

## ENEWS JUNE 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 the opportunity to register for the 50<sup>th</sup> Heritage Celebration events AND get your tickets in for the Big Raffle. See RVGS News.**

Past issues of the eNews are archived on the Publications page of the [RVGS website](#).

Our quarterly genealogical periodical, **The Rogue Digger**, is also available on the Publications page of the [RVGS website](#). Follow this link to access the June 2016 issue of **The Rogue Digger**.

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, JUN 4



#### **Brick Wall Roundtable, 10:30am-12:30pm**

Tom Sayre will facilitate this session for those who have come to a brick wall in their research. Tom and others in the group will help you break through. Bring your questions and help others solve their mysteries. Free. Please register in advance by email: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

## TUE, JUN 7



### **Family Tree Maker User's Group for PC Users, 1:30-3:00pm**

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](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in

person.

## WED, JUN 8



### **Family Tree Maker User's Group for MAC users, 10-11:30 am.**

Barbara MacMillen facilitates this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy, and Mac computers. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

## THU, JUN 9



### **Irish Interest Group. 1:00-2:30 pm**

Bruce McGarvey, facilitator. Bring your research problems and successes to share. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

## MON, JUN 13



### **DNA Interest Group for Those Who Have Tested Their DNA. 1:00-3:00 pm**

Donna Rae Hays and Lorita Cushman are the facilitators. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

## TUE, JUN 14



### **German Interest Group. 3:30-5:00pm**

Mary Robsman facilitates this ongoing interest group of people researching their German roots. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Please register in advance by email at: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

## THU, JUN 16



### **Pinterest Workshop, 10:30am -12:00pm**

Rich Miles, instructor. In this hands-on workshop you will find the keys to using Pinterest to your advantage in organizing your genealogy sleuthing and research. You must bring your own computer to this class. The class size is limited to no more than 8 attendees. Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

## TUE, JUN 21



### **General Meeting and Program for the Public, 1:30 -3:00pm**

Topic: "The McCall House." Daniel Kelly, Innkeeper, will tell us about the past and present furnishings in the McCall House. Daniel will also relate the history of this historic Italianate Victorian mansion, now a B&B. McCall House was built in 1883 for Captain John McCall who was one of Ashland's most prominent citizens, who served as mayor and in the Oregon State Legislature. Our scholarship winner, Emily Rhielman, will be our special guest. Free to all.

## SAT, JUN 25



### **FamilySearch for Beginners. 1:00-3:30 pm**

Joy Durrett and Ruth Wade, instructors. In this class you will learn how to set up an account, start a tree and add your family. Next you will learn how to search for and attach records to your tree. This class is limited to 8 attendees. You must bring your own computer and family worksheets to work from to input your information into Family Tree during the session. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

## MON, JUN 27



### **DNA Interest Group for Beginners Who Have Not Had Their DNA Tested. 1:00-3:00 pm**

Lorita Cushman, facilitator. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

## TUE, JUN 28



### Quilts and Genealogy Talk: "Fulbright Quilt Questions," 1:30-2:30pm

Sue Waldron will explain what we can learn from this quilt. Such as, who are the 41 people whose names are embroidered on it? Why was the quilt made in 1933-34? How does it relate to the Central State Teachers College in Edmond, OK? What is the pattern?

**Raffle Drawing: The Hooper Dooms raffle quilt winner will be drawn, 2:30pm.** The winner will take home the nine-

patch 1920's-1930's Hooper Dooms quilt. Raffle tickets are available at the reception desk at JCGL: \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, and 30 for \$20.00.

## THU, JUN 30



### Family Tree Maker Advanced Documenting Your Sources Class. 10:30am - 12:30pm

Charleen Brown, instructor. Learn how to include sources and source citations in the Family Tree Maker program. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

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## LOCAL EVENTS

### MEDFORD AND ASHLAND

From Southern Oregon Historical Society

**Jun 1** Location: Medford Library

**Jun 8** Location: Ashland Library



**Windows in Time: “From Jacksonville to Hollywood: The Life of Pinto Colvig,”** 12:00pm. Presented by Ben Truwe.

## GOLD HILL

**JUN 4**

Annual town wide GOLD DUST DAY Festival. Don't miss the fun! 8 am – 4 pm

**Gold Dust Day**  
Come celebrate with the town of Gold Hill  
**"Golden Memories"**  
**Saturday**  
**June 4, 2016** **FAMILY**  
**FESTIVAL!**

This year's events start at 8:00 a.m. with the Southern Oregon Runners 5K and 10K races. A noisy and vibrant parade kicks off at 10:00 a.m.

