



eNEWS OCTOBER 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](#)

Jackson County Genealogy Library

Classes and Events



TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

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

Tuesday, October 3, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Jewish Interest Group

Steve Kious will facilitate this interest group in its first meeting for those interested in Jewish research. Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Monday, October 9, 9:30-12:00 noon, RVGS Board Meeting

Members and the public are welcome. Free to all.

Monday, October 9, 1:00-3:00 PM, Advanced DNA Interest group

This is a work group for those who are advanced in working with DNA genealogy. Members in this group most likely know DNA terminology, have uploaded to GEDmatch and others sites, have done a X-DNA inheritance chart and a match chart. Lorita Cushman facilitates this group. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, October 10, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker User Group for PC and MAC users

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

Tuesday, October 10, 3:30-5:00 PM, German Interest Group

This month the group will collaborate to help each other read difficult German handwriting and translate terms in vital records. Bring your items on a thumb drive. Apple cider and pretzels will be served, a mini-Oktoberfest to commemorate the group's second anniversary. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.



Thursday, October 12, 10:30-12:30 PM, "How to Write on the Back of your Digital Photos"

Digital photos have made preserving our family history much easier, but how do we capture all the information that used to be written on the back of printed photos? Rich Miles will share a video presentation from RootsTech2017 and demonstrate how to "write" on the back of your digital photos. You can record names, captions, and even keywords that are all searchable, with each of your photos. Learn how to preserve all the information about the photo, not just the photo itself. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register in advance.

Thursday, October 12, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group

Bruce McGarvey moderates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors...a sharing of ideas, information and the how-to of researching in general. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.



Tuesday, October 17, 1:30-3:00 PM, Public Program and General Membership Meeting, "Paper and Spit"

Our program speaker will be Don Anderson, author of "Paper and Spit, Family Found: How DNA and Genealogy Revealed My First Parents' Identity." He will share his story about discovering the identity of his biological parents and his true identity. He was adopted in Portland, OR and through DNA was able to unlock these mysteries. Free for everyone.

Wednesday, October 18, 10:30-12:30 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Donna Rae Hays facilitates this group for everyone interested in Genetic Genealogy. The October topic will be "Using the GEDmatch One-to-One Reports, both free and Tier One," followed by an open discussion. Free for members. \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Monday, October 23, 1:00-3:00 PM, Beginners DNA Interest Group

This group is for beginners in DNA genealogy. Goal is to help you decide which test is best for you and to teach you how to get the most out of your DNA genealogy. There is a year's worth of meetings to prepare you to continue to the advanced class. The topic for the October meeting is "Sneak Peak: 23andMe, Ancestry, Family Finder, Y-DNA." Lorita Cushman facilitates this group. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, October 24, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilts and Genealogy Talk, "Poore Snowball Signature Quilt"

Sue Waldron will present this quilt that is on loan from the Jacksonville Museum Quilters. Who are these people? We value cemetery research in solving genealogy puzzles. Free for everyone.



A Peek into November

Thursday, November 9, 10:30 am-noon, *The Who, Why, Where, When, and How of Planning Your Family Reunion*

At the intersection of “maybe someday we should get together” and “time marches on” is a family reunion. This class will discuss the pitfalls and pleasures of planning and holding a successful reunion and having fun doing it as well as what works and what doesn't. Marilyn Ayres will teach this class. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register in advance.



LOCAL EVENTS

Windows in Time

Grace's Visit to the Rogue Valley: 1914 Travelogue, a film made in 1914. Speaker: Ben Truwe

Wednesday, October 4, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm, Medford Library.

Wednesday, October 11, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm, Ashland Library.

The Fruits of Their Labors: The Bracero Program in Southern Oregon, 1942-1964. Speaker: Lina Cordia

Wednesday, November 1, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm, Medford Library.

Wednesday, November 8, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm, Ashland Library.



Meet the Pioneers

Friday, October 6, & Saturday, October 7, every 15 minutes from 3:30 pm- 6:15 pm.

