

Between Us Diggers eNewsletter for November 2015. Subscribe on our website, <http://rvgslibrary.org>. This newsletter has three sections: (1) Classes and Events, (2) Rogue Valley Genealogical Society News, and (3) Jackson County Genealogy Library News. Scroll down to read...

Classes and Events

JCGL CLASSES AND MEETINGS

JCGL Classes and Meetings are held at Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR. Please register in advance when requested.

Tue, November 3



Family Tree Maker "PC" User Group, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

This informal, casual group usually meets the first Tuesday of each month as long as interest continues. Everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns, etc. and as a group we try and resolve these issues. It is a great way to keep connected and share information, too. Free and Fun! To register, call 541-512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

Tue, November 10



German Interest Group, 3:30pm – 5:30pm

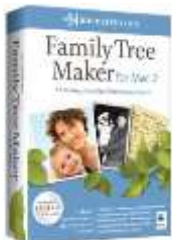
Mary Robsman is facilitating this group. Come with your questions, ideas, and share what interests you in finding your ancestors from one of the Germanic countries. The meeting is free and open to all, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Researching Jackson County People, 6:30pm – 8:30pm



Where are the best places to go...in person and on the Internet to research someone from Jackson County, Oregon? For whatever purpose...genealogy, history, or curiosity. JCGL Library Director Anne Billeter will share her knowledge and experience using the JCGL, SOHS, JCLS, and other useful repositories. This program will repeat on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. – noon. Librarians may attend free of charge; RVGS members \$10; Non-members \$20. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Wed, November 11



Family Tree Maker ~ MAC User Group, 10:00am – 11:30am

Family Tree Maker User Group (Mac computers). Barbara MacMillen is the facilitator of this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy and Mac computers.

Please call (541)512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

Thu, November 12

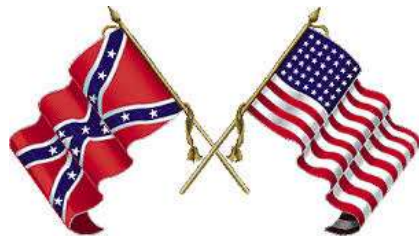
Researching Jackson County People, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm



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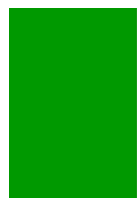
Tue, November 17



Public Program and Members Meeting: Women's Roles during the Civil War, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Census records from the 1800s listed many women's occupation as "keeping house." The Civil War turned lives upside down. Women took on unique roles that contributed significantly to the war effort. These women earned their place in history; a few will be commemorated in this presentation. Mary Timpe Robsman, author of *Julia's Spirit*, will present.

Irish Interest Group, 6:00pm – 7:30pm



The Irish Interest Group will meet to discuss and share ideas and resources in Irish and Scots-Irish research. Come join in with others with the same interests in this heritage. Free, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Sat, November 21

Family Tree Maker Software Training, 12:30 – 2:00 PM



Charleen Brown will present Introduction to Family Tree Maker software. Come and explore the one of the most widely used software programs available to organize your research. Free, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, November 24



**Quilts and Genealogy Talk. "The Table Rock Treaty, A Successful Failure,"
1:30pm – 2:30pm**

In spite of fear, suspicion and anger, Joseph Lane and Chiefs Joe, Sam, John and Limpy successfully negotiated the Table Rock Treaty in September 1853. If both sides had honored the treaty, would it have brought peace to the Rogue Valley? Who were these ancestors? This talk will be presented by Pat Harper.

Library Closed Nov 26-28

Tue, December 1

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free workshop.

Sat, December 5



Let's Talk about It; Newspapers.com, 10:30am-12:30pm

This new event is facilitated by Dorothy Cotton. Come and learn the value of using newspapers in your research for information about your families by searching newspapers from places your ancestors may have lived. Newspapers.com will be the focus. This class is free for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in

advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

LOCAL EVENTS

Nov 1, 2:00 PM Jacksonville Cemetery: Honoring David H. Miller

Medford's drugstore owner, David Henry Miller, died in 1917. His grave has been unmarked until now, even though he was a civic leader in Medford and served a term in the Oregon State Legislature. Chuck Sears, a relative of Miller's by marriage, recently purchased a headstone and arranged for its placement. Miller will be honored at a graveside ceremony in the historic Jacksonville Cemetery on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public, and members of the Sears, Naylor and Scott families who may have been related to Miller by marriage are particularly invited to attend.

