASS ON A (CHILDREN'S) BOOK



Want to make a difference in the life of a child? YOU can improve the likelihood that a youngster will arrive at school ready to read and learn, or that an older child will become a better reader, leading to greater self-esteem and future success. Donate a children's book that you and your child loved to read (new or gently used) to The Storytelling Guild's *Pass the Book* program. Collection crates will be available throughout the month of January 2016 at the Jackson County Genealogy Library and at all 15 Jackson County Libraries.

The Storytelling Guild distributes between 5,000 and 10,000 books each year to more than 25 agencies who work with children from newborns to older teens--agencies like Kids Unlimited, Head Start, Juvenile Detention, Community Health Centers, the Children's Advocacy Center, OnTrack, Dunn House and others.

For more information, email Anne

Billeter: [annebilletrorregon@gmail.com](mailto:annebilletrorregon@gmail.com)

## JCGL COLLECTION REPORT

After December 2015 Inventory

Cataloged Materials

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Books, Bulletins, CDs, Videos	14,759	14,759	14,821	15,218	15,935	16,666
Microfilm (rolls)	304	304	304	304	341	362
Microfiche (sheets)	1,064	1,589	1,590	1,590	1,584	1,584
Maps	61	72	61	61	70	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,762</b>	<b>16,724</b>	<b>16,776</b>	<b>17,178</b>	<b>17,930</b>	<b>18,688</b>
Accessioned	365	287	129	375	364	500
Discarded			109	53	31	53
Bulletins (Net added)			32	80	419	311

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>15,762</b>	<b>16,724</b>	<b>16,776</b>	<b>17,178</b>	<b>17,930</b>	<b>18,688</b>
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Not included in count:

- Vertical Files
- Pioneer Files
- Donated items received but not yet cataloged
- Missing items

**NOTE:** Bulletins are cataloged but not accessioned.

- **Missing:** Each year the inventory results in a Missing List. Most of the items on the missing list are subsequently found. If they continue to be missing for 2 more years, they are deleted.

<b>MISSING</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Reference Books	11	8	8	23	12	15
Circulating Books	4	4	2	6	4	4
Bulletins	9	9	7	9	8	7
CD-ROMs	2	1	2	4	4	3
Microfiche	0	1	0	0	0	0
Maps	0	1	1	0	1	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>
Found	15	13	5	22	7	
Deleted		7	2	0	10	
<b>Revised TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	

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## **NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL DECEMBER 2015**

### **GENEALOGY HOW TO**

Circ 929.1 Big

*Big Idea book of Heritage Memories; over 300 brand-new scrapbook page ideas.*

Circ 929.1 Ris

Rising, Marsha Hoffman

*Family Tree problem solver.*

Circ 929.11 Szu

Szucs, Loretto Dennis

*They became Americans: finding naturalization records and ethnic origins*

### **FAMILY HISTORIES**

929.2 Lively

Vallentine, John F.

*Livelys of America, 1690-1968*

CD 929.2 McAhron

Rardin, Anette Stanley

*In Search of Hearth and Home: The Descendants of James McAhron and Mahala Westfall, Including Adams, Arnold, Briney, Clark, Hammond, Rader, Rogers, Rose, Smith and Turner*

929.2 Wade

Wade, Carl H.

*Descendants of David Bingley Wade, 1775-1805 who married Sarah Angeley*

### **IRELAND**

Circ 941.6 B352 Fis

Fisher, Peter

*Paul Pollock's War: An Ulster-Scots family and the Great War*

### **INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA**

970.1 G242 Pan v.2

Pangburn, Richard

*Indian Blood II: Looking for Your Native American Ancestor*

### **UNITED STATES**

973 H388 Nor

Norlie, Olaf Morgan

*History of the Norwegian People in America*

**WEST VIRGINIA**

975.437 T191 Wol

Wolfgang, Meldon J.

*Kanawha County, Virginia, [now West Virginia] Personal Property Tax Lists 1806 and 1809*

**VIRGINIA**

975.5 L142 Han

Hanson, Raus McDill

*Virginia Place Names; derivations, historical uses*

**WISCONSIN**

Microfilm 977.5 C721 Wis

*Wisconsin. Church Records [various]*

5 rolls

Microfilm 977.59 C721 Cat

*Church Records, 1862-1932 [St. John Catholic Church, Waubeka, Wisconsin]*

Microfilm 977.596 P571 Wis

*Index to Wills and Estates, 1850-1983 [Racine County, Wisconsin]*

**MISSOURI**

Microfilm 977.8985 C597 Mis

*Court Records, 1805-1831 [New Madrid County, Missouri]*

Microfilm 977.8985 L142 Mis

*Deed Records, 1805-1821 [New Madrid County, Missouri]*

3 rolls

Microfilm 977.8985 L142 Mis

*New Madrid Papers, 1789-1927 [Missouri]*

[early biographical sketches and land records; court records]