Guided Living History Tours through the Jacksonville Cemetery where players in costumes share their stories and talk about events of the day, 1800-1900's. Topics this year include early Pioneer families, WWI and WWII, a Train Wreck, a Gypsy Curse, Flu Epidemic and so much more! Visit their website www.friendsjvillecemetery.org for complete details of the event and how to purchase tickets.



Haunted History Tour

Friday, October 13, & Saturday, October 14, at 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45 and 7:00 pm.

Events from Jacksonville's pioneer past have led to ghosts and spirits lingering in many of the town's historic buildings. Hear their tales of woe, sorrow, and regret when Historic Jacksonville, Inc. offers its last Jacksonville Haunted History tours for 2017. These one-hour walks leave from the Jacksonville Visitors Center at the corner of North Oregon and C streets. Cost is \$5. Reservations are required! Call 541-245-3650 or e-mail info@historicjacksonsonville.org.



Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Free Seminar

Saturday, October 21, 10:30 am- 3:00 pm, DAR Seminar at Jackson County Genealogical Library. All interested persons are welcome to attend a free one-day seminar hosted by Latgwa Chapter of Jacksonville, OR, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). NSDAR, founded in 1890, is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, patriotism and honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War.



The main speaker is Kristin Lowe-Bartell, State Registrar, Oregon State Society DAR. Also attending is Tami Sneddon, Organizing Secretary. Topics include: *DAR Today*; *Genealogy 101*; *Are You Stumped Yet?*; *Q & A about DAR*; and *Application Completion for DAR membership*. Bring a brown-bag lunch; Latgwa Chapter will provide drinks and dessert. For more information please call Janis Coder, Regent, Latgwa Chapter: 541-261-1566. Hope to see you there!

Grants Pass Genealogical Society (GPGS)

Tuesday, October 10, 1:30 pm. At the GPGS meeting Valerie Brown will discuss using mobile devices when doing research at home and on the road. Valerie, a frequent presenter at the Community Seminar held each October in Grants Pass, has volunteered in the community for decades. She teaches in the Cave Junction, Illinois Valley and Southern Oregon localities. She is detail-oriented and devoted to helping others including teaching different aspects of genealogy. The program is at the LDS Church, 1969 Williams Highway in Grants Pass. For more information contact Janet Franz at (541) 474-1202.

Saturday, October 21, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, KIN-nect at the LDS Family History Center, corner of Williams Highway & W. Harbeck Drive, Grants Pass. The seminar sponsored by the Family History Center and GPGS offers 20 classes, from beginning to advanced. Details are online at <http://fhsgp.weebly.com/>. The seminar opening includes "Pioneer Presentation" by the Josephine County Historical Society. Classes begin at 10 am and end at 3:50 pm. Bring your own lunch.

8:00 - 8:55am	Registration and Sign-in. Sign-in for those already registered. Sign-up for those not yet registered. Get your ticket for the prize drawings to be held at 12:45 pm.		
9:00 - 9:45am	Welcome Message Pioneer Presentation by Josephine County Historical Society Opening Remarks		
10:00 - 10:50am	WIKI Organizing Your Research DNA: Do I Need It? Making A Living History	1:00 - 1:50pm	Obituaries and Newspapers Portals Find-A-Grave Using Mobile Devices to Attach Pictures
11:00 - 11:50am	Ancestry Migration & Immigration Beginning Family History Web Indexing	2:00 - 2:50pm	Federal and State Censuses Military Records WWI and WWII Family Search Memories Google It
12:00 - 12:40pm	LUNCH - Break.	3:00 - 3:50pm	Research Help DNA: Advanced Q&A Panel Basic Photo Imaging

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**2017
Grants Pass
Community
Family
History
Seminar**



Space is limited. Register in advance. Admission is free.

RVGS News

NEW MEMBERS

Hawk, Lora
Stringer, Maxine
Guest, Heather
Gordon, Patricia
Bronwyn, Scott
Drake, Holly
Juhl, Angie
Wallace, Deborah
Meler, Daniel & Joann



MEMBER FAIR AFFAIR brought laughter and tears.