Nov 4, noon – 1:00pm



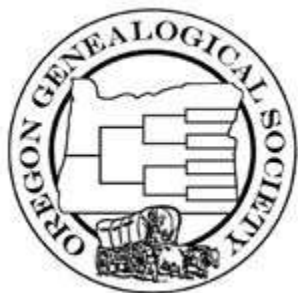
Windows in Time: Bicycles Down the Valley, 1890-1910. Presentation by Amy Drake.

Medford Library, 205 S. Central Ave., Medford, OR
Also on Nov. 18, Noon - 1 pm at the Ashland Library
Dec 2, noon – 1:00pm

Windows in Time: To Reflect and Correspond: Southern Oregon Diaries and Letters. Presentation by Stephanie Butler

Medford Library, 205 S. Central Ave., Medford, OR
Also on Dec 9, Noon – 1pm at the Ashland Library

OUT OF TOWN



OREGON

Nov 14. Oregon Genealogical Society (OGS) Fall Seminar

Lisa Alzo, Speaker. Live webinar format with opportunity to ask questions. Wesley United Methodist Church, 1385 Oakway Road, Eugene, Oregon. Registration is 8:30 to 8:50 AM with the first lecture starting at 9:00 AM. To learn more and to access the registration form, click [this link](#) to open the PDF file.

- **Immigrant Cluster Communities: Past, Present and Future.** There are a handful of “cluster” immigrant communities throughout the United States that blossomed during the immigration influx of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Exploring “cluster genealogy”—the process of researching those relatives, friends, and neighbors who lived near an ancestor—can often break down brick walls in the search for individual family lines and help to place our ancestors’ lives in historical context.
- **Diseases, Disasters, Distress: Bad for Your Ancestors, Good for Genealogy.** Wouldn’t it be nice if all the branches on our family trees were filled with bright shiny leaves that reflected only good kin and happy times? The truth is, most of our pasts are dotted with blemishes, and bad things did happen, often to good people.
- **Make Those Skeletons Dance: Exploring Your Families Dark Side.** How well do you really know your ancestors? Most of us want to believe our ancestors were hard-working, noble, or “salt-of-the-earth” types. We want to like them, and even brag about them. However, the reality is that if we go back far enough, we all can dig up a few proverbial “skeletons in the closet.” If you suspect a few black sheep lurking in your family tree, this session will show you, with examples, how to hunt them down, bust through the speculation, and tell the real story.

- **Murder, Mayhem and Town Tragedy.** This talk, which includes a complex case study, demonstrates how to use Census records, funeral records, obituaries, cemetery inscriptions, historical newspapers, town histories, court and jail records, and many other underused records and sources to find the heroes and villains in your family tree.

OTHER STATES



Jan 11-15 Salt Lake City UT Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) is a week-long intensive educational experience that takes students deep into their topic of choice. Students attending SLIG have the opportunity to advance their education with renowned genealogy experts during a week-long experience, network through special events, and tap into the wealth of resources at the nearby Family History Library.

SLIG is dedicated to offering courses that fill a high-intermediate and advanced-level educational need. We additionally offer a handful of courses structured to help intermediate and transitional genealogists strengthen their core understanding of the research process.

Visit [Utah Genealogical Association](#) for details.

Feb 3-6 Salt Lake City UT RootsTech Event Registrations Are Now Available



The largest genealogy event in the world, [RootsTech.org](#), is now accepting registrations, . If you plan to attend, you can purchase tickets now at a cheaper price than waiting until you arrive at the door. Reserve a hotel

room NOW as reservations will fill up quickly now that the announcement is out. (I made my hotel reservation months ago.) Hotel information may be found at <http://www.rootstech.org/attend/hotels?lang=eng>.



May 4–7 2016 NGS (National Genealogical Society) Conference

The NGS 2016 Family History Conference will find genealogists from around the country gathering in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a four-day conference with more than 150 lectures on a wide range of topics. Topics will include federal records, the law and genealogy, methodology, analysis and problem solving, military and land records, DNA, BCG Skillbuilding, and the use of technology. Among the local topics planned are Florida and Caribbean research.

Registration for the conference and all related events opens on 1 December 2015.

Visit [NGS 2016 Family History Conference](#) for details.

