

eNews April 2016

The 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.

Don't Miss News about Our Upcoming 50th Year Heritage Celebration in the RVGS News Section of the Newsletter and Meetings Scheduled for two new DNA Interest Groups, Apr 11 and Apr 25.

Past issues of the eNews are archived on the Publications page of the RVGS website.

Our quarterly genealogical periodical, **The Rogue Digger**, is available online at <http://www.rvgsociety.org/News.html>

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.

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

Classes and Events

Unless otherwise noted all classes and events are held at Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford OR

Sat, Apr 2

Family Tree Maker: Documenting Sources, 10:30 – 12:30.



When you cite a source you are proving to others which records were used to support your facts. Each time you add information to your tree you will want to create a source and source citation that describe where you found the information. Charleen Brown teaches this informative class. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, Apr 5



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

This informal, casual group usually meets the first Tuesday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns, etc. and as a group we try and deal with them. This group provides a great way to keep connected and share information. Free and Fun! Please register in advance by email at: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

Mon, Apr 11

DNA Interest Group, 1:00—3:00



Lorita Cushman and Donna Rae Hays will facilitate a DNA Interest Group for those who have had their DNA tested and are familiar with DNA tests, but who want help with interpreting their results. This is the first meeting of this group. Please register in advance by email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, Apr. 12



German Interest Group, 3:30-5:30.

Mary Robsman facilitates this group of people interested in researching their German ancestors. Please register in advance by email: <mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com>, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Thu, Apr. 14

Irish Interest Group, 1:00-3:00



Bruce McGarvey facilitates this group interested in researching Irish ancestry. Please bring your suggestions of software for Irish research you have used to share with the group. Please register in advance by email: <mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com>, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, April 19



All about the Berlin Wall, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Why was the Berlin Wall built? How did it look? Why did it fall? What was the "price" to the residents? Udo Gorsch-Nies will share his memorable, first-person account of the events that tore his native Germany apart between August 1961 when he was a physics student in Bonn, and November 1989 when he was working in Berlin at the fall of the wall.

Admission is free.

Thu, Apr. 21

Researching the Neighborhood, 10:30 - 12:00

Family historians often begin in genealogy by researching only their direct ancestors. The ancestors they



search for may have left few records. This lecture shows how to reconstruct the life of an ancestor by using records of their ancestor's relatives, friends, neighbors, and associates. Melinda Henningfield is a board certified genealogist, professional researcher, lecturer and author who will present this fascinating way of researching. The fee is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-member. Pre-register: email: <mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com>, telephone,

541-512-2340, or in person. [Melinda is shown on right with RVGS President Andrea Patterson on the left.]

Sat, April 23

Let's Talk about it! Facebook, 10:30am – 12:30pm



David Hodson will present the ins and outs of using Facebook for your genealogy research. The popular social media platform is used by many with good success. Bring your questions and comments to this session. Free to members, \$20 for non-members.

Please register in advance by email: <mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com>, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Mon, Apr 25

Beginners DNA Interest Group, 1:00—3:00pm



Lorita Cushman will facilitate discussion of DNA tests and their purposes for those who have not yet had their DNA tested. Free for members and first time non-members, the fee for non-members after first time is \$5 per session. Please register in advance by email: <mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com>, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, April 26

Quilts and Genealogy Talks: "Medford's Centennial Quilt and the Early Years of Medford," 1:30pm – 2:30pm



Medford grew from two families in 1883 to a thousand souls in a few short years. How? Why? What drove the railroad to start a town in the middle of nowhere – and why did anyone move there? This talk presented by local historian Ben Truwe is free.

Sat, April 30

Family Tree Maker - Including Media Items, 10:30am – 12:30pm



Charleen Brown explains the process of illustrating your family history with pictures, important documents, and possibly video and sound clips. Because FTM helps you organize your multimedia items all in one location, you can link media items to particular individuals, use images in selected family trees, reports, charts and more. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email: <mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com>, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Wed, May 4

Using the JCGL Effectively, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm



Anne Billeter will show you what's where at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, hidden treasures, and how to use the library's online catalog. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members, free for new librarians. Please register in advance by email: <mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com>, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

LOCAL EVENTS

HISTORY HUNT

Have some fun this spring and learn about our local history. This is a great way to introduce your kids or grandkids to local history. You will also be supporting your local history museums and societies at the same time.