Marilyn Ayres introduced each of seven speakers for the “Member Fair Affair.” Muriel Johnson was an adoptee who discovered her father’s family. Lynn Whitaker researched the Smith name and found the mill of her John Smith in Ireland. Sybil Russell discovered detailed Quaker records and traced her heritage to royalty. Stan Littrell explained his job and the tools a blind person can use to do genealogy. Marsha Lovitt spoke about the Children’s Blizzard of 1888 and her great-grandfather’s journal entry about it. Ruth Anne Page demonstrated books that can be used to find ancestors assigned to Benedict Arnold’s regiment in the march through Maine to Quebec. Mary Robsman told of the German Conference she attended in Minnesota as our representative and finding a personal connection through DNA.



NEW MONTHLY GENETIC GENEALOGY GROUP

The Genetic Genealogy Interest Group held its initial meeting in September. The group facilitated by Donna Rae Hays will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The focus of this group is exploring tools to work with your DNA test results and applying your DNA test results to answer your genealogy research questions. DNA test results include DNA from Autosomal DNA, Y-DNA, mtDNA, and X-DNA. Each meeting will include a short presentation by the group facilitator or a member of the group followed by open discussion on the topic and, as needed, assistance with application of the topic.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Help Us PASS Our Goal!!

As of September, we are at 83% of our \$15,000 Annual Fund goal! Wouldn't it be great if we could PASS our goal this year!! EVERY contribution no matter how big or small makes a difference. The 83% has been reached by about 14% of our membership. If everyone gives a little, we will definitely PASS our goal!!

Contributions can be made in two ways, 1) go to www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html to donate online or click on the **Donate Now** link on our Facebook page, or 2) you can drop off a donation or mail a donation to the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL FUND DRIVE CONTRIBUTORS THUS FAR IN 2017!

Rosemary Adalian, Katherine Alsing, Vern & Marti Arnold, Karen Asche, Christy Austermann, Marilyn & Albert Ayres, Colista Bailey, Carolyn Beron, Arthur & Anne Bigelow, Anne Billeter, Larry & Linda Blower, Diane Brenner, Donna Brewer, Glenn Briggs, Phillip Brobst, Darlene Brown, Warren & Charleen Brown, Vicki Bryden, Alan Buchta, Mary Ann Byrne, William & Mary Carlson, Kendall Clarke, Melissa Clarke, Sheila Couey, Carolyn Craig, Carita Culmer, Pam D'Allura, DAR – Crater Lake Chapter, Barbara Davidson, Cara Davis-Jacobson, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Sarah Forbes, Nancy Fox, Sharon Freeburne, Marie & Bryan Fulbright, Elaine Goodner, Celeste Guillory, Cheryl Haas, Sharon Hamby, Robert Hawk, Gene & Char Henry, Alice Herzberg, Linda Hildreth, Horton Family Foundation, Patricia Jenkins, Jerry Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Elizabeth Kelly, Florence Kemp, Sheila Kimball, Steve Kious, Mary Kwart, Norbert Leiberg, Lynn Leissler, Jim Maize, Patsy Marcy, Vicky & John McGee, Nancy & Jerry McGrew, Judith Meuser, Barbara Middaugh, Rich Miles, Alice & Larry Mullaly, Helaine Noble, Kathie Ordal, Jack & Andrea Patterson, Susan Perham, Cynthia Peterson, Dorcas Phelan, Wendy & Harry Purslow, Darlyne Reising, Roger Roberts, Diane Ross, Denise Salthouse, Shirley Shelton, Barbara Shrewsberry, Edna Sims, Doris Sjolund, Vanya Sloan, Pat & Paul Stancel, Chloe Sternola, Liz Steward, John & Janie Stewart, Shirley Stuelpnagel, Dorothy Throne, Linda & Robert Turner, Judith Vaughn, Ruth Wade, Bill Walker, Leona Wobbe, Carol Wolf

RAFFLE QUILT

The 2017-2018 Raffle Quilt “Centennial Rose” was unveiled September 26 at the Quilts and Genealogy Program. This classic quilt, donated to RVGS by member Charlotte Wirfs, is machine pieced but hand appliquéd and hand quilted by Mary Cadwallader of Clackamas, Oregon, in 2006. Raffle tickets are \$1.00, or 6 for \$5.00 or 30 for \$20.00. Raffle winner will be drawn on June 26, 2018. The “Centennial Rose” raffle quilt is on display at JCGL.



