

## RVGS-JCGL eNews April 2019



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### CLASSES & EVENTS

#### JCGL Classes & Events

**Registering in advance is requested for all events except public programs and Board meetings. To register in advance for classes and events:**

- email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com),
- telephone: 541-512-2340,
- or stop by the library Mon-Sat, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesdays until 9 p.m.

#### **Event prices:**

- Public Programs are FREE to all;
- Interest Groups, FREE to members; \$5-day use fee for non-members;
- Classes and seminars are priced as listed with the description.

### Classes and Events

**Tuesday, April 2, 5-6 p.m., Class.** "Anatomy of a Case Study, the Steps Used"

Melinda Henningfield will teach this class about writing for yourself or a publication. She will show step by step research on an ancestor. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

**Monday, April 8, 9:30-12 p.m., Board Meeting. Members are welcome. Free to all**

**Monday, April 8, 1-3 p.m., Advanced DNA Interest Group**

**Tuesday, April 9, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Class.** “From Missouri to California by Way of the Beckwourth Pass.” Melinda Henningfield will discuss 1850s westward movement by way of the Beckwourth Pass. \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.

**Tuesday, April 9, 1:30-3 p.m., Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

**Wednesday, April 10, 1:30-3 p.m., German Interest Group**

**Thursday, April 11, 1:30-3 p.m., Irish Interest Group**

**Tuesday, April 16, 1:30-3 p.m., Public Program and Member Meeting** “Lost and Marooned at Crater Lake” with Larry Smith who will tell us a Crater Lake story. Free to all.

**Wednesday, April 17, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Genetic Genealogy Interest Group**

**Friday, April 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Workshop.** “Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries” by Blaine Bettinger. See website for details and registration form. \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members.

**Saturday April 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., “DNA Seminar” by Blaine Bettinger. See article below and RVGS website for details and registration form. \$50 for members; \$60 for non-members**

**Monday, April 22, 1-3 p.m., Beginning DNA Class Series** “Work Group—Practice What You Have Learned.” Practice the tools you have learned in past classes with Lorita Cushman. It’s a great time to catch up if you are behind and to ask any lingering questions. \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Tuesday, April 23, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilt and Genealogy Talk.** “Hand Embroidered Blocks from Illinois” by Peggy Smith and Charlotte Wirfs. Peggy knows many of the people featured in her quilts and used genealogy searches to identify the last 11 stitchers. Free to all.

**Starting in April: Tutorial Tuesdays will begin on April 2 at 5 p.m.**

April 2. “Using maps in your family history research”

April 9. “Newspaper strategies”

April 16. “Genealogical jargon defined”

April 23. “Common mistakes in genealogy”

April 30. “Finding probate records”

## **Last Reminder to sign up for the Seminar!**

### **From Syracuse, N.Y., Blaine Bettinger, PhD., J.D., “The Genetic Genealogist” Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Spring Seminar**

REGISTER NOW at [www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org)

DNA is the newest genealogical “tool” to discover family, find your ethnic origins and learn what everyone is talking about!

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society continues to offer well known and respected lecture speakers and you can read about DNA’s best at our website; just click the link under his picture for his credentials. Then, complete the registration form, and send with your event fee to RVGS at 3405 So. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR.97501 to ensure your place.

Workshop and Seminar location in 2019 is the Smullin Center, 2825 E. Barnett Rd, Medford, Oregon 97501. For more information please contact the library at 541-512-2340



## **LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS**

Is something missing from this section? Let Dorothy Cotton know: [dorothy@mind.net](mailto:dorothy@mind.net)

### **Windows in Time: The Historic Holmes House: From Harry and David to the Present**

With Susan Hearn. Wednesday April 3, at 12 p.m. at the Medford Public Library and Wednesday April 10, at 12 p.m. at the Ashland Public Library Library.

### **Secrets and Mysteries of the Beekman Bank with Ben Truwe.**

April 5 and 6; May 3 and 4, meet at Beekman Bank at 110 W. California St. Jacksonville  
Times: 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. Admission is \$5; reservations required: 541-245-3650.

