



eNEWS APRIL 2017

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](#)
- (2) [RVGS News of member and society activities](#)
- (3) [JCGL News about our book collection and internet resources](#)

Researching Germany

April 7th, 8th 2017

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society & Library invites you to register for our Spring Seminar
GATEWAY TO GERMANY
with speaker, Warren Bittner, CG
3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford
<http://www.rvgslibrary.org>
541-512-2340



Jackson County Genealogy Library

Classes and Events

Saturday, April 1 to Saturday, April 8.

Book Sale. GERMANY AND GERMAN RESEARCH BOOKS.

A mix of genealogy books for researching your German ancestry AND some Germany pictorial coffee table books will be on sale April 1 – 8 at JCGl in anticipation and celebration of the “Gateway to Germany” Seminar.

Saturday, April 1 to Saturday, April 8. Buy Raffle Tickets.

Win German food items donated by Southern Oregon Fine Meats (includes a \$25 gift certificate) and Trader Joe’s. Purchase tickets, \$1 each, 6 for \$5. Drawing for prizes is Saturday, April 8. Need not be present to win.



Tuesday, April 4, 1:30-3:00 pm. Family Tree Maker “PC” User Group.

This group meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in Advance.**

DON’T MISS OUT ON GATEWAY TO GERMANY: WORKSHOP & SEMINAR!

Classes to help with researching your German-speaking ancestors! Book sale! Raffle! Door Prizes!

Friday, April 7, 3:00-6:00 pm. German Workshop, “German Gothic Handwriting.”



Guest speaker Warren Bittner, CGsm introduces us to reading and writing the 29 upper-case letters and 32 lower-case letters and letter sets, the letters that are easily confused. This is a hands-on workshop with writing practice. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. For information and registration call 541-512-2340, view our website at www.rvgslibrary.org or www.rvgsociety.org or stop by the library. **Space is limited. Register in advance.**

Saturday, April 8, 8:30 am-4:00 pm. German Seminar, “Gateway to Germany.”

Guest speaker Warren Bittner, CGsm presents topics vital to your research.

- 8:30 am Registration opens.
- 9:15 am Welcome and Introduction
- 9:30 am **German History**
- 10:30 am break
- 10:45 am **German Historical Maps & Territories**
- 11:45 am Lunch on your own.
- 1:15 pm **Meyer’s Gazetteer**
- 2:15 pm break
- 2:30 pm **German Marriage Laws & Customs**
- 3:30 pm Raffle, door prizes and Closing

(Sequence of these four classes may vary.)



Sample from Meyer’s Gazetteer

Cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. For information and registration call 541-512-2340, view our website at www.rvgslibrary.org or www.rvgsociety.org or stop by the library. **Space is limited. Register in advance.**

Monday, April 10, 1:00-3:00 pm. DNA Interest group (already tested.)

Lorita Cushman facilitates an advanced DNA Interest Group for those who have had their DNA tested and are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in advance.**

Tuesday, April 11, 1:30-3:00 pm. Family Tree Maker “MAC” User Group.

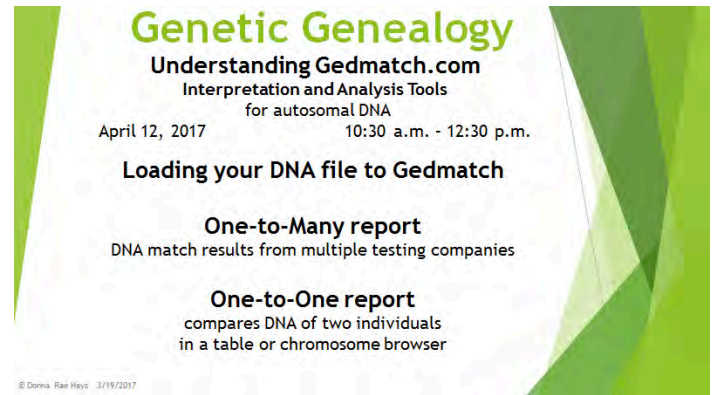
Barbara MacMillen facilitates this group which meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in Advance.**

German Interest Group will not meet this month. See you at the **Gateway to Germany** events.

Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

**Genetic Genealogy Class:
Understanding Gedmatch.com.**

Donna Rae Hays teaches this class on using tools at Gedmatch.com after you've uploaded your autosomal DNA data, and interpreting the reports. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. **Register in advance.**



Thursday, April 13, 1:30-3:00.

Irish Interest Group.