RESEARCH TRIP TO THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

RVGS is sponsoring a research trip to Salt Lake City, departing Sunday, March 11 and returning March 18, 2018. The plan is to arrange a package deal including airfare and hotel stay at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (in the same block as the Family History Library!) Mark your calendars now and watch for details.

RVGS runs on volunteer power.



SPOTLIGHT ON ROGUE VALLEY PIONEERS

Volunteer Dorothy Cotton shared this story from the book *Gold Hill and Its Neighbors along the River* by Linda Morehouse Genaw. John and Elizabeth Rhoten settled in the Gold Hill area early in 1860 and took up a homestead on Kane's Creek. It was there that they raised 10 children and seemed to make a name for themselves in the community. This article about the Rhotens appeared in the *Medford Mail* newspaper on December 4, 1896.

“A FAMILY OF GIANTS – During these times of quiet, the newspapers find their paths anything but a bed of thornless roses, but, after all, their efforts are most always rewarded by a discovery of something new under the sun, as was the result of THE MAIL reporter's diligent rambles last week in quest for news. In his rounds of the city he met and conversed with W. H. Rhoten, who is considered one of the tallest men in the state and by dint of much questioning the reporter discovered the interesting fact that there lives, and has lived, right in our midst, for lo! these many years, a family, who for height and weight cannot be equaled in the state and, as we confidently believe, surpassed on the Pacific Coast. During the conversation, the fact was elicited that in the Rhoten family, including parents, there were twelve in number, whose combined height is 75 ft. and 8 in. The tallest one in the family is Enos Rhoten, of Gold Hill, who is 6 ft. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in height and whose wt. is 198 pounds. The lowest in stature is the mother, who is but 4 ft. 9 in. high and weighs 250 lbs. The rest of the family are all over 6 ft. tall and weigh from 125 to 222 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. The names, height, and weight of the individual members are as follows: The father, John R Rhoten, ht. 6 ft. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., wt. 185; Mrs. Rhoten, ht. 4 ft. 9 in., wt. 250 lbs.; Mary, now Mrs. D.E. Mardon, ht. 6 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., wt. 195 lbs.; Synthia Ann, ht. 6 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., wt. 162 lbs.; Rachel, now Mrs. Coen, ht. 6 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in., wt. 150 lbs.; Eliza, ht. 6 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., wt. 125 lbs.; Emma, now Mrs. Boggis, ht. 6 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., wt. 188 lbs.; John Rhoten Jr., ht. 6 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., wt. 185 lbs.; Enos, 6 ft. 11/3/4 in., wt. 198 lbs.; Abraham, ht. 6 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., wt. 200 lbs.; Alfred ht. 6 ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., wt. 189 lbs. and William H., ht. 6 ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., wt. 222 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Of the twelve, only two are dead, the father who has been dead ten years, and Synthia Ann, who has been dead eighteen years. The combined weight of the family is 2327 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds or an average of nearly 194 pounds for each one of the family. The average height is 6 feet 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

There are very few families of which some of them are not endowed with some special gift, and of this family Enos appears to have been the lucky one. For years he has had the reputation of being the luckiest gold “pocket hunter” in the country, which is borne out of the fact that many of the rich pocket discoveries that have been made in this country have been discovered by him. He is able to trace a vein of gold to its deposit with apparently as much ease as the bloodhound is able to follow the fresh track of a deer. The ten living members of the family are all healthy and vigorous, and are an industrious and hard working people. They are all aware of their phenomenal height, and while not ashamed of it, are not disposed to talk about it to any extent. William H. is nothing slow as a pocket finder and much of the rich metal found hereabouts has been the results of his tracing.”