See the city transformed into a sea of vendor and food booths, historical and educational displays with demonstrations, kid's games and activities, live entertainment, unique animals, vintage carriages and wagons, old engines and tractors, Rats and Rods show, and so much more!

**FOR MORE INFO  
PLEASE CONTACT:**

Information: Gold Hill Museum at 541-855-1182  
504 First Avenue & Estremado St  
goldhillmuseum@qwestoffice.net  
Event and Parade Coordinator: Janet at 541-855-1461 or jjs882@yahoo.com  
Vendor Space Coordinator: Rich Little at 541-778-2980 or logengineer@yahoo.com

Connect with us!



Support the Gold Hill Historical Society by attending this event. Note: Second Avenue and Estremado Streets will be confined to pedestrian traffic only.

## **GRANTS PASS**

**JUN 14**



### **“Pioneer Surveyors in the Oregon Territory,” 1:30 PM.**

Guest speaker will be Roger Roberts. The talk and slide presentation will give an overview of the creation of the Public Land Survey System in the Oregon Territory and insight into the men who performed this monumental task in the 1850's. Lands were surveyed differently in the West than in Colonial America

Roger Roberts is a land surveyor and retired Jackson County Surveyor. He has been involved in land surveying in Southern Oregon for over 40 years and is in demand as a speaker throughout the Valley.

LDS Church - 1969 Williams Hwy. • Grants Pass

Board of Directors Meeting 12:30-1:15

## **EUGENE**

**JUL 28-30**

**Genealogical Council of Oregon Programs: Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon ;**

**JUL 28 & 29**

**Western Institute of Genealogy 2016**



**Write It Up, a two-day event, Western Institute of Genealogy (WIG).** Speakers are Thomas Jones and John Colletta. Please note that the WIG courses are for intermediate or advanced genealogists. Download the [flyer](#) for more information. **FULL!**

**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](#).

## **CALIFORNIA**

**JUN 2-5**

### **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](#).

**JUN 17-18**

### **San Francisco, CA Ancestry Day**



To register click the following link: [Ancestry Day by the Bay Tickets, Sat, Jun 18, 2016 at 8:00 AM](#)  
[| Eventbrite](#)

Don't miss Northern California Ancestry Day. It will provide a great deal of information on how to get the most out of Ancestry.com and Ancestry DNA. Registration is only \$50 for Saturday's event and includes a light breakfast. Proceeds from Northern California Ancestry Day will benefit the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation. Saturday, June 18, will feature a full day of classes including:

- Ancestry 101: New & Review
- Getting the Most from Ancestry.com
- Using AncestryDNA to Further Your Family History Research
- -Sharing Your Family Story.

The optional luncheon speaker (limited seats available) will be retired NBC Universal executive Paula Williams Madison, Jamaican-Chinese-African American author and filmmaker of Finding Samuel Lowe (<http://findingsamuellowe.com/>), about her successful search for the story of her Hakka Chinese

grandfather. Paula has produced a highly acclaimed film and written a book about her quest to learn more about her grandfather and her amazing connection with the Chinese side of her family and their welcome of their newly discovered family members from America and Jamaica. Paula tells a wonderful story of family lost and found. Looking for more than one day of learning? Don't miss the special Angel Island Day the day before, Friday, June 17.

## **WASHINGTON**

**AUG 7-12**

**36<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Jewish Genealogy,  
Seattle, WA**



Six days of genealogy presentations on a wide variety of topics. Scroll down the program list at [http://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2016/program\\_schedule/cfm](http://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2016/program_schedule/cfm). There are a variety of ways to register including full conference, daily, or live streaming if you cannot be there in person.

**AUG 17-20**

**Northwest Genealogy Conference  
Arlington, WA**



The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society presents the

## **NORTHWEST GENEALOGY CONFERENCE**

**August 17 – 20, 2016**

Over 50 Sessions—4 Days of Genealogy—Includes One Free Day!

**Featured Keynote Speakers:**

Blaine Bettinger      Lisa Louise Cooke      Claudia Breland      Beth Foulk

Space is limited | Register today at [www.NwGC.org](http://www.NwGC.org) | [nwgc@stillygen.org](mailto:nwgc@stillygen.org)  
360-435-4838 | PO Box 34, Arlington, WA 98223 | [www.StillyGen.org](http://www.StillyGen.org)  
Made possible in part with funding from the City of Arlington and Snohomish County Hotel-Motel Tax Fund.