Member organizations of the Jackson County Heritage Association are sponsoring a "History Hunt". It is FREE and open to all members and non-members. The rules are simple. Between April 1st and May 31st., visit any local museum or society and pick up a "HISTORY HUNT" entry. Answer the question pertaining to that organization and you are on your way. Then, visit as many of the other museums as possible to find answers to other questions.

At each stop on your trip through local history you will be able to earn free tickets to be entered in the final raffle drawing. The prize is a basket of items valued at \$75.00 or more. Items included are books and videos by local historians, mugs and T-shirts depicting local landmarks, free memberships and much, much more.

Most of all, we hope you will enjoy your journey through local history from Talent & Phoenix to the Upper Rogue in Trail, from Gold Hill & Rogue River to Historic Railroad Park, McKee Bridge, Eagle Point, SOHS, Lake Creek and of course our own RVGS. See you on the "History Hunt."

Wed, Apr 6

Windows in Time: Strange Bedfellows, 12:00 pm – 1pm



Jackson County Library Services and Southern Oregon Historical Society are proud to announce "strange bedfellows," an Ashland businessman of Jewish faith and Oregon's KKK governor? At the Medford Library.

Sun, Apr 10



The Chinese in Oregon and the Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files, 1:00-2:30

This presentation is provided by the Oregon Historical Society Visiting Scholars program. The speaker is Patricia H. Nicola of the Seattle Archives. At the Medford Library.

Now Through Apr 17

Courage in the Golden Valley: Southern Oregon Chinese History

Southern Oregon Historical Society's annual exhibit is at the Rogue Valley Mall (level one, between JC Penney and Macy's Home Store). The exhibit is open Mondays - Saturdays 10am - 9pm, Sundays 11am - 7pm.

May 14 and 15

Jacksonville Home and Garden Tour



The Jacksonville Boosters Club will be hosting their Historic Home and Garden Tour - "Unique Jacksonville...Enjoy our Past, Savor our Present", on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Four Historic homes, one modern day traditional-style home, and two gardens will be on the tour along with a very rare and interesting tour of the backstage areas of Britt Festival. St.

Joseph's Rectory and the three historic churches of Jacksonville will also be open for tours during the Boosters Home and Garden Tour.

Then to top off the tour, you can enjoy a complimentary tasting of three wines at the Daisy Creek Vineyard. Transportation all around the tour route by trolley is included in the tour price of \$20. Tickets are now available at the Jacksonville Visitors Center located on Oregon and C Streets or by calling 541 899-8118.

OUT OF TOWN

OREGON

GRANTS PASS

Tues, Apr 12



Andrea Dougan - Analyzing Handwriting-What a signature really says! 1:30—2:30.
Grants Pass Genealogical Society program, 1969 Williams Hwy. • Grants Pass

BEND

Apr 23

Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar features Lisa Louise Cooke of [Genealogy Gems](#).

BGS has been getting to know Lisa through her podcasts, several of which have been shown at meetings over the last year, including Evernote most recently.

Her teaching skills shine in the podcasts. She carefully explains topics in an easy-to-understand manner, so everyone, from beginner to advanced genealogist, learns a lot.



The Spring Seminar is your chance to learn from Lisa in person! Planned Seminar topics are:

1. Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers.
2. Genealogy Podcasts 101: Learn everything you need to know about how to find and listen to genealogy and history podcasts.
3. Time Travel with Google Earth: Experience historic maps, images and videos coming together to create stunning time travel experiences in the free Google Earth program.
4. Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogists in Your Family. Lisa's website is full of Genealogy Gems for everyone. Check it out today: <http://lialouisecooke.com/>

Spring Seminar registration is now open, to access registration forms and more information click on the following link, http://www.rvgsociety.org/pdf/2016BGS_SeminarFlyer--RegisForm--DetourMap.pdf.

EUGENE

Jun 28-30

Genealogical Council of Oregon Programs: Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon ; Western Institute of Genealogy 2016

July 28 & 29



Write It Up, a two-day event, Western Institute of Genealogy (WIG) has limited spaces and will fill quickly. Speakers are Thomas Jones and John Colletta. Please note that the WIG courses are for intermediate or advanced genealogists. We will soon open up registration for non-APG members, so get your seat soon! Download the [flyer](#) for more information.