June 3-5 2016 Burbank, CA Southern California Genealogy Jamboree

Sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society. Burbank, California. Visit [Jamboree](#) for details.



June 12-17 2016 Birmingham Alabama

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

Registration for IGHR 2016 will open at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (10:00 a.m. Central) on Tuesday,

January 19, 2016.

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.

WEBINARS



Finding Webinars: Each month, dozens of webinars are available to help you with your research. To look at a collection of webinars go to: <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/geneawebinars-calendar.html>. I have selected a few for you to check out. Be aware that the starting time may not be PDT.

Sat, Nov 7, 10:00 am

“Building a Digital Research Plan” by Cyndi Ingle. Register at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2795439407131068930>

Using Internet databases and catalogs we will build a research plan to answer a specific research question. We will walk through the process of planning, researching for the plan, and keeping track of what has been researched.

Wed, Nov 11, 6pm

“Organizing Your Genetic Genealogy” with Diahhan Southard. Register

athttp://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=272

In this one-of-a-kind lecture we will discuss various methods for keeping track of your DNA matches- especially your autosomal DNA matches. We will first discuss what kind of information you need to keep track of, and why. We will cover the basics of Excel, Word, email folders and correspondence. We will talk about some alternative tools like Evernote, and Kustumnote that can help you streamline and standardize your organization. We will even cover some visual tools that will help you including Google Earth. This webinar will leave you armed and dangerous, ready to identify your best autosomal DNA matches and begin to move forward with the real genealogy business of making connections.

Fri, Nov 13, 11:00am

“Bringing it All Together and Leaving a Permanent Record” presented by Tom Kemp. Register

athttp://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=287

Perhaps you’ve been researching for 5 years – 15 years – or even 50 years. Your skills improve with each

year. Learn how to review and prepare your data – so that you can leave it – permanently – on multiple sites. Make your data is available for your family into the rising generation.

Wed, Nov 18, 10:00 am

“Back Away From The Computer: You'll Find and Have More Fun Offline” by Nicka Smith. Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/941979462159545857>

The online revolution in genealogy has been an immense help to researchers. On the other hand, it's caused many to neglect searching the millions of records that do not exist in digital form online. This workshop will cover what is available offline, how to access and research with these records in various locations, and why it makes the research journey more fulfilling.

Wed, Nov 18, 11:00am

“Mapping Madness” by Ron Arons. Register at http://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=269

Learn where to find historical maps online and off. Discover mapping tools that help us understand our ancestors' migration patterns and how they lived. Learn about Google Maps, Bing Maps, MapCruncher, AniMap, and more.

Wed, Dec 2, 11:00am

“Stories in Stone - Cemetery Research” with Gail Blankenau. Register at http://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=273

Ever wonder what various gravestone symbols mean? Is everything “set in stone” completely accurate? Gail will walk you through cemeteries all over the country with tips on how to use cemetery and associated records in your genealogy quest.

Sat, Dec 5, 10:00am

“The Curious Case of the Disappearing Dude” with Debbie Mieszala. Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1609510563458432770>

James McBride seemingly vanished after coming of age. This case study presents how multiple versions of obituaries and other records helped uncover a name change, discover a famous James, and identify what became of his kin.

Resources from NEHGS



Sign up for a free webinar

[French-Canadian Resources at NEHGS](#)

Thursday, November 12, 2015 3:00 EST (2:00 CST; 1:00 MST; 12:00 PST)

Presented by: Rhonda R. McClure

Join Genealogist Rhonda McClure for a look at French-Canadian resources available through NEHGS and AmericanAncestors.org, plus gain valuable research tips. **[Register today!](#)**

Watch a recently broadcast webinar

[Advanced Searching on AmericanAncestors.org](http://www.AmericanAncestors.org)

Live broadcast: October 20, 2015

Presented by: Christopher J. Carter

Level: Beginner-Intermediate

AmericanAncestors.org provides hundreds of searchable databases and millions of indexed records. Join Digital Collections Coordinator Christopher Carter for a presentation on the basics of searching, advanced research techniques, and new features on our website.

