

## RVGS-JCGL eNews – September 2019



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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**JCGL WILL BE CLOSED TO CELEBRATE LABOR DAY**



### CLASSES & EVENTS AT JCGL

**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
- Stop by the library: Mon-Sat 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and Tuesdays until 9:00 PM.

**Event prices:**

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

**Tuesday, September 3, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Tutorial Tuesday**

"Breaking Through Your Brick Walls" 32 Min. Ancestry

"Genealogy Introduction – Immigration Records at the National Archives" 26 Min. U.S. National Archives

**Monday, September 9, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Board Meeting.** Members are welcome.

**Monday, September 9, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Advanced DNA Interest Group**

**Tuesday, September 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

**Tuesday September 10, 3:15 - 4:45 PM, German Interest Group**

**Tuesday, September 10, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Tutorial Tuesday,**  
“1939 Register British Family History” 29 Min. Find My Past  
“Genealogy Research Tools: Pre-1800 British Records” 33 Min. Ancestry

**Thursday, September 12, Irish Interest Group **will not meet this month.****

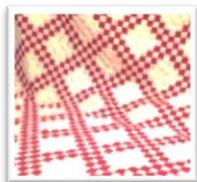
**Tuesday, September 17, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Public Program and General Meeting**  
Mary Robsman will share what she learned at the “German Genealogy Conference” she attended this summer. Free to all.

**Tuesday, September 17, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Tutorial Tuesday,**  
“Social History for Genealogists” 1 Hour, Find My Past Masterclass.

**Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group**

**Saturday, September 21 and Monday, September 23 through Friday, September 27, GENEALOGY WEEK!**

There will be **FREE** use of the Genealogy Library and **FREE** classes each day. See the schedule of events below.



**Tuesday, September 24, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Quilts and Genealogy Talk**  
“The Legacy of Hopestill” by Charlotte Wirfs  
Hopestill King Norton of Madison County, Ohio, traveled the Oregon Trail in 1845. She lived in Benton County and made quilt tops for each of her granddaughters. This one was finished in 1985.

The spectacular “Giant Dahlia” medallion raffle quilt will be presented.



**Tuesday, September 24, 5:00-6:00 PM Tutorial Tuesday (free)**  
“Using Ancestry.com Like a Pro” 34 Min. Ancestry  
“Browsing Records in Ancestry.com” 26 Min.





## A Wonderful Week of Free Genealogy Classes

**Saturday, September 21, through Friday, September 27** - Rogue Valley Genealogical Society offers a week of **free** genealogy classes at the Jackson County Genealogy Library for the beginner to the experienced researcher! Tips, resources and discussions from how to begin, research strategies, and organizational tips, to brick wall busting.

### Saturday, September 21

- 10:00 – 11:30 AM, How to get started in genealogy
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Library Resources and Hidden Treasures
- 2:30 - 4:00 PM, DNA, Which Test is Best for You?

**Sunday, September 22**, Library closed.

### Monday, September 23

- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, How to Organize Your Genealogy Files
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM, DNA, Which Test is Best for You? (repeat)
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Genealogy Jargon: What Do They Mean?

### Tuesday, September 24

- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Introduction to the Census, What You Can Discover!
- 1:30 - 2:30 PM, Quilt talk: The Legacy of Hopestill – An Oregon Trail Quilt
- 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Interest Groups Available at the Jackson County Genealogy Library
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Tutorial Tuesday: "Using Ancestry.com Like a Pro" **AND** "Browsing Records in Ancestry.com"
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Library Resources and Hidden Treasures (repeat)

### Wednesday, September 25

- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Google for Genealogy
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Internet Newspaper Research
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM, How to Get Started in Genealogy (repeat)

### Thursday, September 26

- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Beginning Ancestry.com
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM, How to Organize Your Digital Files (***not just*** genealogy)

### Friday, September 27

- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Brick Wall Busting
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Why Use *Family Tree Maker* Software for Genealogy



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

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - 7pm** at Four Daughters Irish Pub, 126 W Main Street, Medford  
**Journeying to Crater Lake, 1889: The Adventures of the Jacksonville Seven**, by Alice Mullaly. In 1889 a group of 20-something men and women from Jacksonville's prominent families had a three-week adventure traveling to Crater Lake and back. One of them, Fletcher Linn, kept a diary of the trip. Hear his humorous entries and see 19th century photos of the places they visited. Alice Mullaly is a longtime volunteer at SOHS with a particular interest in sharing local history stories.