July 30

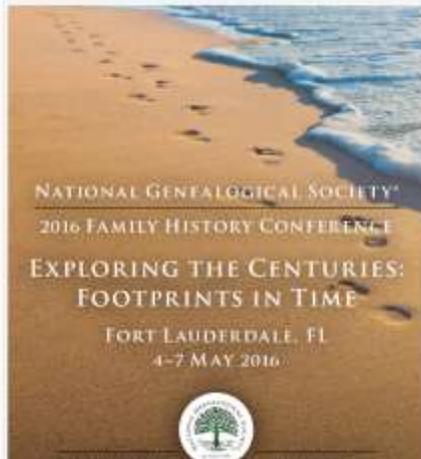
Summer Genealogy Fest, A one-day event for genealogists of all skill levels. Download the [flyer](#) for more information. Thomas Jones and John Colletta will present at the Fest as well as at the Institute. To learn about both events offered by GCO, go to, [GCO Conference](#).

OUT OF STATE

FLORIDA

May 4–7

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 May 4-7 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

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 opening this pdf file showing the [schedule of events](#).

ALABAMA

June 12-17 2016 Birmingham Alabama



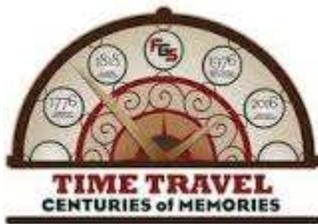
Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

Registration for IGHR 2016 is open. 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

Aug 31- Sep 5

Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, Springfield, Illinois



Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference 2016
August 31 - September 3, 2016 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. Learn more about the conference and/or book your hotel today at FGSConference.org.

NEW YORK

Sep 15-17



The three-day conference will be held at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center Liverpool, just outside of Syracuse, New York and features more than 40 sessions, alongside a vibrant exhibitor hall. Nationally-known speakers participating include Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, FASG; David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, Chief Genealogical Officer, FamilySearch; D. Joshua Taylor, President, of the New York Genealogical &

Biographical Society; James D. Folts, Ph.D., New York State Archives; Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., The Genetic Genealogist; Jim Ison, CG, FamilySearch.org; Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS, editor of the NYG&B Record; Jen Baldwin, Findmypast; Terry Koch-Bostic, and Jane E. Wilcox who will each give lectures. The complete conference program, exhibitor information, and other details can be found on the conference website, <http://www.nysfhc.org>.

ON TELEVISION

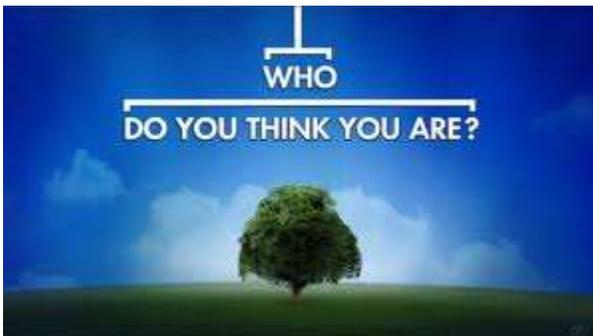
RELATIVE RACE



Sunday nights on BYU TV at 6pm mountain time

A hybrid of Amazing Race and genealogy search. Four teams race from San Francisco to New York in 10 days. Their goal? Find unknown relatives, complete challenges, and don't get eliminated. To learn more click the following link, [Relative Race: BYUtv's New Reality Competition Show](#)

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE



New Season of 'Who Do You Think You Are?' Launching Sun, April 3rd on TLC.

- Scott Foley finds a relative who risked his life for one of America's founding fathers, and an ancestor who suffered unspeakably during one of this nation's darkest times.
- Lea Michele nails down where her mysterious paternal ancestors came from, and learns of the dire economic circumstances they endured while trying to emigrate to the U.S.
- Chris Noth learns his ancestors suffered during one of the greatest catastrophes in American history, and a relative who fought in one of the bloodiest battles of all time.
- Molly Ringwald explores family lore of Swedish royalty which uncovers her ancestors' harrowing lives and a brave woman who forever changed her family's fate.
- Katey Sagal is shocked to learn of her family's Amish roots, and digs deeper as she realizes the level of dedication to their faith.
- Aisha Tyler tracks down her 2x great-grandfather, whose story had been lost over generations, and uncovers an astonishing tale of a prominent ancestor whose struggle to keep his illegitimate son a secret made headlines.

WEBINARS

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.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINARS FOR MARCH. To register go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>



Apr 2 Michael L. Strauss. Researching Your Civil War Ancestor: A Comprehensive Study. *Free on this date at 10 am Pacific Time.*

Apr 20 The Peripatetic Germans: Emigration and Immigrations (1693-1914) by James Marion Baker, PhD, CG® Free on this date at 6:00 PM – Pacific Time.