Join us at the 2016 Northwest Genealogy Conference! <http://www.nwgc.org>

August 17 – 20, 2016:

- FREE Day, for Beginning Genealogists: Wednesday, August 17, featuring Beth Foulk.
- Gathering your Family's Story: Thursday, August 18, featuring Claudia Breland.
- Tools to Help Tell the Story: Friday, August 19, featuring Lisa Louise Cooke.
- DNA, How is it a part of your family's story?: Saturday, August 20, featuring Blaine Bettinger.

15 speakers, over 50 sessions. Register now.

## **ALABAMA**

**JUN 12-17**

### **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](http://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>.

## **CANADA**

**OCT 21-23**

**TORONTO, CANADA**



### **Great Canadian Genealogy Summit**

The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit ([CANGEN](http://CANGEN)) is pleased to announce their inaugural conference, to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Brampton. The Summit showcases Canadian genealogists who have an expertise in the record sets relating to the early settlers of Canada.

On October 21, we have arranged a day at the **Ontario Archives**. And better still, for those with UEL ancestors who are mind boggled with the documentation required for your UEL application, former **Dominion Genealogist** Kathryn Lake Hogan will be offering a workshop with the **at the Archives**. She will share her expertise on what documentation is required and how to access the documents at the Archives. For more information, go their website, <http://www.cangensummit.ca>. Registration for the full weekend is just \$159cdn (\$125 usd). Registration for the Saturday only is just \$119cdn (\$93 usd)

All registrations include breakfast and lunch on Saturday, free access to Findmypast and admission to the exhibition hall. Go to their [website](#) to learn more and to register.



## ON TELEVISION

**PBS' "Genealogy Roadshow" Continues Its 3<sup>rd</sup> Season on PBS through June 28.**



Part detective story, part emotional journey, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** combines history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans this season in and around Albuquerque, Miami, Houston, Boston, Providence and Los Angeles. Each story links to the larger regional (and often, national) history, to become part of America's rich cultural tapestry.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW's professional genealogists **Kenyatta D. Berry, Joshua Taylor** and **Mary Tedesco** are matched with everyday people whose unique family claims are explored in each episode. Among this season's mysteries: A man seeks to find out if he is descended from Boston's key founders; a woman explores connections to an ancestor's participation in the Manhattan Project; a couple hopes to recover the true story of their family pharmacy during Hollywood's Golden Age; and a woman learns of her family's involvement in the Trail of Tears.

## 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



As part of their Annual Jamboree, SCGS is offering free access to live streamed sessions from their 2016 Conference. To register go to <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/2016/05/jamboree-2016-registration-now-open-for.html>

Here's the list of offerings:

#### **Friday, June 3**

FR008 German Immigrant Waves: Contrasts and Sources - James M. Beidler

FR018 Problems and Pitfalls of a "Reasonably Shallow" Search - Elissa Scalise Powell, CG®, CGL®

FR027 Tracking Migrations and More: The Records of Old Settlers Organizations - Paula Stuart- Warren, CG®, FMGS, FUGA

FR035 Principles of Effective Evidence Analysis - George Goodloe Morgan

#### **Saturday, June 4**

SA009 Getting Started with Eastern European Research - Lisa A. Alzo, MFA

SA018 Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research - Cyndi Ingle

SA022 German Names: Their Origins, Meanings, and Distribution - C. Fritz Juengling, PhD, AG®

SA032 Using Military Pension Files to Fill Gaps in Family History - J. H. Fonkert, CG®

SA037 Maximizing Your Use of Evidence - Thomas Wright Jones, PhD, CG®, CGL®, FASG, FUGA, FNGS

SA052 German Genealogy on the Internet: Beyond the Basics - Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

#### **Sunday, June 5**

SU009 The Firelands, the Connecticut Western Reserve and the Ohio Territory - Peggy Clements Lauritzen, AG®

SU010 Avoiding Shiny Penny Syndrome with Your Genealogy - Tessa Ann Keough

SU027 All Aboard: Staying on Track with Your Research - Barbara M. Randall

SU031 U. S. Passport Applications - Debbie Mieszala, CG®

## **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://lislouisecooke.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/>

## YOU TUBE CHANNELS



**FOR HELP INTERPRETING DNA RESULTS TRY YOUTUBE VIDEOS:** Family Tree DNA, 23andme, and Ancestry all have videos explaining how to interpret DNA results obtained with their tests and available on their website. While you're there explore other YouTube channels, e.g., Ancestry and FamilySearch. Clicking on the YouTube logo at the left will take you to the Ancestry Channel.

## ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



### "Our 50th Year Heritage" A Celebration

#### SAVE THE DATES!

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** 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:

**REGISTRATION FOR EVENTS HELD SEPT. 19<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.**

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

Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. **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!



### COMING UP SOON: BIG RAFFLE

Stop by Jackson County Genealogy Library and/or check your email on or about Jun 13<sup>th</sup>. The 50th Year Heritage Celebration committee has assembled wonderful items to be raffled off between June 13<sup>th</sup> and



the 27<sup>th</sup>, the last day of festivities. There will be four collections of items each valued at between \$400 and \$700. Items in the raffle include the following subscriptions or items for genealogists:



**TWO** personal subscriptions to Ancestry World Explorer



PLUS: Dining out coupons, personal care items (gel nails, massage), book bags, RVGS membership, valuable art print, wine tasting, Family Fun Center; Harry & David gift basket, etc.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at JCGL, \$1/ticket or 6 tickets for \$5 **OR** you can print and mail raffle tickets that will be emailed to you on or about June 13<sup>th</sup>. The raffle is NOT limited to RVGS members.



## REGISTRATION IS LIVE FOR THE BANQUET AND SEMINAR



Judy Russell is coming to Medford, Oregon in September 2016. The Banquet (Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>) and daylong Seminar (Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>) will feature Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist, as guest speaker. For complete details of our wonderful celebration and for updates please visit either of our websites at [www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org) or <http://www.rvgslibrary.org>. Both the banquet and the seminar will be held at *The Inn at the Commons* in Medford.

Click the following link, [Banquet Registration](#), to reserve you space at the Banquet. Judy Russell's topic is: "Blackguards and Black Sheep—The Lighter Side of the Law." Judy says, *No, actually, our ancestors didn't behave any better back then than we do today, and the records they left*

*behind documenting their missteps and misdeeds are among the priceless gems of genealogy.* To be enjoyed by genealogists and non-genealogists alike.

Click the following link, [Seminar Registration](#), to reserve your space at the Seminar. Check-in begins at 8:30 AM, Seminar at 9:15. Judy Russell will present 4 seminar lectures:

**Morning:** "Don't Forget the Ladies -- A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law," and "Beyond X and Y -- The Promise and Pitfalls of Autosomal DNA Testing."

#### **NOON BUFFET LUNCH**

**Afternoon:** "No Person Shall ... Gallop Horses In the Streets -- Using Court Records to Tell the Story of Our Ancestors' Lives," and "Dowered or Bound Out -- Records of Widows and Orphans."

Early registration for the banquet is \$65 and for the seminar is \$75 which includes a buffet luncheon. After Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, banquet registration is \$75 and seminar registration is \$85. Registration closes Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, call the library, M-Sat 10am-4pm at 541-512-2340.



### **SUBMIT ENTRIES NOW FOR THE WRITING CONTEST AND PHOTO CONTEST**

Beginning NOW is the Writing Contest, so get your writing hat on as there will be some very nice prizes. **The Writing Contest Deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>; the Photo Contest deadline is July 16<sup>th</sup>.** Winners of the Writing and Photo Contests will be announced Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ice Cream Social. Join us that afternoon to see who wins the prizes for these contests.



#### **2016 FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST**

##### **True Stories from the Past**

\$100.00 1<sup>st</sup> Place Cash Prize    \$75.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Cash Prize    \$50.00 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## MONTHLY GENEALOGY PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC



Each month RVGS sponsors FREE public programs designed to engage the interests of the public in local history and genealogy. These presentations are held at 1:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. In May, RVGS member Vern Arnold was the guest speaker. Vern presented a program titled, "Arnold Mountain & the Arnold Mine," describing the history of that mine. The Arnold Mine was located in the upper Applegate Valley where many family members lived. Homesteads and locations discussed included Carberry Creek, Collings, and Squaw Lake. Eight people in the audience reported having had ancestors in Oregon before 1900. The earliest of these was there in 1852. The maps, stories and photos displayed provided for a very interesting hour.

The last public program until September 2016 will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Daniel Perry, Innkeeper of the Historic Ashland McCall House will be the guest speaker. John McCall, original owner of the McCall House, created many businesses in our area: The Daily Tidings, Bank of Ashland, Ashland Flour Mill, Ashland Woolen Mill, Ashland Mercantile and the SOU Library. Mr. Perry will talk about John's marriage to Theresa Applegate and to Lizzie McCall. He will also relate stories on furnishing, landscaping and more, including how the home transitioned to a popular Bed and Breakfast today.