Bruce McGarvey moderates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in Advance.**

Tuesday, April 18, 1:30-3:00pm.

Program for the Public and General Membership Meeting



Dirk Siedlecki of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries presents: “Not Just a Graveyard: Appreciating and Protecting our Outdoor Museums.” This is a fun and informative program that tells folks about all the wonderful things that a historical cemetery has to offer, other than the obvious, a place to be buried. **Free for everyone.**

Monday April 24, 1:00-3:00pm.

DNA Interest Group (new to subject.)

Lorita Cushman facilitates this group who have not yet had their DNA tested or who are beginners. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in advance.**

Tuesday, April 25, 1:30-2:30 pm. Quilt and Genealogy talk, “The Quilting Revival of the 1970s.”

Jan Stutts gives a look back at the revival of quilting as a hobby and some history of the Cathedral Window pattern. **Free for everyone.**



TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

By email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com. By telephone: 541-512-2340. Or stop by the library and register in person. **Library is open Monday-Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, open until 9 pm Tuesday.**

A Peek into May

Sunday, May 7-Sunday, May 14.

RVGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City.

A week of uninterrupted research on your family tree at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City! The library is open many hours: Monday 8 am-5 pm, Tuesday-Friday 8 am-9 pm, Saturday 9 am-5 pm. Stay at the Plaza Hotel within walking distance of the library. Book your room now at RVGS genealogy rate. Call 541-512-2340 or e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com to contact Betty Miller at our library for more information.



Kate Eakman at JCGL for two events:

May 16 Collars, Coiffures and Corsets: Using Fashion to Date Your Old Family Photographs.

May 17 Finding Your Native American Ancestry.

LOCAL EVENTS

Windows in Time:

Speaker, Paul Fattig

“Southern Oregon’s Smoke Jumpers: Their Base of Danger”

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Medford Library.

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Ashland Library.

Grants Pass Genealogy Society (GPGS)

Tuesday April 11, 1:30 pm. GPGS meeting at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1969 Williams Hwy in Grants Pass.

Guest speaker, Bob James. He will cover “Sources.”

Do you accept what you read about kin on the Internet and add that information to your records? Not a good idea, you could be getting false information and also miss the satisfaction of proving the information for yourself. Bob will demonstrate how to document family history data by citing the sources for each record, especially information gathered by doing research on-line. Bob James is a gifted researcher and has been doing his family history research for many years. He is also well versed in RootsMagic and FamilySearch.org. He is a family history consultant at the Grants Pass Family History Center. For more information call 541-660-8425.

The Jackson County Heritage Association’s 2nd Annual HISTORY HUNT

May 1st - June 30th.

Spring is a great time to take the family to visit participating museums and societies in Jackson County. It’s a great way to learn about our rich Jackson County history. You will get free tickets at each organization you visit for chances to win a valuable raffle basket. Need not be present to win.

Did you know...

- * that there are 15 historical societies and museums in Jackson County?
- * that each has unique items and information to share with you?
- * that the Southern Oregon Railway Society is restoring the Medco (Medford Corporation) # 4 locomotive?
- * that Gold Hill Museum has a cast iron ham boiling pot on display?
- * that Eagle Point has a portable electric stove on display?
- * that each organization is staffed by volunteers who love to share their knowledge with you?

So get ready! May 1st, visit the Society or Museum near you to pick up your entry form and map. Then you will be off on your exciting trip back in time.

RVGS News

NEW MEMBERS

Gerrie Leinfelder

Ruth Kain

Barbara Halvorsen

Curt Lowden

REPORT by Anne Billeter, President

Some **February 2017** numbers:

- 778 current members
- 1,128 volunteer hours
- 335 researchers used the library
- 36 paid to attend the “DNA for Genealogy” class by Melinda Henningfield
- 79 attended Ben Truwe’s program on the Rogue Indian Wars
- Research income was \$320

March 1 Publications:

- **March eNews** was sent to **626** member email addresses
 - 55% opened the March eNews
 - 44% clicked on a hyperlink
- **Spring *Rogue Digger*** was sent to 626 member email addresses
 - 49% opened the Spring *Rogue Digger*
 - 43% clicked on a hyperlink

JEAN MAACK

Jean Elizabeth Nicholson Maack died March 5, 2017 at the age of 96. She was born June 5, 1920 in Ossian, Winneshiek County, Iowa, the daughter of Elizabeth Bertha (Plagman) and Cyrus Rodney Nicholson. Jean married Arthur Charles Maack 16 Aug 1939 in Ossian. They lived in Ossian; Champaign, Illinois; Minnesota, and the Chicago area, before moving to Medford in 1983. They had four sons: Rodney, David, Steven, and Christopher.