May 7 Once Upon a Time at an Antique Store: Telling the Story of Mrs. E.G. Stetson

by Gena Philibert-Ortega. Free on this date at 10:00am –Pacific Time.

PODCASTS

[Why not listen to podcasts instead of talk radio, election news, or music? Learn more genealogy while doing other stuff.]



1. Genealogy Guys Podcast with George C. Morgan and Drew Smith, go to <http://genealogyguys.com/>.

2. Genealogy Gems Podcasts with Lisa Louise Cooke, go to <http://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts-2/>

3. The Genealogy Professional Podcast, go to <http://www.thegenealogyprofessional.com/>

4. For even more podcast resources check out the listing on Cyndi's List, <http://www.cyndislist.com/podcasts/general/>

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



"Our 50th Year Heritage" A Celebration

SAVE THE DATES!

September 19th – 27th RVGS will celebrate 50 years as an all-volunteer genealogy society with events, classes and programs. We will be reporting on each of these in the *eNews* monthly. Here is a brief summary of what you have to look forward to:

Monday, Sept. 19th at 1:30 PM **Opening Day Ceremony**. We will have a guest speaker, a **RVGS presentation, Anniversary Quilt Presentation**, and refreshments.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th. **Genealogy Classes Begin**. Classes will be offered all week with the library open to the public free of charge.

Friday, Sept. 23rd **Wine and Cheese Reception**. 3pm-5pm. Enjoy a social time with music, wine & cheese. It will be a time to honor our valued volunteers.

Saturday, Sept. 24th Fun and Festive **Ice Cream Social** with sundaes, cones and floats!

Beginning NOW is the **Writing Contest**, so get your writing hat on as there will be some very nice prizes. The **Photo Contest** deadline is July 16th. Winners of the Writing and Photo Contests will be announced Sept. 24th at the Ice Cream Social. Join us that afternoon to see who wins the prizes for these contests.

Evening Banquet and Day-Long Seminar



Judy Russell is coming to Medford, Oregon in September 2016. The Banquet (Sept. 26th) and daylong Seminar (Sept. 27th) will feature Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist, as guest speaker. For complete details of our wonderful celebration and classes by Ms. Russell please visit either of our websites at www.rvgsociety.org or <http://www.rvgslibrary.org>. The location of both the banquet and the seminar will be The Inn at the Commons in Medford. Early registration for the banquet is \$65 and \$75 for the seminar which includes a buffet luncheon. After Aug 10th, banquet registration is \$75 and seminar registration is \$85. Registration closes Sept. 10th. Register for these events after April 15th. Members will receive an email reminder when registration goes live. For additional information, call the library, M-Sat 10am-4pm at 541-512-2340.

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

Please submit stories 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 to download the "Entry Form."

2016 FAMILY HISTORY PHOTO CONTEST

Show Off Your Favorite Family Photos



Prizes are awarded for each category:

Military—Group—Children—Funniest ancestor—Wedding—
Transportation—Occupation—Most handsome—Most
beautiful—Oldest photo—Most interesting photo—Open
category

Please click [this link](#) to access contest rules and submission instructions.

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. The bulletin board is located in the Reading Room. Thank you! We depend so much on our volunteers. Please call (541) 512-2340 and leave a message for Andrea Patterson, RVGS President if stopping by is inconvenient.

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING RVGS MEMBERS

Nancy C.	Bachmann
Connie	Bissell
Patrick	Calkins

Christine	Eckhardt
Ruth	Engle
Tresa	Finchum
Judith	Foreman
Mark	Gibbons
Charlotte	Gilchrist
Robbin	Henson
Joan	Hill
Karen	Hinderer
Barbara	Hoffmann
Colette	Hokanson
Peter R.	Hunt
Coyote Marie	Hunter-Ripper
Thomas	Illig
Sharon	Maier
Sherrill	Massey
Summer	Mather
Sam (Mellia)	Mitchell
Jim	Moreau
Jean Hueners	Murphy
Cheryl	Ousey
Floy	Ruppert
Sandra	Scales
Janet	Stang
Charlie &	Taboada

Cheryl

Kathleen R. Van Heuit

Linda Wikstrom

Jackie Wikstrom

Pamela Wolosz

Julia Woosnam

Donald C. Young

RVGS PROJECTS NEED VOLUNTEERS

1. DO YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH SCRAPBOOKS?



RVGS could use some repair help with our old scrapbooks. They contain clippings and photos of many years of activities for the society, but the securing tape doesn't hold items anymore. New albums may be needed. We would like someone or several people to evaluate how to update this collection. If interested, please contact Chloe Sternola, our Library Manager at 541-512-2340 and leave a message for her to call you.