2 rolls

**CALIFORNIA**

Circ 979.4 H388 Lev

Levy, Jo Ann

*They Saw the Elephant: Women in the California Gold Rush*

Circ 979.4 H388 Ste

Steed, Jack

*Donner Party Rescue Site: Johnson's Ranch on Bear River*

979.415 H388 Shu

Shultz, Ray

*Memories of Redwood Valley [Mendocino County]*

979.493 S227 Orange 1920

*The Orange and White: A history of the California Institute of Technology.*

## **OREGON**

979.5 H388 But

Butler, J. Dean

*Champoeg*

Circ 979.5 H388 Mas

Masterson, Martha Gay

*One Woman's West: Recollections of the Oregon Trail and Settling the Northwest Country.*

979.527 C248 1880

*1880 Census of Jackson County, Oregon*

979.527 L142 Jac v.1

*Jackson County Oregon Deed Book 1, May 5, 1853 to February 2, 1857*

979.527 L142 Jac v. 2

*Jackson County Oregon Deed Book 2, February 11, 1857 to January 18, 1861*

979.527 S227 Rogue 1964

*The Rogue 1964 [yearbook of Ashland High School, Ashland, Oregon]*

979.549 S227 Log

*Log 1944 [yearbook of the University of Portland]*

*Log 1945 [yearbook of the University of Portland]*

## **WASHINGTON**

Circ 979.737 H388 Far

Fargo, Lucile F.

*Spokane Story: An Informal History of the Capital of the Inland Empire*

## **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]

*The Colorado Genealogist*, v 76, #4, November 2015. (Circ 978.8 P273 Col)

- “Family Records transcribed from Bibles at the Denver Public Library”
- short bios of “New York Civil War Soldiers Who Were Members of the Colorado and Wyoming GAR” part 3
- Pioneer Obituary Clipping File
- Annual Index of Surnames

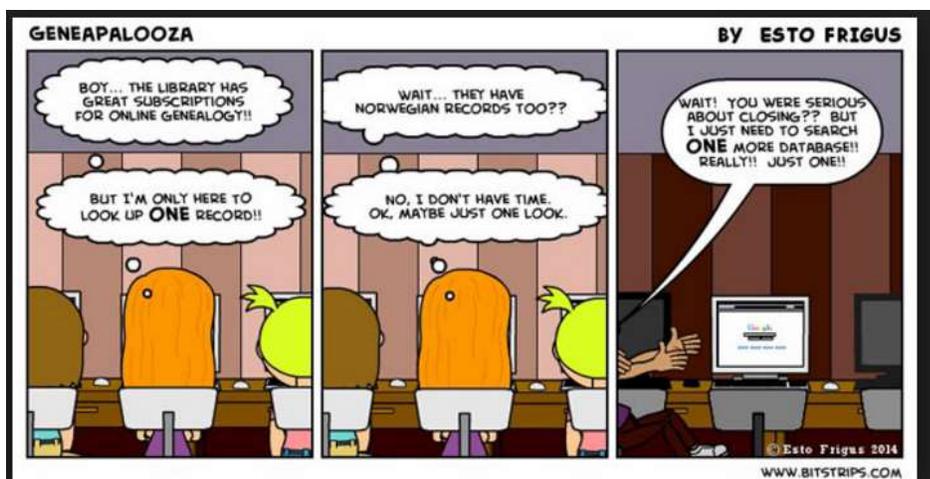
*Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*, v 60, #4, December 2015.(Circ 976.6 P273 OGS)

- “Why are Names Important and What Can You Learn from a First Name”
- “Stillwater Literally Grew Up Around Katz Department Store”

*Oregon Historical Quarterly*, v 116, #4, winter 2015. (Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ0)

- “Revisiting Rajneeshpuram, Oregon’s Largest Utopian Community as Western History”
- “The Value of a Historical Landscape: Heritage and Nature at Bridal Veils”
- “Comrade Johns, Oregon’s Socialist Presidential Candidate”
- “A Black Logger’s Journey, Jackson Parish, Louisiana to Wallowa County, Oregon”
- “Assembling a Life: James L. Wasson and Old Portland Hardware”

## **INTERNET RESOURCES AND NEWS**



## UNUSUAL SOURCE FOR DATE OF DEATH

By Anne Billeter

In my search for vital records for Joseph Whipple in Cumberland, Providence County, Rhode Island, I was surprised to find that information in a most unusual source. I found an exact date of death in the *Pawtucket and Central Falls, Rhode Island 1889 City Directory*. In the long list of Whipples (most of page 409) is "Whipple, Joseph, died April 22, 1889." Surprise! Note that City Directories are available from home, free through *Heritage Quest*, for everyone in Jackson County, Oregon, who has a Jackson County Library Services library card. City directories are also available through *Ancestry.com* that can be accessed at all 17 patron computers at JCGL.