RECORDED WEBINARS AND VIDEOS

- Family Tree Webinars recently revised their webinar program. If you are a tablet or smartphone user, these resources just became available to you. Millennia Corporation, a leader in family history software, today announced the release of a brand new responsive, mobile-friendly [website](#) for FamilyTreeWebinars.com, the leading source for online genealogy education. The new site makes it easy to find topics of interest among the now-275 courses in the library. Genealogists will now be able to watch courses on their smartphones, tablets or other mobile devices.
- Ancestry Academy just released a video describing how to download and make full use of the Ancestry App. Here's the link to that video on YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFhfc9O-AUc&feature=em-subst_digest-g
- Findmypast has made a video available to help researchers with their Irish research. Here's a link to that video on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQZvSCZj7ro>.

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society News

SAVE THE DATE!

The **RVGS 50th Year Heritage Celebration** will be in 2016! 50 years as a society! Our celebration month will be September and on Sept. 19th we will have a "9-Day Kick Off" showcasing the events that will follow. We are planning many celebration events, so watch for news each month. For sure, mark your calendars for our big Seminar on Sept. 27th when Judy Russell, a genealogist with a law degree and author of the blog, "[The Legal Genealogist](#)" is our lecturer. She is a renowned national speaker. You will not want to miss this. More events will be publicized over the next months. 50 years! THAT IS REALLY SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

Treasurer: Would you like to be an RVGS volunteer, but weren't sure whether you had the right experience or qualifications? Do you have bookkeeping experience? Would you like to join a team that is making RVGS and JCGL the successful Society and Library they currently are? Would you like to help plan our continuing success?

WANTED: volunteer to be Treasurer of RVGS for 2016.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- willing to learn and use QuickBooks on line,
- attend monthly meetings (2nd Monday mornings)
- familiar with bookkeeping practices
- familiarity with nonprofits *desirable*
- Position to be filled Jan. 1, 2016
- A Board Committee will interview by appointment
- Contact Andrea Patterson, President, pechu@charter.net; 541-414-9696 for further information and to schedule an appointment.

Newsletter Editor: Would you like to edit the eNews?

RVGS needs an editor for the monthly eNewsletter for the society. You should be comfortable with computers, word processing, and with Gmail and Google Drive. It would also be nice if you were familiar with blogging or with Constant Contact or Mail Chimp. Position to be filled by Jan. 1, 2016. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Barbara Basden, barbara.basden@gmail.com.

FGS BENEFITS FOR RVGS MEMBERS



RVGS is a member society of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) which provides a number of benefits for our society members. (1) RVGS members can receive a 10% discount on Lisa Louise Cooke's best-selling book *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox, Second Edition*, available at the [Genealogy Gems Store](#) with the Discount Coupon Code TOOLBOX10. (2) *Findmypast* will provide each member of an FGS Member Society a discount to their 12-month subscription to Findmypast.com. Through this program, *findmypast.com* will provide each member of your society a discount to our 12-month world subscription equal to the value to your society's individual membership dues. For example, if dues to your society are \$30 per member, we will create a code for them to claim a \$30 discount on *findmypast.com*. (3) RVGS members are eligible for discounts on the purchase of products through Dell.com. How to Order: The FGS member store can be found at dell.com/mpp/FGS or reached by telephone at 1-800-695-8133. You will need this ID code once you are ready to

purchase: SS131372490. You'll find excellent discounts on more than just laptops, tablets, and desktop computers. You can shop for printers, cameras, projectors, smartphones, and even televisions with substantial savings. You'll find Dell brand products as well as Samsung, Nikon, Canon, Microsoft, and more.

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING RVGS MEMBERS

Karen K. Assmus

Sandra Bostwich

Robert Casebeer

Steven Frost

Stuart Gray

J. Robb Grover

Carolyn Kingsnorth

Lois Kliebe

Lynda Morgan

Jeff & Barb Morlok

Michael&Monica Neimoyer

Janet L. Patterson

Bob&Barbara Reynolds

Lois Rosmarin

Erin RourkeMeadors

John Steely

Nancy Thomas

Muriel Williams

Jan Wright

SHARE YOUR FAMILY QUILT STORY



The 1ST Annual RVGS Quilt Sharing Event will take place at JCGL on February 23, 2016. Plan ahead and participate by sharing a family quilt story. We would like to have five to six presentations featuring you, our members. Think about what you know about a quilt you own. Who made it? Was it for a special occasion? When was it made? Do the fabrics have special meaning? How did you research the quilt maker(s)?