## RVGS EDUCATION DIRECTOR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

### Wanted: Your skills



Are you using the *MyHeritage* website at the library or at home? Do you think you have the experience and success to teach a class for us on using that website? We would love to hear from you. Some patrons have tried this powerful and useful website but have had difficulty navigating the site.

Do you have other genealogy skills that you could offer to us? Please let me know if you would like to teach a class or facilitate a "Let's Talk About It" session on a subject that you know and would want to share and would

like to share with others.

Suggestions for presentation topics:

Using websites such as *Findmypast*, *American Ancestors*, and *Fold3* as well as *MyHeritage*

Social Media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest

Improving writing skills such as *Planning and Writing Your Memoirs, Writing Family History*

Many thanks in advance for considering helping out your fellow genealogy researchers.

Please contact Marilyn Ayres, RVGS Education Director at 541-512-2340 and leave me a message. I will call you back to discuss what you would be willing to teach and when you would be available. I look forward to hearing from you.

Marilyn Ayres

## WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING RVGS MEMBERS

Priscilla Belen

Kaye Ferrara

Patty Franz

Gail Hickey

## QUILTS AND GENEALOGY TALKS



Evelyn Byrne Williams, long-time resident of the Applegate Valley and a direct descendant of John and Maryum McKee, spoke May 24th as part of the Quilts and Genealogy series. Evelyn described the 99-year history of the McKee Bridge. She designed the McKee Bridge Quilt which was displayed during her well-attended presentation. Numerous Applegate Valley friends and relatives were in attendance.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

**ONLY \$10,000 TO GO!! DON'T STOP NOW!!**



2016 is a banner year for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. This September, we will be celebrating 50 years as a society! Thanks to YOUR generous donations to the Leave a Legacy drive and the 5/60 Club, our mortgage has

been reduced to just a little over \$10,000 from the original \$325,000! With your continued assistance, we can “burn our mortgage” for our 50th anniversary celebration this September!

This year, our Annual Fund goal is \$15,000. Although we have made great strides in paying down our mortgage, the payment adds to our operating expenses and reduces the programs and services we can provide to our members. The sooner the mortgage is paid off, the sooner we can expand existing programs and services.

Your generous contribution to the Annual Fund will allow RVGS to keep our membership dues low and assist in covering operating expenses. Membership dues only cover about 33% of our operating expenses. The remaining expenses are covered by monies raised through our Annual Fund Drive. Any amount you give will help to provide support to RVGS and continue the current level of programming.

Your generous and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in two ways: 1) go to [www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html](http://www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html) to make a donation online or click on the Donate Now link on our Facebook page, or 2) you can drop off a donation at the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford. All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, #93-0684590. 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](http://www.culturaltrust.org/donate) for more details.

As an all-volunteer organization, all donations are put into the operation and improvement of the library or directly toward the mortgage. No funds are received from any government sources. It is because of YOU that the library has grown to be the largest genealogical library between Portland and Sacramento. I hope you will consider making a generous donation to the Annual Fund, the Leave a Legacy campaign and/ or the 5/60 Club this year.

Thank you for your continued support!

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2016 DONORS THUS FAR!**

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### **DONATE TO RVGS BY LINKING YOUR REWARDS CARD AND SHOPPING AT FRED MEYER**



- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to (non-profit) at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number (#91873).
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Rogue Valley Genealogical Society earn a donation!

You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.

If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

### **DONATE TO RVGS BY SHOPPING AT AMAZON AFTER USING A WEBSITE LINK TO ANCESTRY**

Amazon.com deposited charitable contributions totaling **\$141.25** for the first five months in 2016. Those contributions result from members going to [Jackson County Genealogy Library](#) or to [Rogue Valley](#)



[Genealogical Society](#), locating the Amazon ad on the home page then clicking through to Amazon before placing an order.

**DONATE TO RVGS BY SHOPPING THROUGH THE AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM.** Use the following link to shop at Amazon through the Smile program, which also results in charitable contributions to RVGS :  
<http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/homepage.html?orig=%2Fgp%2Fbrowse.html%3Fnode%3D502659011&ein=93-0684590>.



Here is the latest communication from Amazon Smile, "This email is to notify you that Rogue Valley Genealogical Society has been issued a **\$34.91** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2016. The donation was deposited to your organization's bank account on or before May 15, 2016." That's *free money* for RVGS.

## JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY & INTERNET NEWS

### NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY COLLECTION (May 2016)

#### FAMILY GENEALOGIES

929.2 Hendricks

Hendricks, Andrew A.

*Hendricks and Hendrickson Family of Monmouth County, NJ*

929.2 Homer

*Brief Account of the family of Homer or de Homere of Ettingshall, Stafford County, England and Boston, Mass.*

929.2 Howchens

*Descendants of Edward Howchens of Virginia*

929.2 Trenholme

Trenholme, Edward Craig

*Trenholme in Yorkshire, with some notes on the Trenholme family*

#### CANADA

971 V381 Str

Stratford-Deval, Fawne

*Canadian Records of Birth, Marriage and Death: A Guide*

971.4 D281 Dou

Douglas, Althea

*Finding your ancestors in English Quebec*

971.4 D281 Lec  
Leclerc, Paul  
*Planning a genealogical trip to Quebec...*

### **CONNECTICUT**

974.67 G242 Fam  
*Families of Early Milford, Connecticut*

974.67 H388 His  
*History of Milford, Connecticut, 1639-1939*

974.67 H388 His  
*Historical Sketches of the town of Milford [Connecticut]*

### **TENNESSEE**

976.888 M177 Mar  
*Marriages, Monroe County, Tennessee, 1868-1880*

976.888 M381 Mon  
*Monroe County Tennessee Records 1820-1870, volume 1 and  
Volume 2*

### **OHIO**

977.179 H388 His  
*History of Clermont County, Ohio, 1795-1880*

### **MONTANA**

Atlas 978.6 A841 Mon  
*Montana Atlas & Gazetteer*

### **WYOMING**

Atlas 978.7 A841 Wyo  
*Wyoming Atlas & Gazetteer*

### **UTAH**

Atlas 979.2 A841 Uta  
*Utah Atlas & Gazetteer*

### **OREGON**

979.525 O138 Obi 2015  
*Obituaries from Newspapers 2015, Josephine County, Oregon as published in the Grants Pass Daily  
Courier*

979.527 V381 Obi v. 49  
*Obituaries from Newspapers, Vol. 49, 2015 Jackson County, Oregon*  
*Pt. 1*  
*Pt. 2*  
*Pt. 3*

979.527 S518 His

*History of Medford Lodge No. 103 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons*

## **IDAHO**

Atlas 979.6 A841 Ida

*Idaho Atlas & Gazetteer*

## **ALASKA**

Atlas 979.8 A841 Ala

*Alaska Atlas & Gazetteer*

## **MAGAZINES RECEIVED**

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

*Oregon Humanities*, Spring 2016.

(Special magazine)

\* "Just People Like" features our Camp White, a POW camp.

*National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, v 104, # 1, March 2016.

(Circ 929.05 NGSQ)

\* Interesting to read articles on the process and sources used by genealogists.

*NGS Magazine*, v42, #2, April-June 2016.

(Circ 929.05 NGSM)

\* Issue touches on emotionally charged topics including marginalized for gender, race, ethnicity, religion, etc.

*The Heritage Newsletter*, Linn Genealogical Society [Oregon], v 30, #05, May 2016

(Circ 979.535 P273 Her)

\* "Our Mother's Gift to Us" Mitochondrial DNA is a gift for researching women in our direct line.

*Beaver Briefs*, Willamette Valley Genealogical Society [Oregon], v 48, #2, Spring 2016.

(Circ 979.53 P273 Bea)

\* "Marion County Towns"

*Douglas County Pioneer [Oregon]*, v 30, #1, March 2016.

(Circ 979.529 P273 Dou)

\* lists of softbound books of births, cemeteries, circuit court records, etc. for sale

*Heir Lines*, Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County [California], v 40, #3, April 2016.

(Circ 979.421 P273 Hei)

\* A quote: Every family tree has some sap in it.

*Redwood Researcher*, Humboldt County [California], v 48, #4, May 2016

(Circ 979.412 P273 Red)

## INTERNET RESOURCES

### NEW YORK CITY MARRIAGE RECORDS ON THE INTERNET ARCHIVE

Submitted by Anne Billeter



This collection contains images of the index to New York City marriage records for 1908 through 1929 (for varying numbers of the five boroughs depending on the year.) These records were originally kept by the New York City Clerk's Office, and were later moved to

the New York City Municipal Archives. For many decades the data was only available to the public in microfilm format, and only able to be viewed onsite at the Municipal Archives building in lower Manhattan. "Reclaim The Records" finally obtained the first-ever copies of these microfilms in

October 2015, following the settlement of a lawsuit they had brought against the Archives. Reclaim The Records digitized the films and uploaded the images to the Internet Archive in April 2016. Go to <https://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex&tab=about> to access these records.