Jean joined the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) in 1983 and was named an Honorary Life Member in 2000. She served RVGS and the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) with distinction in various positions. She served on Committees, as Head Librarian and most notably as the Editor of the *Rogue Digger* for 13 years. She was elected President for 1994, 1995, and 1996. During her 1994 term, the second annual “No Work Garage Sale” was held. This fund-raiser replaced the traditional Garage Sales that had been held for years. Members were asked to estimate what their time and effort were worth to not have to prepare for or work a garage sale and donate that amount of money instead. This proved to be a very effective fund-raiser.

Jean worked on her family history for many years, traveling extensively and producing a three-volume Harvey family genealogy and a one-volume Nicholson family genealogy. Copies of both are in the JCGL collection, as is the extensive Jean Maack Collection of research materials copied by Jean from resources in libraries throughout England, Scotland, Wales, and many in the United States (approximately 20 linear feet of 3-ring binders.) Jean left a rich genealogical legacy and many friends.

AD FOR HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE CHAIR

NEEDED: A personable, charming and welcoming Society member to head the Hospitality Committee. This Hospitality Committee Chair oversees the set-up and take-down of the Meeting Room for the monthly General Meeting and classes. Also oversees the provision of coffee and snacks for the General Meeting, ensuring that coffee is made and cookies/snacks are provided and laid out, cleaned up, and that we have sufficient supplies. As Chair, you do not need to perform all these

activities yourself, you may delegate to others. There are already two wonderful members on the committee waiting eagerly for a leader. If you are interested, contact Denise Salthouse, Education Committee Chair by leaving a note in my mailbox at the library or a message at the reception desk.

JCGL News

GERMAN BOOK SALE

Here is a sample of German-related books for sale previous to the **Gateway to Germany** event in April. Books will be on display and for sale after April 1.

1001 Pitfalls in German	\$4.00
16th Century Germany	\$19.00
18th Century Emigrants from Northern Alsace to America	\$26.00
18th Century Emigrants Vol II Western Palatinate	\$37.00
501 German Verbs	\$4.00
Alsace Emigration Book Vol I	\$27.00
Atlantic Bridge to Germany Vol I	\$5.00
Atlantic Bridge to Germany Vol II	\$5.00
Atlantic Bridge to Germany Vol IV	\$5.00
Atlantic Bridge to Germany Vol V	\$5.00
Bad EMS: Charms of a Spa	\$3.00
Baedeker's Rhine	\$19.00
Baedeker's Southern Germany	\$15.00
Baumholder	\$33.00
Berlitz Self-Teacher	\$4.00
Berlitz: Think and Talk German tapes	\$5.00
Cassell's New German Dictionary 1936	\$3.00
Concentration Camp Dachau	\$4.00
Die Weser und die Weserrenaissance	\$3.00
Emigration from Germany to Russia in 1763-1862	\$71.00
Flesh & Spirit Modern Germany	\$4.00
Genealogical Handbook of German Research Vol I	\$11.00
Genealogical Handbook of German Research Vol II	\$11.00
German Immigrants Lists of Passengers Bremen to New York 1847-1854	\$19.00
Germany a New History	\$4.00
Germany a Picture Book to Remember Her By	\$3.00
Haan the Garden Town	\$3.00
I Will Bear Witness	\$4.00
In Hitler's Germany	\$5.00
Institut fur Auslandsbeziehungen	\$3.00
Learn German-tapes	\$5.00
Of German Ways	\$3.00
Palatinate Place Name Indexes	\$5.00
Rambles in the Black Forest	\$15.00
Reformation in the Cities Appeal to Protestantism to 16th Century Germany	\$4.00
The Burgermeister's Daughter	\$4.00

The Rhine	\$3.00
The Rhine and Its Legends	\$5.00
The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich	\$4.00
Thuringen	\$3.00
When the French were Here	\$19.00
Wuerttemberg Emigration Index Vol I	\$9.00
Wuerttemberg Emigration Index Vol II	\$7.00

SPOTLIGHT ON ROGUE VALLEY PIONEERS

From information in our JCGL pioneer files, volunteer Terri McCoy wrote about the Allen family with one son who became a prosperous rancher and another who got mixed up with roughnecks terrorizing people from Eagle Point to Ashland.