Edward, Alfred, and Enos Rhoten continued to make a name for themselves throughout the country for their uncanny ability to find gold ledges. It is said that they would disappear into the woods for a few days and when they reappeared, they came with news of yet another rich strike. They were finders of the famous Revenue Pocket on Kane's Creek. The yield from this pocket is placed at \$100,000.00. Stories of the Rhoten brothers love for spending money passed down through the years. The most famous story is of them buying a Medford saloon one night to finish their party and giving it back the next morning.



Historic Oregon Newspapers

Historic Oregon Newspapers has a new website: <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>. The new site has an updated look-and-feel that's easier to navigate. It also has a "This Day in History" feature that showcases a different newspaper every day that corresponds with that day's date. New functions include browsing by date with the Calendar and an improved Advanced Search. An updated Map, along with a Location list, allows for simplified title access by city.



SURPLUS BOOK SALE

The Surplus Genealogy Book Sale at JCGL has been extended through Saturday, October 14...and additional books are being added throughout the sale. Check back in our Reading Room to see if the book you can't live without is now available!

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL

BIOGRAPHY

921 Horton (also a Circ copy)

Horton, Kristopher

Last Lot with a View: The Life of Larry & Ann Horton: A Biographical Novel

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Ellyson

Dr. Robert and Elizabeth Ellyson: Their Ancestors and Descendants

929.2 Jones

Armstrong, Jane

Descendants of Polly Jones

929.2 Wood

Contents of Wood-Woods Exchange 1947-1958 and the Wood-Woods Family Magazine, 1973-1985

OHIO

977.1 H388 Gag

Gagel, Diane Van Skiver

Ohio Photographers, 1839-1900

OHIO – HAMILTON COUNTY

977.177 C242 Ham

Hamilton County, Ohio Burial Record

volume 10, Green Township

volume 12, Calvary Cemetery

volume 17, Delhi Township 1800s-2004

977.177 C721 Ham 1811-1849

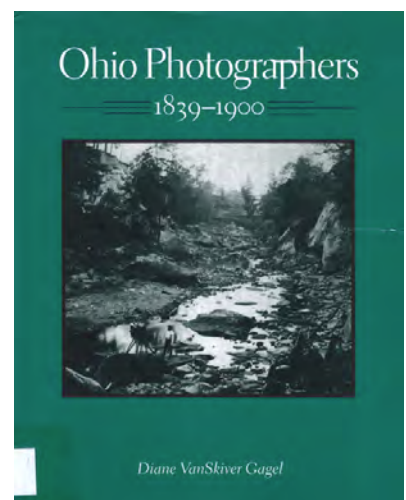
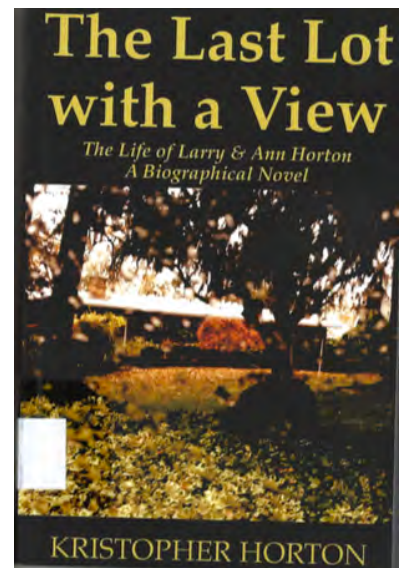
Hamilton County, Ohio Church Death Records, 1811-1849

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Hamilton County, Ohio, Church Burial Records, 1850-1859

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Hamilton County, Ohio, Church Burial Records, 1860-1869



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Selected Hamilton County, Ohio, Church Baptism Records, Early-1859

977.177 D218 Ham 1865-1869 v. 1
Hamilton County, Ohio Death Records, 1865-1869, volume I

977.177 D372 Mrs. 1910-11
Mrs. Devereux's Blue Book of Cincinnati Society for the years 1910-11

977.177 D372 Mrs. 1921-22
Mrs. Devereux's Blue Book of Cincinnati Society for the years 1921-1922

977.177 H388 Dub
Duba, Larry
History of Delhi Township [Hamilton County, Ohio]

977.177 H388 His
History of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio

977.177 I522 Gra
Graver, William H.
*Hamilton County, Ohio, Index of People, Roads, Churches, etc. on 1835, 1847, 1848, 1869 and 1884
Maps and Atlases*