### **Pollinators in Orchards and Gardens with Kristina Lefever.**

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. Phoenix Museum. Everyone welcome, free to all.

**Medford Railroad Park opens for the 2019 Season** beginning Sunday April 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by on second and fourth Sundays, April thru October. For more information and directions visit, <https://soc-nrhs.org>.

**Children’s Easter Egg Hunt Saturday**, April 20, 10 a.m., Patrick Elementary School Play Field, sponsored by the Gold Hill Historical Society. Prize baskets to be won and candy sacks for all young attendees.

**The History of the Hooker Oak with Debra Moon.** Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Talent Historical Society. Everyone welcome; free to all.

**Heritage Plant Sale at Hanley Farm.** Saturday April 27 and Sunday April 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



## ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

### Report of the Family History Library Research Trip March 3-10, 2019



What a great week at the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City for 17 of our RVGS members and friends! Most took the less-than-two-hour direct flight to SLC; some drove the “scenic” winter route. The group rendezvoused at the Plaza Hotel late Sunday afternoon, walked around the nearby Temple Square, dined, and most importantly planned our research attack for the coming week. Hearing success stories throughout the week motivated us all.

Sisters Christy and Pat broke through two brick walls. (1) Christy found their Great grandfather Giese’s 2nd marriage on microfilm (NOT digitized) for Freren in Lingen (county) in northwest Germany. FHL had a Tenfelde book listing emigrants from Lingen, which showed them that their Great grandfather had a brother, luckily born in the tiny window of time for which there is microfilm (1810-1814.) Pat found his birth record complete with a French seal from when Napoleon ruled that area. German translator Barbara deciphered the old German script and read to them the wonderful lines: “This declaration and showing of the child was done in the presence of John Giese, the child’s grandfather who is 70 years old, a day laborer, and living in Andervenne.” They have the marriage license, a new great-great uncle, and another generation! (2) After identifying the village in Hesse-Darmstadt (Germany) where their 2x great grandfather Nies was born, Christy and Pat scrolled through two rolls of microfilm. A tedious pursuit ended perfectly when Christy found his birth in 1832. The translation of his birth certificate revealed he was illegitimate but his father and grandfather gave

him their family surname. So Christy and Pat found something spicy and two more generations. They continued accumulating records for about 25 aunts, uncles, half-siblings and cousins. [This sister team is proof that two heads are better than one.]

Mary will tell you: "Don't forget to look at the books at FHL." She spent the entire first day scouring the Tenfelde book for her set of ancestors who emigrated from Lingen (Germany.) Using post-it stickers, she marked relevant pages, not only the page with the surname listed alphabetically, but pages that included wife or mother with that surname. She copied 47 pages loaded with dates and places of births and deaths...and on some the destination GALENA, her small hometown in Illinois. From that data she compiled Family Group Sheets. For the rest of the week with that organized information she looked for and found actual civil and church records for these interrelated people in Germany and the Midwest.

Hugh was impressed with the improvements at the library since he was there years ago. Accessing digitized records, microfilms, and other items available only at FHL, he combined the information into a comprehensive chart. He clarified a mix-up about two Elizabeth Fullers, proving that he is not a descendant of a Mayflower passenger. He felt it was a big bonus when a FHL volunteer spent seven hours working with him on his Swedish ancestry.

Ron and Ann spent several hours with an internationally known Jewish specialist. Two Lithuanian research volunteers gave them many pointers, sources and people to contact for specific information about Ron's Lithuanian family. Their specific recommendations gave Ron hope that there may actually still be records for the small shtetl Skirsnemune. For Ann the trip was worthwhile when she found the Irish village for a set of her paternal 2x great grandparents and the birth place for her maternal 3x great grandfather on a mountain top in the Slovak Tatra mountain range.

Anne took time to check the index of each issue of the Tuolumne County (CA) Genealogical Society Quarterly (1980 through 2018), where she found a lead to the probate record for her 4th great grandfather, who died there in Jacksonville, CA in 1855. (FHL did not have probate records for this county.) Anne also searched the FHL catalog for the surname Farra (her 4th great grandmother), found a microfilm (NOT digitized) of a scrapbook at the West Chester Historical Society (PA.) The scrapbook contained a 1799 letter written by her 4th great grandmother's grandfather, John Farra, confirming her 4th great grandmother's parent's marriage, and other 1799 letters between her father Jacob's siblings, conveying the news about his marriage and the birth of a son.