A sign-up sheet for presenters is in the class binder at the library. If you want to be one of our presenters, contact us at the library by email: Reception.JCGL@gmail.com, telephone 541-512-2340, or in person. Please provide your name, member number, and contact information, in addition to a short summary of the quilt

information you would like to talk about. The deadline to sign up is January 4, 2016.

The Quilt Committee will select five or six presenters from the list of those who submit quilt stories. You will be contacted by January 15th. At the Family Quilt Sharing Program you will have 10 minutes for your presentation. The details about the presentation will be finalized once the presenters have been selected. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to annebilleteroegon@gmail.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE AWARDS

4th Quarter 2015 Spotlight on Excellence: Volunteer

Dorothy Cotton was the RVGS Board's selection for the 4th quarter award to an outstanding volunteer



who represents the many hours that a librarian contributes to the society. Dorothy has been a member for many years, first joining when the society operated a library in downtown Medford on Central. She had promised Chuck Eccleston, Volunteer Coordinator, that when she retired she would become more active and Chuck doesn't forget! She enjoys working with the Pioneer Files at JCGL and being a librarian.

Dorothy participates in many projects and on RVGS committees and is dedicated and eager to help others with research. She will head up the 50th Anniversary Heritage Photo Contest in 2016. She is also a volunteer for the Phoenix Historical Society and says her volunteer life centers around history, especially local

history.

She was born in Phoenix and has lived there all her life. Many of her ancestors were pioneers.

She was humble in her acceptance of this honor saying "others have worked here longer!" Dorothy personifies the qualities of dedication, dependability, loyalty and helpfulness that we appreciate in our volunteers. Thank you Dorothy for your time and commitment to our society and library. You are one of our valued volunteers.

4th Quarter 2015 Spotlight on Excellence: Projects

Nell Pielat Mathern was selected by the RVGS Board for the 4th Quarter award as an outstanding

supporter of our projects. Nell joined RVGS thinking, "If I join, then I'll get the family research done." Fortunately for RVGS her love of quilting was a perfect fit with her knowledge of how genealogy and history connect to this art. Nell says that when the Jacksonville Museum Quilters quilt collection was gifted to RVGS, her attention turned to quilt care. She oversees opportunities for the public to view the quilts and to hear quilt stories. She is active in fundraising for RVGS and is involved in many community activities. She participates in the *Quilts and Genealogy Talks* each month at JCGL; and can be seen at other venues such as SOHS, quilt shows, Beekman House historical events, and Antique Shows. She is webmaster for the Mountain Stars Quilters Guild [<http://www.msquilters.com>]. She is part of the team working on the RVGS Anniversary Quilt to be presented at the 50th Year Celebration in 2016. At her instigation, the Quilt Registry Project was started for our area. Quilts are brought to JCGL from families owning the quilts and a team of volunteers document these quilts. The family history is recorded and photos taken. "The quilts provide important family history information about the quilt maker and/or the families who own them," says Nell.



Her career was working in a medical laboratory. She likes to tell people that she is still working with "needles." Nell and her family have resided in Jacksonville for 43 years. She and Jerry have six children and twelve grandchildren, and two great grandsons. They like to go on tours with their Rogue Valley A's (a Ford Model A chapter). That organization too has benefited from several quilts for fundraising. We are glad to have her on our team. And, maybe one day she will get to some family research! But, please just tell us about that middle name Nell! THANKS for all you do.

THE BASKETS ARE BACK.....



Our VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON is coming soon on December 12th when RVGS honors all those who volunteer their valuable time for Rogue Valley Genealogical Society as librarians, project workers, officers, directors and many others. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We will have two baskets in the library for which you can purchase raffle tickets. The proceeds from the raffle reduce the cost of our luncheon. Both baskets will have items donated by FamilySearch, BLM, Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), Harry & David, plus books, an excellent bottle of wine, \$20 cash, and gift cards from Fred Meyer, Olive Garden, Staples, TJ Maxx, Subway, and Applebees. Purchase your raffle tickets now! The first drawing at the luncheon will be for Basket #1 valued at \$200 and the second for Basket #2 valued at \$125. Thanks

for your support. Follow [this link](#) to print the PDF file containing raffle tickets. Fill in the tickets then bring or mail them to JCGL. Our mailing address is Jackson County Genealogy Library; 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501. Pay by check or cash; please do not mail cash.