[Thanks to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon's *The Insider*, May 1, 2016, for alerting RVGS and GFO member Anne Billeter to this newly available resource.]

**NOTE from the editor:** [Internet Archive](https://archive.org/) is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, and more. A search for genealogy on the Internet Archive turned up many resources including family histories.

## MOBILE GENEALOGY APPS



The number of mobile apps [aka programs] available for genealogists who are Android and iOS phone or tablet users is increasing rapidly. I've listed below some that can be found on Google Play for Android; there are as many or more available for iOS. Most of these apps are free.

**Apps that integrate with genealogy websites. You can view your family tree, add individuals, records, etc. from your mobile device. You must have a personal account with the website to make use of these apps. Free.**

1. For *FamilySearch* users, there is a FamilySearch app as well as a FamilySearch Memories (photos, documents, stories, and other media) app.
2. For *Ancestry* users, there is an Ancestry app as well as a FindaGrave app, an Ancestry Academy app (instructional webinars for genealogy), and an Ancestry Shoebox app (documents, photos, and other media).



3. For *MyHeritage* users, there is a MyHeritage app.

#### Other Mobile Apps of Interest to Genealogists

- *Clio* (history)
- *Genealogy Gems* (podcasts featuring Lisa Louise Cooke)
- *GedStar* (examine GedCom files)
- *Billion Graves* (lists graves by GPS coordinates)
- *Family Tree Magazine*
- *Single Date Calculator* (determine dates from place in week, e.g., first Wed in April, 1940)
- *Genealogy Glossary*
- *Evernote* (organize your genealogy data and notes)
- *CamScanner* (use your phone to scan documents)
- *Extreme Genes* (social media site for genealogists)
- *Saving Memories Forever* (collect audio interviews from relatives)
- *Family.Me* (collaborate with family to create tree and collect stories and photos)



#### For Genealogists Who Are Facebook Users. Check out the following apps:



*Family Tree*; *Family Village* (game); *I Remember* (Memorial pages from Fold3); *Live Roots* (specialized search index); *Mundia* (help finding people on Ancestry's public trees and message boards); *OneFamilyTree* (can upload GedComs here); *We're Related* (family history via FamilyLink)

#### Genealogy Software Programs Offer mobile apps:



- *RootsMagic*
- *Heredis*
- *Legacy Family Tree* (called Families)
- *Family Tree Maker* (the older version) had a mobile app; uncertain about MacKiev's current version of Family Tree Maker

#### THIS & THAT—HISTORY

by Sandy Thompson

[This story appeared in the May Newsletter for the Bend Genealogical Society]

Historical facts can add context to the stories of our family history. In genealogy, we study our ancestors, but everyone lived in a particular time and place in history. To really understand our ancestors, we need to understand the context of their story—what was happening in global history at the time and what was happening in the localities where they lived.

One of the RootsTech 2016 videos that I really enjoyed was “Best Websites and Apps for Finding Local History,” presented by Amy Johnson Crow, MLIS, CG. You can view this hour-long presentation and others from RootsTech 2016 at: <https://www.rootstech.org/video2/4739804696001> The RootsTech 2015 video archive is still available if you want to see more exceptional videos: <https://www.rootstech.org/video/4050134760001>

I was attracted to two of the websites that Amy demonstrated in her RootsTech presentation—HistoryPin and Clio, which both have user-submitted content. She covered other sites, too; find out about them in the video.

**HistoryPin Website:** <https://www.historypin.org/en/>

# historypin

HistoryPin uses the Pinterest idea, but with a history twist. View a short video guide to HistoryPin on the homepage. Users can pin photos, scanned

documents, etc., to a geocoded map. Many of the pins have a street view and with a slider at the top of the screen that you can use to morph the view between the historic snapshot and today’s view. Note the 1943 snapshot is pinned to today’s location (look at the building spire).

Use “Explore History Pin” to search by location. As you zoom in the map, you’ll see more and more pins. Users can group pins together in collections based on a theme. Use “Browse All Collections” to search them. Imagine the possibilities of having a collection for your family where cousins can add snapshots of the people/places in your family tree?