Our group's successes go on and on. Talk to RVGS members who took the trip. They will tell you the FHL has the most comprehensive genealogy records in the world and the volunteers and research assistants are most helpful. Start preparing now for next year's trip. Watch for details about our 2020 RVGS Research trip.



## New Members

Thank you to membership coordinator, Terry Fischer and membership director, Marie Fulbright and welcome to our newest members: Caroline Alexander, Lisa Baehr, Matthew & Michele Cantrell, Dawna Curler, Sandra & Andrew Fletcher, Paul Korbulic, Sue Kurth, Nancy M McIntosh, Peter & Diane Meier, James Mobley, Betty Patterson, Mary Randolph, Mellisa Randolph and Becky Watkins

## Surplus Books for Sale to Benefit RVGS

The Surplus Book Sale continues as more books are added monthly. Most are donations of books already in the collection. Some are discards. Each book is priced separately at less than the current list price on selected Internet sites. Books priced at \$1.00 are not listed. Check the Book Sale Bookcase for the newest offerings.

- Mayflower and Her Passengers* by Caleb H. Johnson \$24.00  
*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: Vancouver v.1 & 2, Stellamaris Mission* \$7.50  
*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: St. Louis v.1 & 2, Gervais, Brooks* \$54.00  
*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: Oregon City, Salem, Jacksonville* \$30.00  
*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: St. Ann, Walla Walla, Frenchtown* \$72.00  
*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: Grande Ronde, v.1 & 2* \$38.00  
*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: St. Paul, v.1-3* \$82.00  
*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: Roseburg, Portland* \$16.00  
*Delaware Bible Recods, v.2* by Donald O. Virdin \$11.00  
*Smith's Canadian Gazetteer...1846* [with map] \$2.50  
*Kentuckians in Missouri, including many who migrated by way of Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois* \$9.00  
*Index to War of 1812 Pension Files, volume 1: A-F* transcribed by Virgil D. White \$36.00  
*Herkimer House: An Historic Structure Report* by New York State Historic Trust \$4.50  
*Steps Toward Freedom* by Gil Herkimer \$9.00  
*Roads to Niagara* by Gil Herkimer \$5.00  
*Neither Rebel Nor Tory: Hanyost Schuyler and the Siege of Fort Stanwix* \$24.00  
*New York in the American Revolution: A Bibliography* compiled by Milton M. Klein \$3.50  
*Records of the Established Church in England excluding parochial records* by D. M. Owen \$7.50  
*Our French-Canadian Ancestors, v.1* by Thomas J. Laforest \$12.00  
*The Making of the Nation 1783-1817* by Francis A. Walker c.1899 \$9.00  
*Day of Battle* by Frederic F. Van de Water \$3.00  
*Mayflower Passengers 1620* by Scott Andrew Bartley \$9.00  
*The Mohawk: Rivers of America* by Codman Hislop \$9.00  
*The Real Benedict Arnold* by Charles Burr Todd c.1903 \$15.00  
*Abraham Yates, Jr., and the new political order in Revolutionary New York* by Stefan Bielinski \$5.00  
*The Eton Portrait Gallery, consisting of short memoirs of the more eminent Eton Men c.1876* \$9.00  
*30,638 Burials in Georgia* by Jeannette Holland Austin \$6.00  
*The Georgians: Genealogies of Pioneer Settlers* by Jeannette Holland Austin \$30.00  
*Pacific Northwest Indian Wars* by Ray H. Glassley \$4.50  
*Oregon for the Curious* by Ralph Friedman, 2nd Rev. ed. 1966 \$9.00