Thomas J. and Rachel (Nofsinger) Allen brought their children from Minnesota to Oregon in 1869. The Allen family settled in the Derby area. They were among the first to choose to live there. Derby was a community of hardy souls located halfway between Eagle Point and Butte Falls. It was dusty and dry in summer. That dust in rain and snowy conditions turned to that sticky mud that makes walking nearly impossible. There were squirrels, rabbits and A LOT of rattlesnakes around. However, the lifestyle was affordable. They had room for the kids to run, and land to build a future on.

Their son John Marion Allen, age 11 when the family came to Derby, worked hard with his father and, when grown, had a very large ranch of his own. His land was said to be one of the best kept and nicest looking in the district.

Another son Thomas, named for their father, got mixed up with rustlers Charles Wilson and William Darberry stealing cattle and horses and terrorizing people from Eagle Point to Ashland. In 1872 they were finally caught with stolen horses near Red Bluff, California and brought back to Jackson County for trial. The people called by the state to testify were a Who's Who of prominent people and major ranchers of the county. John, then about age 14, was among those who testified against Thomas.

John married Charlotte B. "Lottie" Edmondson, born in 1876 in Livermore Twp., Alameda County, California. They had eight children, all survived. The Allen homestead is said to have hosted outstanding social functions with music and dancing. Although John became very wealthy and highly respected, several of the old-timers thought he did wrong when his testimony helped put his brother in prison for four years.

John, 81 years old when he died 9 November 1939 at Derby, is buried at the Butte Falls Cemetery. In the 1940 census at Derby Lottie was listed as the head of the household, a widow, age 63, living with her son Walter, a farmer, his wife and their one-month-old son John M. Allen. Lottie died 4 September 1964 at Derby and is buried with John. Thomas J. and Rachel Allen, John's parents, are buried in the Jacksonville Cemetery. No mention of their son Thomas.



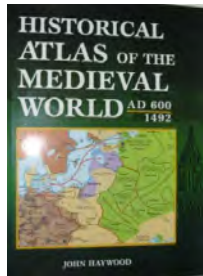
Charlotte B. & John M. Allen

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL

ATLASES

Atlas 911 Hay
Haywood, John
Historical Atlas of the Classical World, 500BC-AD600

Atlas 911 Hay
Haywood, John
Historical Atlas of the Medieval World, AD600-1492



Atlas 912 AAA
AAA World Atlas

Atlas 912 Ham
Hammond's New Era Atlas of the World.

Atlas 912 Ham
Hammond's Universal World Atlas.

HOW-TO GENEALOGY

929.1 Bet
Bettinger, Blaine T.
Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy

929.1 Hen
Hendrickson, Nancy
Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com: How to find your family history on the #1 genealogy website

MAYFLOWER

929.3 Mayflower v.16 pt. 5
Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: John Alden

GREAT BRITAIN

Atlas 941 Ord
Ordnance Survey National Atlas of Great Britain

GERMANY

929.2 Arnim
Das Geschlecht von Arnim, V. Teil Stammtafeln

943 A101 Gle
Glendorfs Internationales Genealogen-Lexicon: Biographisches handbuch fuer familienforscher und heraldiker

943 A101 Rib
Ribbe, Wolfgang
Taschenbuch fuer Familiengeschichtsforschung

943.1 G242 Hin
Hiners, Hans-Joachim
Die Einwohner von Misselwarden, 1680-1900

943.114 I443 Gsc
Gschweng, Norbert
Auswanderer aus dem Kreise Interburg, 1855-1875

943.22 H388 Wal
Walterhausen wie es frueher war

943.43 L142 Bau
Chronik des gemeindefreien Bezirks Gutsbezirk Baumholder, Landkreis Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz

943.46 G242 Faber
Nachtrag zu Ferd. Friedr. Fabers Wuerttembergischen Familien-Stiftungen (die Stiftungen 106 bis 148 enthaltend) Achtes Heft

943.46 H388 Sch v. 1
Schedler, Ernst
Oberstenfeld, Gronau, Prevorst in Geschichte und Geschichten [Band 1]

943.46 H388 Sch v. 2
Schedler, Ernst
Oberstenfeld, Gronau, Prevorst in Geschichte und Geschichten [Band 2]

943.46 H388 Ste
Steinenbronn, Vergangenheit und Gegenwart einer Schoenbuchgemeinde

943.47 G242 Fre
Frey, Guenther
Ortssippenbuch der Pfarrei Reinerzau, Kreis Freudenstadt, Wuerttemberg [i.e. Wuerttemberg] 1558 bis nach 1860