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Restored Hamilton County, Ohio Marriages, 1808-1849
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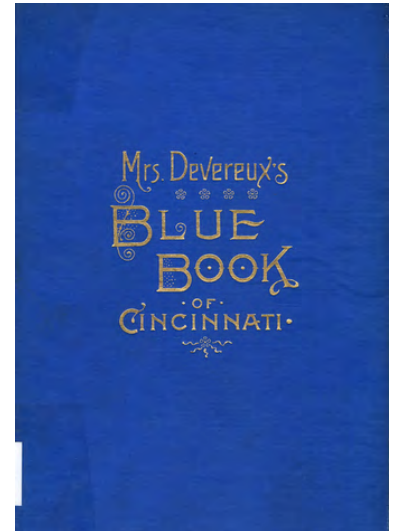
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Restored Hamilton County, Ohio Marriages, Supplements, 1850-1884

977.177 M177 Res 1870-1884
Restored Hamilton County, Ohio Marriages, 1870-1884
Part 1
Part 2

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Ridlen, Colleen Alice
Hamilton County, Ohio Marriage Records, 1817-1830

977.177 N298 Ind 1827-1881 Part I
Index of Death and Marriage Notices Appearing in the Cincinnati Daily Gazette, 1827-1881, Part One



977.177 N298 Ind 1804-1857

Index of Death, Marriage and Miscellaneous Notices appearing in the Liberty Hall and Cincinnati Gazette, 1804-1859

977.177 N298 Ind 1840-1879

Index of Death Notices Appearing in the Cincinnati Daily Times, 1840-1879

977.177 N298 1858-1899

Index of Death Notices Appearing in the Cincinnati Commercial, 1858-1899

Part 1: A-L

Part 2: L-Z

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Index of Death Notices Appearing in the Cincinnati Volksblatt 1846-1918

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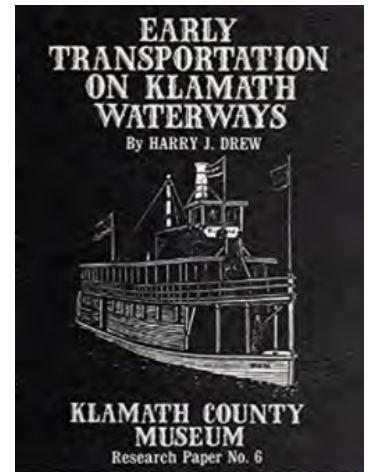
New Mexico Atlas & Gazetteer

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Early Transportation on Klamath Waterways



MAGAZINES RECENTLY RECEIVED

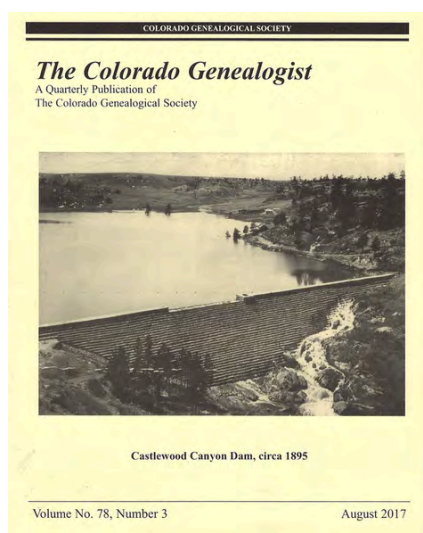
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Newsletters recently received are shelved in the neighboring wire rack.

Circ 974 G242 NEHG

The NEHG Register, the Journal of American Genealogy, New England Historic Genealogical Society, v 171, Whole Number 683, Summer 2017.

* On the cover the *Syncopated Seven* by photographer Edward Elcha, a descendent of Wm. H. Johnson, a free man of color in Massachusetts →



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The Colorado Genealogist, a Quarterly Publication of the Colorado Genealogical Society, v 78 # 3, August 2017.

← On the cover Castlewood Canyon Dam, Colorado. circa 1895

Oregon Humanities, Summer 2017.