*King's Mountain and its Heroes* by Lyman C. Draper \$22.00  
*Genealogical Atlas of England & Wales* by Gardner, Harland, and Smith \$3.00  
*Domesday Book: England's Heritage, Then and Now* \$3.00  
*History of Saco and Biddeford [Maine]* by George Folsom, facsimile reprint \$7.50  
*Pennsylvania-German in the Settlement of Maryland* by Daniel Nead \$15.00  
*Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire, v. 6: 1757-1760* \$10.99  
*Genealogy in Ontario: Searching the Records (Revised)* by Brenda Dougall Merriman \$3.50  
*History of Kentucky Illustrated, Edition 8-B, Biographical Sketches*, reprint, \$32.50  
*Genealogies of Virginia Families from Tyler's Quarterly...*, v. 1, Albrington-Gerlache \$75.00  
*Maps of the Oregon Trail* by Gregory M. Franzwa \$24.00  
*Native American Wills and Probate Records, 1911-1921* \$24.00  
*Oregon Guide to Genealogical Sources c.1996* by Connie Lenzen \$16.00  
*Old Tenth League Marriages: Marriages in Rockingham County, Virginia from 1778 to 1816...* \$9.00  
*Hopewell Friends History, 1734-1934, Frederick County, Virginia, Part 1: Historical* \$26.00  
*Hopewell Friends History, 1734-1934, Frederick County, Virginia, Part 2: Documentary* \$26.00  
*Shasta Valley Cemetery District* \$10.00  
*Colonial families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, volume 1* by Robert Barnes & F. Wright \$22.00  
*Index to Georgia's 1867-1868 Returns of Qualified Voters...* \$49.00  
*Virginia Court Records in Southwestern Pennsylvania* by Boyd Crumrine \$12.00  
*Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England* by John Farmer \$7.50  
*Genealogical Notes: Or Contributions to Family History of some of the First Settlers of Connecticut and Massachusetts* \$9.00  
*Genealogical Notes on the Founding of New England* by Ernest Flagg \$22.00  
*Americans of Royal Descent* by Charles H. Browning, 7th ed. \$20.00  
*Complete Great Migration Newsletter, volumes 1-15* \$7.50  
*Oregon Cemetery Survey* \$11.00  
*Search for the Passengers of the Mary & John, 1630; vol. 14: West Country Planters to New England, 1620-1643* \$5.00  
*Search for the Passengers of the Mary & John, 1630; vol. 16: Supplement to v.14* \$5.00

## JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

### Librarians Needed

Librarians Needed! Interested? Email Library Director Anne Billeter [annebilleteroregon@gmail.com](mailto:annebilleteroregon@gmail.com)  
 or phone her at 541-944-3802.

Some of the available shifts are:

Monday afternoons, 1-4

1st Tuesday evenings, 4-9 pm

1st Wednesdays, 10-4

Full day shifts can be split into 2 shifts: 10-1 and 1-4

1st Thursdays, 10-4

3rd Saturday, 10-4

4th Saturday, 10-1

## New Photo Scanning Service

Do you have old photographs you would like digitized? Bring them to JCGL and our volunteers will do it for you!

- Cost: \$15/hour;
- All photos must be in a container or envelope;
- Drop your photos off at the library and fill out a Photo Scanning Service Request Form;
- Include a thumb drive for your digitized content, or purchase one at the library for \$10;
- We will contact you when your photos are done and tell you the amount you owe;
- Payment is due when you pick up your photos at the library.

## A New FamilySearch Help Feature: Community

[Apparently only usable if you have entered your family tree on FamilySearch]. Go to [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)

- a. sign in
- b. click on "help"
- c. click on "community"
- d. search by country, religion, ethnic group, or other group
- e. select Groups
- f. select the Group that best matches
- g. "Join"

You can post questions, upload documents, ask for translation, etc. It is staffed with knowledgeable, experienced people. The FHL research assistant who shared this is using this really new resource for help with her German research.