**Wednesday, September 4, 12:00 noon - 1:00 PM** at Medford Public Library AND

**Wednesday, September 11, 12:00 noon – 1:00 PM** at Ashland Public Library

**Windows in Time: "The Grand Dams of the Upper Rogue"**

A talk by Author Dennis Ellingson, with Larry Sweem and Joya Szalwinski, about the history of the dams on the Upper Rogue; why and when they were built.

**Wednesday, September 4**

**Start BUYING your tickets for the Annual "Meet the Pioneers" tours in Jacksonville's Pioneer Cemetery, on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5.** Players in period costumes stand grave side and share their stories and those of historic events during the 1800-1900's. Guided tours depart at 4:00 p.m. then every 15 minutes until the last tour at 6:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale September 4, and may be reserved at: [friendsvillecemetery.org](http://friendsvillecemetery.org) or by calling 541 826-9939, or at the ticket booth next to the Jacksonville Post Office during the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on September 4-7 and on Fridays and Saturdays through the month of September. This is a fund raiser for the Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery and helps support restoration and preservation efforts. Tours sell out – get your tickets early!

**Friday, September 6**

**Jacksonville Haunted History walking tours.** These 1-hour guided walks introduce guests to ghosts and spirits from Jacksonville's pioneer past still lingering in the town's historic buildings. Two different tour routes are available. **Courthouse route tours** highlighting brothels, epidemics, and hangings are offered at 7pm and again at 7:30pm. **Britt Hill route tours** featuring arson, saloons, and Chinatown begin at 7:15pm and repeat at 7:45pm. Both tours include multiple haunted houses. All tours leave from the Jacksonville Visitors' Center at the corner of N. Oregon and "C" streets. The cost is \$5 per person and all proceeds go to the preservation of Jacksonville's historic buildings. Tickets can now be purchased on-line at <https://www.historicjacksonville.org/events-2/haunted-history-tours/> Tour size is limited, so advance purchase is strongly recommended! Additional information is available at 541-245-3650 or [info@historicjacksonville.org](mailto:info@historicjacksonville.org).

**Saturday, September 21**

The Talent Historical Society is celebrating their 25th anniversary this September. They will be celebrating during the Harvest festival on September 21. The museum will be open so come by and join the celebration.

# ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



## Brainstorming our future!

You are invited to join with other RVGS members on **Tuesday, October 15, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** to brainstorm the future of RVGS and JCGL. What do YOU want? Think about our facility, our collections, our services. What do we do, and what do we have, that you want to continue? What should we add (or subtract!)? How can YOU best benefit from your membership in RVGS and use of the JCGL?

RVGS is now 53 years old, as is our library (JCGL), which started with a box of books under the librarian's bed.

What will RVGS and JCGL look like in our future? We started with the box of books. Now we own a 5,400 square foot building with plenty of parking, are open 41 hours a week, AND have:

- A library of 20,000 cataloged items, mostly books, but also maps, CDs, DVDs, videos, microfilm, microfiche, magazines, and flash drives, with an online library catalog
- 16 patron computers with access to 6 subscription websites
- Family Affiliate Library status with the Family History Library (FHL), providing access to many digital records at the FHL
- A meeting room with an 89 person capacity, which can be divided into 2 meeting rooms
- An HDMI ceiling mounted projector and coordinated giant screen
- A Smart TV
- Wireless access to the Internet
- Over 800 members
- Over 100 volunteers
- Two websites, providing access to Society information and to indexes to Jackson and Josephine County records and documents
- Mentoring
- Research services
- Photo restoration and scanning services
- Classes, an annual seminar, programs, interest groups, and Genealogy Week

## What Will We Look Like in the FUTURE?



In August you received a survey. We hope you filled it out, giving us a starting point for our next step: BRAINSTORMING OUR FUTURE!

Please come Tuesday, October 15 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. to brainstorm our future with other RVGS members.

**Join us for: Brainstorming, Refreshments, and Door Prizes!!!**

## Financial News – 2020 Budget

The 2020 operating budget for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society has been developed and approved by the Board of Directors at their August 12 meeting. The budget will be put to a vote of the membership at the September 17 Program & Membership Meeting. In order to review the budget prior to the meeting, you may stop by the library to view a copy on the bulletin board, or go to our website at [www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org).

## Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Presents Our 6th Annual Member Fair Affair



**Out of the Box! Finding Success Through Uncommon Research Approaches**, Tuesday November 19, 2019 1:30pm to 3:00pm

We are so excited to present our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Member Fair Affair. This year we will again be featuring YOU, our members. We would like to invite five or six of our society members to each give a short five-to-ten-minute presentation on what you have been working on this past year. Think about what you have found, interesting places you have visited while researching, new family members you have connected with, surprising DNA results, and all the unusual stories you have found along your genealogy journey.

A Sign-up Sheet is in the CLASS BINDER at the library reception desk. If you would like to be one of our esteemed presenters, please sign up, including your name, phone number, email, and a short summary of your topic.

The Education Committee will need to narrow the list of presenters to no more than six. We will contact you by October 20. At the Member Fair Affair you will have up to ten minutes for your presentation. The details of who will go first, etc., will be finalized once the presenters are confirmed. If you would like, you can use our library computer for PowerPoint visuals. Just bring your slides on your thumb drive. We will have a presentation run-through about a week prior to the Member Fair Affair to make sure all the kinks are worked out.

Questions? Please email Ann Baracker at [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com). Tell your fellow genealogists and friends to be sure to join us for this fun filled and interesting afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

## A SNEAK PREVIEW of Rogue Valley Genealogical Society's 2020 Spring Seminar



The theme of our 2020 spring seminar is **Immigration: "They Came In Ships"**. We are pleased to welcome **Dr. John Philip Colletta** from Washington D.C. as our guest speaker. Dr. Colletta is a highly regarded national speaker on a variety of genealogical topics.

Mark your calendar and read the eNews for more information.

DATES: April 17 (1/2 day); April 18 (Full day), Member registration begins Nov. 1, 2019.

## RVGS Salt Lake City Family History Library Trip Dates are Set!

**Be Ready:** Salt Lake City March 22-29, 2020

**Stay with us at:**

Plaza Hotel 1-[800-366-3684](tel:8003663684)

Special Discounted Rates if Booked by February 15, 2020.  
The discount applies even if staying less than the full week

**If you choose to fly:** Delta flies direct, Alaska has a connecting flight



**Book your room and flight today!** Then call 541-512-2340 or stop by the library to add your name to our participants' binder. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Baracker at [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com).

## JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

### Volunteers Needed!!!

Please consider helping at our library in one or more of the many tasks that make our library such a great place. My name is Terrie. I am the Volunteer Director. I would like to impress on our members the need for people interested in giving what time they can, even a few hours a month.

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. A Volunteer Form was sent to members in the latest mailings for our Annual Fund Drive and there is a form in the New Member Packets. If interested, ask for a volunteer form from the librarians.



According to THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR, an organization that gathers statistics, as of 2018, the value of volunteer hours stands at about \$18.50 per hour, the actual amount may be different from state to state. In return, volunteering is good for you physically and mentally, it builds friendships and may even extend your life. As our membership approaches 1,000, the need for people willing to help keep our library running smoothly is greater than ever!

*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless,  
but because they're priceless."*

— Sherry Anderson

### Railroad Show RVGS/JCGL Booth: A FUN Volunteer Opportunity

RVGS/JCGL has a booth at the Railroad Show at Expo on Thanksgiving weekend. We need volunteers to staff the booth and talk to the people coming by on **Sunday, December 1**, for the following shifts: 9:45-12:30 and 12:00-2:30. Anyone interested, please notify Ruth Wade or leave a note at the library.



## GOT QUILTS?

**Quilt Documentation Day** is **Tuesday, October 22**, but space is limited, so schedule your appointment **NOW!**

Learn your quilt's story. Our team of volunteers will examine quilts and provide information about patterns, fabrics, styles and estimated age. We will create a quilt history form and documentation label for each quilt, ensuring your quilt's story is preserved for future generations. Limit two quilts per person. Please sign-up for back-to-back spots if bringing two quilts. Cost is \$10 per quilt. Contact Karen Asche at [kfasche@gmail.com](mailto:kfasche@gmail.com) to schedule your appointment(s).



### **\*\*HALF-PRICE BOOK SALE \*\*** **Sept. 3 - Sept. 30** **Surplus Genealogy Books**

**September 3 – 30** all surplus sale books at the Genealogy Library will be half price. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to buy genealogy books for half the already LOWER THAN INTERNET price. Buy your books NOW, BEFORE Genealogy Week, OR they may be gone for good! Here are the newest additions to the surplus books for sale, with their **regular prices**:

*Fairbairn's Book of Crests of the Families of Great Britain & Ireland,*

Reprint of the 4<sup>th</sup> ed, 1905.