2. CAPTURING HISTORY

RVGS needs a volunteer to be our Historian. This would mean gathering pictures (taken and placed in the HISTORIAN BOX at the library) and transferring those pictures along with news clippings of our activities to an album. We save our photos on our computer, but the pictures are difficult for guests to view. With "Our 50th Year Heritage" celebration coming this September, this is a very important volunteer position. Please call the library (541-512-2340) and ask for Andrea Patterson, President or leave a message for her to call you.

BACK UP YOUR RESEARCH...PLEASE!

Submitted by Donalee Phillips



Recently I suffered the tragic loss of genealogical data I had collected over the past 60+ years. For nearly all of those years and some 20 moves that my husband and I made with our jobs and large family, I had kept hard copies of it all. My husband patiently helped me box and load many containers each time. Then in 2014, while living in Montana, I was reassigned to Oregon once again!

We are now in our 70's and did not relish another move and we both were still recovering from major surgery. We decided to put all the data we could online or on my computer and to send some to cousins. I condensed and simplified hard copies down to three small plastic file boxes. I thought I had securely saved extensive files of data and resources to my computer.

About a week later a horrid super Trojan virus was introduced through our server! It corrupted all my files and ate the hard drive too. I lost it all!!!! I cried from Montana to Oregon over the loss of my research. I prayed that somehow I could recover my data.

After getting settled in Medford, Oregon, my husband and I joined the Southern Oregon Historical Society and Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Through their connections and tutoring, plus some kind cousins who sent copies of files I'd shared with them, and with many long hours of research, I am slowly rebuilding the data I lost. AND I have learned to back-up everything three ways.

Even without a major Trojan virus issue, digital files can be accidentally lost or corrupted. Then errors are introduced and your files become unreadable. Not wanting any of you to suffer my frustration and losses, I felt compelled to share the following.

To avoid corruption of your precious data, you should make sure that your data is backed up regularly. I prefer to do it daily and automatically and to more than one location. Multiple backups insure that a copy can be retrieved if the original is ever damaged or lost. Many researchers and businesses use what is known as the 3-2-1 plan for backup. I like and it appears to be a simple formula to remember and the best way to protect your data. It's as easy to do as 3-2-1:

Keep 3 copies of important files on 2 different types of media and keep 1 copy stored offsite.

[From the editor... Thanks Donalee. I hope your experience can help others avoid disaster. Here's some clarification of the 3-2-1 plan:

3. Three copies means your original data and at least two backups. If you have only one additional copy of your data, AT LEAST make sure it's located offsite, i.e., in a different physical location from the original (and as far away as possible!)

2. Two types of media: keep backups on a wide range of different media: USB drives, CDs, external and internal hard drives, online storage.

1. Don't keep all your copies at home.

And, Dick Eastman recommends monthly backups, 1st of the month every month.]

FINANCIAL NEWS

LET'S TURN UP THE HEAT AND BURN THAT MORTGAGE!

The deadline to "Burn the Mortgage" for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in September is quickly approaching. We are within \$24,000 of our goal. With just 5 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 and click on the Donate button to make a donation online. A new DONATE button on our Facebook page will take you to the same place. You can also 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 \$1,000 for couple; \$500 single). Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2016 DONORS THUS FAR!

Leave a Legacy

Audrey Berry, Al & Marilyn Ayres, Diane Brenner, William & Mary Carlson, Robert Casebeer, Carolyn Craig, Carita Culmer, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, Elaine Goodner, Cheryl Haas, Alice Herzberg, Horton Family Foundation, Michele Johnson, Sheila Kimball, Bruce McGarvey, Ron Naumann, Sallie Riehl, Carl

Shauger, Barbara Shrewsberry, Lynn & Doris Sjolund, Chloe Sternola, April Thomas, Dale Trautman, Phyllis Zerr

5/60 Club

Al & Carolyn Beron, Anne Billeter, Vicki Bryden, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, Terry Fischer, Gene & Char Henry, Sheila Kimball, Bruce McGarvey, Barbara Shrewsberry, April Thomas, Diane Tibbitts

SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND CLASSES FOR 2015



Submitted by Marilyn Ayres, Education Director for RVGS

[Editor's Note: See what you're missing if you don't attend classes and events sponsored by RVGS. Kudos to Marilyn for a great job done in 2015!]