## Magazines Recently Received

The most recent issue is shelved at the end of the 929.2 stacks

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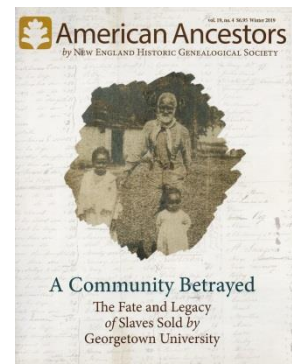
*The Register, the Journal of American Genealogy*, New England Historic Genealogical Society, v. 173, Winter 2019. Mayflower passenger Elizabeth (Barker) Winslow, Overlooked children of Edward and Rachel Perne Rawson (Massachusetts Bay Colony), New London Beckwiths, Edward Bishop (Salem, MA), Leslie Bradfield (Connecticut), Rev. Valentine Overton.

Circ 974 P273 AA

*American Ancestors*, New England Historic Genealogical Society, v.19 (4), Winter 2019. New resources on *AmericanAncestors.org*, the legacy of slaves sold by Georgetown University, death resources in the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center, and the annual index to personal names.

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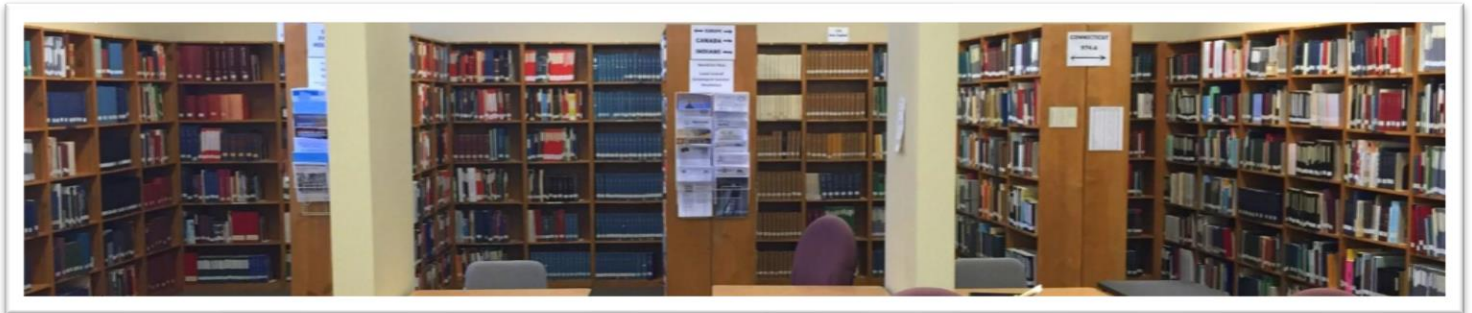
*Heir Lines*, Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County, v. 43(2), Jan 2019. DNA matches of Jim Proctor, Neilon family lore, news clippings about the county, 1880s.





Circ 979.549 P273 Bul

Bulletin, Quarterly Magazine of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, v.68 (2), December 2018. A case study in genetic genealogy, the 1918-19 influenza epidemic, Charles W Woodbury of Minnesota, and use of letters in genealogical research.



## New Additions to Our Library

[Click Here](#) for 42 New Titles (61 volumes) Added in March 2019

A mix of books were added to the Genealogy Library in March, including 7 family histories (929.2), 12 generations of Diana Princess of Wales ancestry (929.3 Eva), the Emperor Charlemagne's descendants (929.7 Ped), a history of Antigonish County, Nova Scotia (971.614), 12 more New York books (974.7), and a sprinkling of books from the east coast to Michigan, Mississippi, and Missouri (but not further west!)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Hello, my name is Terrie, I am the Volunteer Director. I would like to interest our patrons in any of the many tasks that make our library great. Chances are, you know, and can do, more than you ever thought. If you have any time to give, the people here are kind, helpful and caring; a great group to work with. Some people are afraid that they don't know enough or aren't skilled enough. Depending on what you are interested in doing, if you can smile and keep in reserve the statement, "I don't know but I'll find someone who can help you!" You'll be a success and a great addition to our Volunteer Ranks. I am here as a Librarian every Tuesday and would like very much to visit with anyone who might have doubts or questions. Pick up a Volunteer Form at any time at the Reception Desk or [click here](#) to download one. Come join us!

Terrie McCoy

Volunteer Director

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What's going on in your town?

Get your event into the next newsletter [dorothy@mind.net](mailto:dorothy@mind.net)



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