**Clio Website:** <http://www.theclio.com/web/>(Website and App)



This site has more descriptive text about locations and historic events than HistoryPin; and the entries often contain links to related websites. When you open the site, there is a short guide to Clio on the homepage. Entries are tagged to a location in Google Maps and may have a present day or historic photo. You can switch to street view in Google Maps, too.

Since Clio has an app, it is ideal to use while walking around a city. It’s like having a historian with you telling you about what you are seeing. You can search by location, so if you are visiting a new city, take a look ahead of time to see what is there. You can also search by name, such as Faneuil Hall or Chief Joseph. If you try Chief Joseph, you’ll see his grave site in northeast Oregon.

## SOME THOUGHTS ON GENEALOGY SOFTWARE AND ONLINE TREES

By Barbara Basden, *eNews* Editor

A few months back Ancestry.com stopped providing Family Tree Maker software. That situation was rectified when an alternate company, MacKiev, began providing software that integrated with the Ancestry website. That Ancestry no longer directly supports genealogy software still distresses me.



What bothers me about this situation is that Ancestry.com apparently views providing patrons the ability to “own” a copy of his/her tree on a personal computer or mobile device as unimportant or irrelevant. Why is this? ... Because you must have Family Tree Maker to maintain a complete copy of your Ancestry tree in your possession and under your control. As things stand now, you

cannot download your tree and keep all of the documents and photos you have attached to that tree included in the download unless you have a working copy of Family Tree Maker. (You can, of course, download a GedCom of your file but the GedCom would include only the barebones of your information, names, dates, places.) Furthermore, if you suspend your subscription to Ancestry in the future, you would no longer have access to documents and photos added to your online tree from Ancestry’s database. This situation is not peculiar to Ancestry.com. A similar situation exists for MyHeritage whose software *Family Tree Builder* is required to download a complete copy of your online tree from their website. [In contrast, the not-for-profit site, FamilySearch, allows full downloads of family trees into three partner software applications: *Ancestral Quest*, *Legacy*, and *RootsMagic*.] To me, it is very important to own my own work and I believe it should be important to you too.

Please understand that I am not arguing against sharing information online. I’m a firm believer in sharing genealogy, and I have several public family trees. But I’m an even firmer believer in the need for each of us to maintain a personal copy of the trees that contains all supporting photos and documents. I am also concerned that working on an online family tree, say on Ancestry, without having a copy of that tree in FTM software discourages you from gathering records and information from other websites. I believe that moving away from using genealogy software toward the practice of only building trees online WILL limit your success. Why is this unimportant to Ancestry and MyHeritage? I believe it is because they build loyalty to their website (and only their website) by discouraging people from using genealogy software.

### A WARNING FROM DICK EASTMAN’S GENEALOGY BLOG

#### Your CD Collection is Dying

If you've tried listening to any of your old music CDs lately—if you even own them anymore—you may have noticed they often won't play. The same is probably true of data stored on CD-ROM disks; the older ones are deteriorating and are becoming more and more difficult to use. The data CD-ROM disks are producing more read errors than they used to. Luckily, there are easy solutions available if you take

steps NOW.

CD and CD-ROM data formats were never designed for long-term data storage. Instead, they were actually developed for the ease of mass production. A CD or CD-ROM disk is composed of several layers, such as a plastic polycarbonate layer, a metal reflective layer with all the data in it, and then the coating on top.

The problem is, different manufacturers have different formulations; so, it's quite complex to figure out what exactly is causing the deterioration of the disks. Even worse, the various manufacturers changed the formulation along the way, and production changes are considered to be proprietary information. In other words, the manufacturers won't tell anyone what they changed and when they changed it.

Even CDs made by the same company in the same year and wrapped in identical packaging might have totally different lifespans. It's impossible to tell just from looking at a disc how it will age.

Another issue is that mass-produced disks created in a factory use very different methods of recording the data from the methods used in the "record your own CD disks at home" variety we all use to record data onto one disk at a time. The disk you recorded at home almost certainly has a shorter life expectancy than the commercially-produced disks created in a factory.

If you have CDs or CD-ROMs that are sitting on the shelf, you need to copy them NOW. You can copy them to new CD disks or to flash drives or to most any other form of modern media. They still won't last forever, but you can get quite a few more years of life from them if you take steps now to preserve the information by copying it to new storage devices. Then, a few years from now, copy them again to even more modern media that comes into common use at that time

If you (or your surviving heirs) take the time to copy CDs, CD-ROMs, DVDs, flash drives, and more digital media to modern media and file formats every few years, your valuable information can last and be useable for centuries.