During the past year we held nine programs for the public on the third Tuesday of the month:

- Sasquatch! In January,
- Photo and scrapbooks for Genealogy in February,
- From Missouri to Oregon over the Oregon Trail in March
- US Hwy 99 in April
- Native American Genealogy Resources and Issues in May
- Costume Periods in Western Civilization in June
- Our Member Fair in September with six member presentations: The Mystery of the Lost Photo Album, The Hunt for WWII records, Swedish Family Reunion in Austin, What I Found in Salt Lake City, Genealogy and Spelling Errors, Piecing Together Henry's Missing Years.
- Ellis Island and Castle Garden in October
- Women's Roles during the Civil War in November.

No programs are presented in July, August or December.

There were also nine talks featuring quilts based on their genealogy connections:

- January: Post Offices in Jackson County,
- February: Gen Lin and the Chinese in Southern Oregon

- March: Traveling with the Applegates,
- April: Connect the Dots in a Heritage Quilt
- May: Butterflies in Time
- June: McKee Family
- September: the Hooper Domes Quilt,
- October: What Quilts Can Say
- November: Table Rock Treaty.

In addition to our public programs we offered three interest groups. The Scandinavian Interest Group which began in May met four times, the Irish Interest Group which formed in May met five times and the German Interest Group which formed in September met four times. The Scandinavian group split and the Swedish members met once.

There are two groups who use Family Tree Maker software and each met monthly to discuss issues and their research. One is for PC users and the other for MAC users.

A series of six classes in Using Family Tree Maker was held this year plus two additional *Introduction to Family Tree Maker* classes were held.

Other Classes:

A class for beginning genealogists: *How to Start Your Genealogy Project* was held four times.

A follow up class on *How to Organize Your Genealogy Record Keeping* was held twice.

Brick Walls Roundtables were held in February, April, June and October. We also offered

classes on Photo Editing, Photoshop Basics and a Follow Up to Photoshop Basics. Other classes included the following: How to Work with Genealogy Websites on the Library's Patron Computers, The Why and How of Property Records, Researching Jackson County People, Digital Newspapers, Genealogy on the Go, for iPhone and iPad users.

A new series of meetings called "Let's Talk About It" began with a presentation on the website, Newspapers.com. Additional sessions are planned for next year.

We held 11 free classes during Genealogy Week. They were: How to Start Your Genealogy Project, How to Use the Genealogy Library Effectively (offered twice), How to Organize your Genealogy Research, What Is in the Censuses, Using the Website Menu on our Library Computers, DNA and Genealogy, DAR

(Daughters of the American Revolution), Beginning your Scandinavian Research, Getting the Most from the MyHeritage website, Where Haven't You Looked?

In spring we held seminar *Finding Your Irish and Scots Irish Roots*. We had a successful turnout for this seminar and asked the presenters to stay and do a second day. As they had to drive to San Francisco to take their flight home to Ireland they could not do a full day. They were able to give us a ½ day seminar the next day. 89 attended on day one and 53 on day two.

Overall we held a variety of genealogy and historically based programs, classes and events during 2015. Our net income from the seminar was \$3168.33 and the good will of many satisfied patrons.

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LIBRARY NEWS

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL: MARCH 2016

DICTIONARIES

473 Lat

Latin Dictionary: Latin-English/ English-Latin (American English)

GENEALOGY HOW TO

929.11 And

Anderson, Robert Charles

Elements of Genealogical Analysis

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

929.2 Bradley

Ensworth, Sarah Isabelle Bradley

Bradleys and allied families of South Carolina

929.2 Dunlap

Dunlap Genealogy: Relating to the family of Samuel Dunlap (d. 1776) principally through his son William Dunlap (1747-1819)

929.2 Hawes

Bond, Christy Hawes

Gateway families: Ancestors and Descendants of Richard Simrall Hawes III and Marie Christy Johnson

929.2 Jenkins

Jenkins, Ray H.

Terror of Tellico Plains: The Memoirs of Ray H. Jenkins

929.2 McAnally

Hilliard, Frances McAnally Blackburn

Stepping Stones to Glory: from Circuit Rider to Editor and the years in Between; Life of David Rice McAnally D. D. 1810-1892

UNITED STATES

Circ 973.04 H388 Gri

Griffin, William D.