HOW TO DONATE TO RVGS WITHOUT DIPPING INTO YOUR OWN POCKET

Did you know? If you shop at *Amazon.com* after clicking on the Amazon ad on either of our websites, RVGSociety.org or RVGSLibrary.org, a portion of the amount you spend is deposited in the RVGS bank account. So far this year RVGS received \$130.58 from those purchases. You can also



contribute to RVGS by using the Amazon Smile program while on the website. We are registered there as Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Yet another way to donate to RVGS is to link your Fred Meyer rewards card to RVGS. Participation does NOT reduce your personal savings at Fred Meyer. Follow the instructions below to link your card to RVGS:

1. Go to fredmeyer.com
2. Right under the search box on the Fred Meyer homepage, click the word Rewards, on the pop-up menu, click on Community Rewards.
3. If you have not signed in you will need to sign in at this point. If you have not registered your card/created your account, you'll have to do it at this point.
4. On the Community Rewards page, about halfway down the page, click on *Link Your Rewards Card Now*.
5. In the box below, "Enter your organization's number or at least 3 letters of your organization's name and click Search." Type: *Rogue Valley Genealogical Society* OR type *91873*
6. Click the circle in front of our name
7. Click Enroll

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Seibert, RVGS member since 2012 and architect of the remodel of our building passed away in October 2015.



ANNOUNCING 2016 FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST

"True Stories from the Past"

\$100.00 First Place Cash Prize

\$75.00 Second Place Cash Prize

\$50.00 Third Place Cash Prize

Story submission between June 1 and July 15, 2016

Winning entries will be notified and honored at our "50th Year Heritage Events" September 2016

Please click on this link, [Writing Contest Information](#), to open a file containing rules and procedures for participation and the entry form.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In honor of our upcoming 50th anniversary year in 2016, RVGS is pleased to offer a \$1,500 scholarship

award opportunity to a high school senior residing in Jackson County, Oregon, who plans to attend a college or university in the state of Oregon. Application packets containing a letter to the high school counselor, scholarship guidelines and instructions and an application have been mailed to all the high schools in Jackson County, Oregon. To be considered for this scholarship, students must return the completed application together with the requested supporting documents to the Scholarship Chairman, Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and must be received by the society by the stated deadline of January 31, 2016. This scholarship opportunity is open to enrolled students at the high schools as well as home schooled and online students who are working in conjunction with one of the Jackson County high schools.

We look forward to receiving many applications. The scholarship selection committee will review the applications and select the winning recipient in February, 2016. The scholarship monies will be sent directly to the financial aid office at the college or university chosen by the student to be used on that student's behalf after notice that the student is registered.

Please contact Marilyn Ayres, aayres@aol.com, Scholarship Chairman, with any questions you may have.

FINANCIAL NEWS

NEED A TAX DEDUCTION??

Let's leave a legacy to our descendants in the Jackson County Genealogical Library!

With your help, the Jackson County Genealogy Library mortgage of \$325,000 has been reduced to just over \$59,000! Our goal to, "Burn the Mortgage," for the 50th Anniversary of JCGL in 2016 is approaching fast.



Your donation before the end of this year can serve us both...receive a tax deduction just by donating to the "Leave a Legacy" drive and help us maintain JCGL for generations to come.

Contributing is easy, simply go to www.rvgsociety.org and click on the Donate button to make a donation online, or you can mail or drop off a donation at the library at 3405 South Pacific Hwy, Medford, 97501. When donating, please designate that funds are to go the Leave a Legacy Fund.

All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. 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. Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details. (Note, the RVGS/JCGL address still shows as Phoenix on their web site, we are working to get that changed.)

THANK YOU to ALL of our Leave A Legacy donors thus far in 2015!

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Smith, Kenneth L.

Genealogical Dates: A User-Friendly Guide

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Butler, Jerry L.

Butler family migrations: my research into the lives of two Butler brothers; James M. Butler and Patrick Henry Butler

929.2 Mattingly

Mattingly, Herman E.

Descendants of Henry Mattingly (c.1750-1823), Progenitor of Western Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and many other Mattingly families.

FLAGS and HERALDRY

929.6 Zna

Znamierowski, Alfred

World Encyclopedia of Flags and Heraldry

LOYALISTS

973.3 A713 Bun

Bunnell, Paul J.

Research Guide to Loyalist Ancestors: A Directory to Archives, Manuscripts, and Published sources

973.3 H388 Van

Van Tyne, Claude Halstead

Loyalists in the American Revolution

973.3 I522 Bun

Bunnell, Paul J.