1983. \$15.00

*Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers*, edited by Cecil Humphery-Smith. c.1984. \$9.00

*Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers 1607-1635: A Biographical Dictionary* by Martha W.

McCartney. c.2007. \$30.00

*Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in the State of Ohio*, 1929.

\$11.00

*Cincinnati: A Chronological & Documentary History, 1676-1970*, compiled & edited by Robert I. Vexler, 1975. \$4.50

*Index to Early Tennessee Tax Lists*, transcribed & indexed by Byron and Barbara Sistler, 1977.

\$29.00

*Family Tree Problem Solver* by Marsha Hoffman Rising, 2005. \$4.00

*Marriage Record of Washington County, Tennessee, 1787-1840*, compiled by Grammar & Mullins. Reprint, 1977. \$4.00

*Crash Course in Family History* by Paul Larsen, 5<sup>th</sup> ed, 2014. \$4.00

*Battlefields of the Civil War* by James V. Murfin, 1990. \$4.00

*Joseph Eggleston Family: Seven Generations...* by Karen Eggleston Stark, 2010. \$44.00

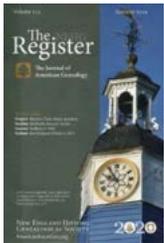
*Commemorating Hartford, Kentucky's Bicentennial, 1808-2008*, 2008. \$35.00

*Warrick County [Kentucky]* by Peyton Autry, 1981. \$15.00

## NEW BOOKS at the Genealogy Library (New to us, that is!)

Our catalogers have more than **doubled** last month's output! They've cataloged so many books in the last month (115), that the list is way too long to publish in the eNews! [Click here for the list of books](#) with 43 Ohio (21 about Hamilton County!), 29 Tennessee (11 about White County), 13 Kentucky (11 about Ohio County, Kentucky!!!), and a sprinkling from other places: North Dakota, New Mexico, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri, Georgia, Oregon, and Wales. The books will be on the New Books shelf until they have to be shelved in their Dewey location to make room for **more** new books! Thank our catalogers: Sharon Freeburne and Diane Brenner, and thank the Book Committee: Chloe Sternola, Anne Billeter, and Marilyn Ayres.

## Magazines Recently Received – by Diane Brenner



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*The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*

Mayflower passenger Isaac Allerton; Sudbury MA vital records (1652); Daniel Clark (CT); Edward Spalding, Puritan farmer (MA, CT); John Mayo (MA); Overlooked children of Edward and Rachel Perne Rawson; Capt. William Terrett of Stonington CT; New London CT Beckwiths.

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*Heir Lines*, Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County, CA.

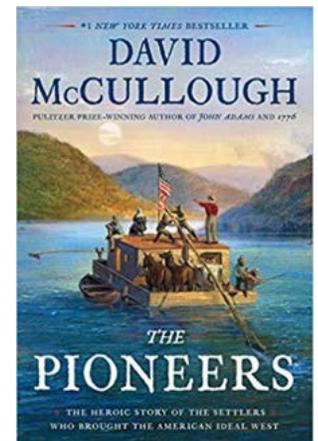
Short report about Emily Teresa Hodgetts, abstracts of Siskiyou news from selected newspapers, 1890-1919, and a 3-page article about the pony express.

## BOOK REVIEW by Diane Brenner: A Newly Published Book of Note

**David McCullough. *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West*.** Simon and Schuster, 2019. 263p + notes

If you, like me, have Revolutionary War ancestors who picked up and moved to Ohio around 1800, here's an easy way to grab a sense of the time. McCullough focuses on the Northwest Territory (you know, Ohio to Illinois, THAT Northwest), the Ohio Company of Associates, and the founding of Marietta. Development of travel, boat building, Indian troubles, and government are detailed through an examination of a remarkable group of settlers who left diaries detailing life on the Ohio frontier. If you know nothing of Ohio, here's a place to start.

It is not a book in the Genealogy Library, but is available at Costco for under \$20. The Jackson County Library system has 11 hard copies and 9 in audio format.



Editor's Note: Diane suggests readers might submit reviews of books that will enhance our understanding of our ancestors and their history. The books may or may not be in the Genealogy Library. (The Book Committee would love to have some of the Genealogy Library's books reviewed, as they are an often neglected research resource.) Book Reviews and other submissions to the eNews may be emailed to: [enews@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:enews@rvgslibrary.org)