943.47 G242 Oer
Oertel, Burkhard
Ortssippenbuch Belhingen und Boesingen: jetzt Stadtteil von Haiterbach, Kreis Calw, Ortsteil von Pfalzgrafenweiler, Kreis Freudenstadt in Wurttemberg, Evangelische Pfarrei Bosingen, 1565-1930, samt Anhang fur die Neuzeit

943.47 G242 Oer
Oertel, Burkhard
Ortssippenbuch der Pfarrei Altensteigdorf, samt Uberberg, Kreis Calw in Wuerttemberg, 1620-1808

SWITZERLAND

949.4 H388 Gla
Glattfelden eine gemeindechronik

NATIVE AMERICANS

970.004 H388 Gib
Gibson, Arrell M.
Chickasaws



CONNECTICUT

974.66 H388 Ada
Adams, Charles Collard
Middletown Upper Houses: A history of the North Society of Middletown, Connecticut from 1650 to 1800 with genealogical and biographical chapters on early families and a full genealogy of the Ranney family

943.55 H388 1200
1200 Jahr Petershagen, 784-1984: Additions to the Culture and History

943.7 G242 Oer
Oertel, Burkhard
Familienbuch Muenster/Unterrot: mit Broeckingen, Reiselberg, Reippersberg und Schoenberg, Kreis Schwaebisch Hall in Wuerttemberg, 1610-1920, Ungekuerztes Ortssippenbuch

943.7 G242 Oer
Oertel, Burkhard
Familienbuch der Oberamtsstadt Gaildorf in Wuerttemberg, 1610-1870, Ungekuerztes Ortssippenbuch

943.7 G242 Oer
Oertel, Burkhard
Ortssippenbuch Moetzingen, Kreis Boeblingen, Wuerttemberg, 1560-1984

943.7 G242 Oer
Oertel, Burkhard
Ortssippenbuch Waldorf, Kreis Calw in Wuerttemberg, 1616-1932

949.4 H388 Sta
Stadt Buelach, 1384-1984: Festschrift der Stadt Buelach zum 600-Jahr-Jubilaeum

970.004 S227 Cob
Cobb, Amanda J.
Listening to our Grandmothers' Stories: the Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw Females, 1852-1949

TENNESSEE

976.8 M343 Ten

v. 1 *Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires, Volume One: Federal Soldiers (Acuff-Wood), Confederate Soldiers (Abbott-Byrne)*

v. 2 *Confederate soldiers (Caldwell-Fuston)*

v. 3 *(Gailbrath-Kyle)*

v. 4 *(Lackey-Quarles)*

v. 5 *(Rainey-Young)*

IDAHO

979.682 H388 Hel

Helmers, Cheryl

Warren Times – History of Warren, Idaho, 1862-1942: a collection of news about Warren, Idaho

MONTANA

978.66 H388 Spe

Spencer, Patricia C.

Images of America: Helena Montana: the Queen City of the Rockies and the Broadwater Hotel

MAGAZINES RECENTLY RECEIVED

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

Newsletters recently received are shelved in the neighboring wire rack.

Circ 729.05 FT

* *Family Tree Magazine*, v 18 #1, February 2017.

Circ 729.05 FT

* *Family Tree Magazine*, v 18 #2, March/April 2017.

* A current copy of *Family Tree Magazine* is kept in the rack. Sets of past copies are shelved. Extra donated copies are in the FREE TO TAKE rack along the wall in the meeting room. A variety of useful information can be found in each issue of this magazine. Take time to read back issues.

Circ 974 G242 NEHGS

The NEHG Register: The Journal of American Genealogy, v 171, winter 2017.

Circ 974 P273 AA

American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society, v 18 #1, Spring 2017.



Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ

Oregon Historical Quarterly, v 118 #1, Spring 2017.

SPECIAL ISSUE features essays, articles, and research files that explore the State of Jefferson — the movement and as-yet-unrealized new state of the United States. Authors explore topics including the State of Jefferson Historical Group annual meetings, the history and concept of the State of Jefferson, the lost history of the Battle of Hungry Hill, settlement and identity in the remote town of Powers, Oregon, the persistence and survival of Native Americans along the Smith River, and a celebration of Jim Rock's historic can collection.

Circ 979.412 P273 Red

Redwood Researcher Humboldt County, v 9 #3, February 2017.