Irish Americans

WEST VIRGINIA

975.495 C242 Tri

Triplett, Ralph L.

Cemeteries of Hampshire County W. VA. And Vicinity

VIRGINIA

975.5 W344 Hop

Hopkins, William Lindsay

Some wills from the burned counties of Virginia

MISSISSIPPI

976.251 M177 Hin

Hinds County, Mississippi Marriage records 1823-1848

TENNESSEE

976.871 D218 Sco

Scott County Death Records 1901-1968

976.871 G242 Sco

Scott County Tennessee and its Families

KENTUCKY

976.965 C242 Nor

Norris, Gary Denton

Rocks of Ages [Clinton County Kentucky Cemeteries]

976.965 H388 Cli

Clinton County Kentucky: A Pictorial History

Volume 1

Volume 2

Volume 3

MINNESOTA

977.6581 S227 Pil

Pilot Annual [yearbook of Murray High School, St. Paul, Minnesota]

1946

1947

1948

MISSOURI

977.822 M381 Whe

Wheeling Centennial Book [Livingston County, Missouri]

KANSAS

978.115 H388 His

History and Heritage of Gove County, Kansas

CALIFORNIA

979.4 S227 Blue

Blue and Gold 1905: University of California, Berkeley Annual

OREGON

Circ 979.5 H388 Sco

Scott, Levi

Wagons to the Willamette: Captain: Levi Scott and the Southern Route to Oregon, 1844-1847

979.537 H388 Tin

Tingelstad, Gertrude

Scandinavians in the Silverton Country; their arrival and early settlement [Marion County, OR]

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, v 150, #2, March/April 2016.

(Circ 929.05 AmS)

6th annual Salute to Women's History Month

* Sarah Parker Remond, 19th-century Renaissance Woman

* Inspiring Greatness, The Life of Francis Wright, forgotten pioneer of women's rights

* 'They Shall Not Pass'. With their men at war Prudence Wright and other women of Pepperell, Mass., guarded a critical bridge.

The Colorado Genealogist, v 77, #1, February 2016.

(Circ 978.8 P273 Col)

Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly, v 61, #1, March 2016.

(Circ 976.6 P273 OGS)

Oregon Historical Quarterly, v117, #1, Spring 2016.

(Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ)

* A Guide to Chinookan Villages of the Lower Columbia River

* Fred A. Routledge's Pictorial Maps

* Oregon State University's Sectarian Beginnings

THE JEAN MAACK COLLECTION

Submitted by Anne Billeter

Jean Maack, an avid genealogist and a former President of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, researched her family's genealogy before the Internet. One of her major "tools" was the photocopier, to capture source materials related to her research. The 112 notebooks of the Jean Maack Collection are filled with the photocopies of the source materials Jean found during her research in some of the major university libraries of England. She photocopied many unusual and hard-to-find (especially in the United States!) genealogical and historical journal articles, and excerpts and sometimes whole chapters of books. Her research extended back to very early history of England, Wales, Germany, and France. JCGL patrons have access to this material in notebooks located along the library's front wall, immediately preceding the beginning of the library's book collection.

INDEX TO THE JEAN MAACK COLLECTION. (bright pink.) Each color-coded notebook in the Jean Maack Collection has a Table of Contents which identifies the title or subject of each item in the notebook by a numbered tab. ALL of the tables of contents are also available in this single notebook, to provide easier access to the entire contents of the Jean Maack Collection.

CATEGORIES in the Jean Maack Collection are shelved in this order:

GERMAN TEXT. (gray.) The 4 German Text notebooks are organized randomly. The text is in German.

FRANCE. (bright yellow.) The 2 France notebooks are organized randomly. The text is primarily in English.

UNITED STATES. (green.) The 3 notebooks contain resources about the United States. The first two are labeled MASSACHUSETTS. The 3rd is labeled: CT, NH, NY, OH, MA.

SURNAMES. (light yellow.) The 42 Surname notebooks are organized alphabetically by surname.

COMPLETE PEERAGE. (light pink.) The 8 Complete Peerage notebooks are organized alphabetically by surname. The title of the massive 14 volume set from which these pages are copied is *The Complete Peerage of England, Scotland, Ireland, Great Britain, and the United Kingdom Extant, Extinct, or Dormant.*

WALES. (white.) The 13 Wales notebooks are organized randomly.