## FOLD3 AT JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY



Last month, the subscription to Fold3 was not available on patron computers at JCGL. The subscription had migrated from EBSCO to ProQuest and the bill for renewal was sent to our old address in Phoenix OR. All is straightened out now and the subscription is reinstated. Fold3 (a rich resource for US military records) can again be accessed at the library on all patron computers.

## SUPPORT NEEDED TO MAINTAIN SUBSCRIPTIONS AT JCGL



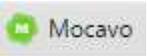
Each of the paid subscription sites available on patron computers costs us about \$1000 annually. Subscription rates are the same for large, publicly supported libraries like Jackson County Library Services as they are for small, private libraries like Jackson County Genealogy Library. We would like to continue providing these valuable sites for your use without raising the price of memberships. This need for support was mentioned at the annual Holiday Luncheon. The response to that request has resulted in individual donations over \$1200. That amount will pay for one subscription. We have six institutional subscriptions we would like to continue: American Ancestors, Ancestry, Findmypast, Fold3, Genealogy Bank, and MyHeritage. Each

site is of value for different reasons. American Ancestors contains a rich collection of records for New England and New York; Ancestry has the largest collection of indexed digital records and covers the US and the World; Findmypast is particularly rich in English and United Kingdom records including Canada, Australia, Wales, Scotland; Fold3 has US military records; Genealogy Bank has US newspaper records including historical newspapers dating back to 1690; and MyHeritage is rich in European and world records and provides translation of foreign language documents. Please support our subscriptions by making a donation to RVGS. Go to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society [website](#), click on the Donate button at the bottom of the page, fund your donation by using your PayPal account or your credit card. Please stipulate that the donation is to fund **SUBSCRIPTIONS**.

## MOCAVO AT JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY

JCGL currently has an individual trial subscription to Mocavo Gold, the version of Mocavo that will return digital images of results. Try it out!

### What is Mocavo?

- Mocavo is a search engine designed for genealogists that has expanded to include many record sets. If you search for “John Smith” using Mocavo, you will not get results that include the Smith River in CA or Smith & Hawken sales pitches.
- How do you get to Mocavo? On patron computers look for the bookmarks (or “favorites” bar) just below the address box in Firefox. Mocavo is listed next to Google (next to Family Search Favorites). 
- What’s available on Mocavo? See below:

Discover your ancestors across the Web from one convenient location and easily browse and search information from genealogy libraries, state archives, family records, and more! You can visit our Records page to view a list of all our different record types.

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- Wills, probate and court records
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- [Social Security Death Index](#)
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- Over 20,000 Yearbooks and Navy Cruisebooks
- Thousands of historical City Directories
- Millions of pages from genealogy websites like Find-a-Grave, GenealogyToday, RootsWeb and more.

- Nearly 200,000 historical books and family histories
- Family Trees, Historical Photos and Documents contributed by our more than 300,000 subscribers

## FAMILYSEARCH RECORDS ADDED IN 2015



[From the FamilySearch blog] FamilySearch carries out its mission through a dedicated team of employees and overwhelming contributions of time by volunteers. FamilySearch has enabled the public worldwide to use its constantly expanding record collection [**for free**] to make family connections through 4,891 satellite family history centers in 129 countries, with 2,864 of those satellite centers located outside the United States. That's an increase of 15% over 2014.

The site launched 158 new historical collections in 2015, (bringing the total to 2,049), and hundreds of millions of new published records have been added to FamilySearch.org.

Personal discoveries are fueled by making historical records easily and quickly accessible online.

FamilySearch does this through a combination of digitizing the world's historical records online and engaging online volunteers to make them searchable by patrons worldwide with a few keystrokes.

Around the world, 319 camera teams—an increase of 11%—digitally preserved over 122 million records in 45 countries, and 304,000 online volunteer indexers helped make them searchable.

In fact, volunteers logged in over 9 million hours and indexed over 110 million records in 2015. And 19 million of the records indexed were of international origin, in languages other than English.

At the end of 2015, FamilySearch.org now has over 5.31 billion searchable names in historical records.

*Moral: If you are not searching Family Search you are missing the boat. You can access FamilySearch from your home computer or from patron computers at JCGL. You MUST create a personal account creating your own username and password to access FamilySearch records. It is completely safe to do this and your privacy will not be threatened by signing in. It's best to create your account from your home computer because FamilySearch will send you an email to confirm your information.*

## ONLINE MAP OF CATHOLIC PARISH REGISTERS OF IRELAND

RVGS member Edith Carlson shared with us the link to the website for the Catholic Parish Registers of



Ireland. If you go to the map you can click on it to zoom in to counties, parishes/dioceses. Edith hopes this site will be of benefit to our members. The url is <http://registers.nli.ie>. This url takes you to the National Library of Ireland which contains many useful Irish records.

If you are looking for Irish records, don't forget to search *Findmypast*, one of the subscription sites at JCGL. Lots of things British and British-related are to be found on this site.