The New Loyalist Index [volume 1]

PENNSYLVANIA

974.815 L142 May

Mayhill, R. Thomas, compiler

Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Deed Abstracts & Revolutionary War Oaths of Allegiance, Deed Books "A" through "M" 1729 through c1770, with adjoining Landowners and witnesses

974.843 H388 His

Historic South Middleton Township [Cumberland County, Pennsylvania]

974.892 L142 Com

Comprehensive Index to the Warrantee and Patent Maps of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, with a brief history of Land Titles in Pennsylvania

974.892 W344 Com

Complete Index of Will Books and Register's Docket, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, 1800-1900

SOUTH CAROLINA

975.7 M343 Mos

Moss, Bobby Gilmer

Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution

OKLAHOMA

976.696 H388 Bar

Bartlesville: Remembrances of Times Past, Reflections of Today

976.696 H388 Exa

Examiner – Enterprise: 100 Years, 1895-1995, People Places & Events, Washington County Pictorial History [Oklahoma]

976.696 H388 Per
Perkins, Scott W.
Images of America: Building Bartlesville, [Oklahoma] 1945-2000

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Woods, Karen Smith
Bartlesville, Oklahoma [The Postcard History Series]

KENTUCKY
976.949 M177 Was
Washington County, Kentucky Marriage Records, 1792-1878

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977.153 H388 His
History of Union County Ohio
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INDIANA
977.214 H388 Rip v. 2
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977.217 H388 Jen
Jennings County Indiana, 1816-1999

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977.384 H388 His
History of Greene County, Illinois

WYOMING
978.7 B352 Bro
Brown, Mabel, editor
First Ladies of Wyoming, 1869.1990

NEW MEXICO
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Otero County [New Mexico] Pioneer Family Histories
Vol. 1
Vol. 2

OREGON

979.527 I522 Ore 2015

Oregon Historical Records Guide for Jackson County, Oregon

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Wilson, Eric

Snapshots along the Umpqua: a history of Winston, Oregon and the greater Winston Area

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Steeves, Sarah Hunt

Book of Remembrance of Marion County, Oregon, Pioneers, 1840-1860

MAGAZINES RECENTLY RECEIVED

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

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New England Historical and Genealogical Register: The Journal of American Genealogy, v. 169, Summer 2015. (Circ 974 G242 NEHGS)

- "The English Origins of Thomas Millard of Boston and His Cousin, John Millard of Rehoboth"
- "The Parents of Elizabeth Robbins, Wife of Stephen Shattuck of Little, Massachusetts"
- "The Rhode Island Barker Family: Suffolk Background and Connections to Other New England Immigrants"
- "Mary1 (Browne) (Oakley) Bouchier Alias Garret of Saffron Walden, Essex, and Massachusetts, and Her Family"
- "The Mother of Mary (Saxby) Clarke, Grandmother of Jeremy Clarke of Rhode Island"
- "Some South Kingstown, Rhode Island, Warnings Out and Removals, 1740-1800"
- "Francis Lewis Fairbank of Oneida County, New York, Son of Ebenezer and Abigail (Cobb) Fairbank"
- "Joseph and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Whitcomb of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and Some of Their Descendants"

The Genealogist, v. 29, #2, Fall 2015(Circ 929.05 Gen)

- "The Rue Family of Bucks County, Pennsylvania"
- "Abraham Tout of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky"
- "Nathan Patten of Augusta, Georgia, and His Slave Family"
- "Governor Henry Bull of Rhode Island and His Descendants"
- "Isaac Humphrey of Stephentown, New York and His Descendants"
- Index lists all names cited in volume 29.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, v. 103, #3, September 2015(Circ 929.05 NGSQ)

- "No Name, No Number: George Holmes' Orphans of Washington and Jefferson Counties, Georgia"
- "James Wesley Mooney of Will County, Illinois: Business Records Reveal His New York Family"

- “One George Deane or more? Determining an Identity Spanning Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri, but not Wisconsin”
- “Associations Re-establish Family Links: The Youngs' Serial Migration from Virginia through Kentucky and Missouri to California”

Book Reviews: *Doing Oral History*; *Tracing Your Kildare Ancestors*; *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*; *A Marylander and Texian*; *Without Indentures: Index to White Slave Children in Colonial Court Records*; *Research in California. Trespassing in Time: Family History as Microhistory: Navigating the Historical Records as Shown through the Narrative of a Danish-American Seafarer's Life*. *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*.