ENGLAND. (blue.) The 39 England notebooks are organized randomly.

Jean used the source materials in this collection to compile several family histories, which she published for family members. She generously donated copies to the JCGL Collection:

Harvey Ancestry (3 volumes) (929.2 Harvey)

Holzgraefe-Plagman and Warnholtz-Schultz Families (929.2 Holzgraefe)

Stapleton Ancestors of the Nelsons of Rowley, MA (3 volumes) (929.2 Stapleton)

NOTE: Many thanks to Jean Maack for donating her collection and her published family histories to JCGL. More thanks to Marie Fulbright, RVGS volunteer, for the many hours she devoted to creating the Tables of Contents and placing this massive collection in new notebooks with attractive cover pages and spine labels.

INTERNET NEWS

DO YOU HAVE SWEDISH ANCESTORS?



Jackson County Genealogy Library has the subscription website ArkivDigital on two computers. This site has over 50 million color images of Swedish Church records and other historical records.

We are evaluating whether to continue this website, so please access these records and let us know you want it to continue. Log in instructions available.

MYHERITAGE EASTER NEWS

[Editor's Note: MyHeritage is available on all but two of the patron computers at JCGL.]

HAPPY EASTER!

With Easter, we welcome Spring and the rebirth of new life. It's a great time of year to do some spring cleaning and organize your genealogy research. It is also a great opportunity to try new things and venture down new avenues of genealogy research.



Here are some tips for taking your family history research in new directions:

- 1) Do some spring cleaning around the house, and look for old photos and documents. You never know what surprises lurk in your own home - what you will find in your own attic, basement, garage or in an unlabeled box at the back of a closet. Encourage family members to do the same, and to share their findings on your MyHeritage family site.
- 2) Use the new Audio Recordings feature in the mobile app to record your relatives' stories. You may receive new tidbits of information, providing new clues. The best part is that the recordings will automatically be stored on your family site. Create recordings about individuals in the tree from any old notes that you may have and from your memories of other individuals.
- 3) Obtain maps of ancestral locations. Find your ancestors' villages, towns, or cities on historical maps and get copies of those maps. Mark those of interest and note adjacent towns. Branches may have lived in nearby towns, so learn the names of localities which might appear as you search databases. Check for towns in a 20-to-30-mile radius from your known ancestral location. In the old days, that distance

was considered a one-day trip by wagon. People went to other villages or towns for holidays, weddings or funerals. While there, they may have met future spouses or discovered business opportunities. It pays to cast a wider net.

4) Share your research. Update your family site on MyHeritage with your newly discovered names, documents and photos. Do you know of new relatives that should be invited to your family site to collaborate on your research? As more and more people become interested in family history, relatives may have - independent of your research - unearthed relevant images and documents. Contact family members and ask if they've found anything new.

5) New records are added daily to MyHeritage SuperSearch™, so keep checking! The researcher's mantra should be: If information isn't found today, check for it tomorrow, next week, next month or next year. If the last time you checked was six months ago, it's time to run another search on all those loose ends! Try Search Connect™, a unique innovation that allows you to connect with other MyHeritage members searching for the same ancestors and people. Collaboration through Search Connect™ can open new doors, and provide exciting discoveries about your family history.

We wish you and your families a Happy Easter and many new and fruitful directions for your family history research!

MOCAVO IS MOVING TO FINDMYPAST



As predicted about two months ago (see my earlier article at <http://goo.gl/e6Q4VX>), "Mocavo will be incorporated into Findmypast to create a single experience for customers interested in discovering more about their family history." The merger will happen March 23, 2016.

MOCAVO AND FINDMYPAST

[This announcement means that content previously found on Mocavo can now be found on Findmypast. Findmypast is available on all patron computers at JCGL.]

An announcement sent to Mocavo customers early this morning states "We're contacting you to let you know that the Mocavo website will be closing midnight tonight (Wednesday 23rd March) and that your account will be moving over to Findmypast in the next few days. Plus, over the coming weeks, all of Mocavo's records and much, much more will soon be available on Findmypast."

Mocavo customers are also receiving a 30 day trial completely free as a little welcome gift. You'll receive more information about this in a follow-up email after it's been applied.

If you have an online Mocavo family tree, it will be migrated to Findmypast and you will receive a link showing where you can access it shortly. But, if you can't wait, you can always export your GEDCOM file now.

More information about the merger of the two sites is available at <http://www.findmypast.com/mocavo-info>.

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