NEW RESOURCES TO AID INTERNET GENEALOGY

NEW OBITUARY COLLECTION ON THE JCGL WEBSITE

Indexes to Obituaries from the *Medford Mail Tribune* for the years 1935-1940 have been added to the Obituary pages of the website. Obituaries are indexed for all variations of women's names, i.e., maiden name, married name, subsequent married names if any. Follow [this link](#) to check out these indexes. The thousands of obituaries indexed here were scanned from microfilm records and provide a complete collection of obituaries for this range of years. The JCGL website now has a complete collection of scanned obituaries from the *Medford Mail Tribune* for the years 1935-1970. Copies of the obituaries can be ordered online from the website or you can ask a librarian at JCGL to help you view these records. After 1970, obituaries were clipped from newspapers rather than scanned from microfilm. The collection of clipped obituaries is complete for 1971-2014.

RESOURCES FROM ANCESTRY TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR IMMIGRANT RESEARCH



Ancestry recently made available a 7-page brochure explaining how to trace your immigrant ancestor's origins that includes helpful tips on a number of related topics such as searching for misspelled or mis-transcribed names. Please follow [this link](#) to open this document with Adobe Reader.

Ancestry has also provided a handout to help you understand German Civil Registration Records: birth, marriage and death information. Follow [this link](#) to open this document in Adobe Reader.

EASTMAN'S BLOG POST EXPLAINS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 1939 NATIONAL REGISTER FOR UK RESEARCHERS



A new set of records will soon be released that will help fill in the 30-year gap in England and Wales' census records. On 29 September 1939, just 26 days after hostilities had been declared, a survey nicknamed the UK's only "instant

census" took place. The findings enabled the issuing of identity cards and ration cards. The register applied to all civilians. Now individual returns in England and Wales from the register are being digitised and are expected to be released next month. [FindMyPast](#), in association with the National Archives, is digitising the information, consisting of 40 million entries across 7,000 volumes.

Censuses have been carried out since 1801 and have recorded the names of all people in households since 1841. However, the 1931 census relating to England and Wales was destroyed by a fire at an Office of Works store at Hayes, Middlesex, in 1942. Investigators suspected that a dropped cigarette was the cause, but this was never proved. In 1941, the government did not carry out a census because it was too impractical and labour-intensive with the war much intensified by then. This means genealogists in England and Wales face an information gap of 30 years from 1921 to 1951. The 1939 National Register will help fill in those missing years.

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The information recorded included:

Name

Sex

Age

Occupation

Address

Marital status

Membership of naval, military or air force reserves, auxiliary forces

The 1939 National Register records to be released will include almost all records but not all of them.

Details may be found in an article by Justin Parkinson in the BBC News Magazine

at <http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-34570120> as well as in an earlier announcement on the

FindMyPast.com web site at: <http://goo.gl/5pNzwN>.

...Watch for these records coming soon (November 2) on the Findmypast website available to you at JCGL.

ANOTHER BLOG POST FROM DICK EASTMAN'S BLOG...NEW RECORDS ON THE *FAMILYSEARCH* WEBSITE

New FamilySearch Collections Update: October 19, 2015



The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch:

Apart from a very significant addition to the [Italy Napoli Civil Registration](#)

[\(State Archive\) 1809-1865](#) collection, this week is predominantly about new,

free US marriages and passenger lists collections. Search marriage records from 11 states,

including [Louisiana Parish Marriages 1837-1957](#), [New York County Marriages 1847-1848; 1908-](#)

[1936](#), [Ohio County Marriages 1789-2013](#), and [Pennsylvania Civil Marriages 1677-1950](#). Check out all of

the new collections [in the attached PDF file.](#)

MEXICAN RECORDS ON ANCESTRY.COM

Ancestry, the world's leading family history brand, today announced the launch of new online services

that will help Mexicans and the estimated 34 million Mexican Americans* research their family history. More than 220 million searchable historical records from Mexico, including new birth, marriage, and death records dating back to the 1500s are now available on the Ancestry site, many of them important historical records never before available online. In another first, the new Ancestry Mexico site (ancestry.com.mx) will provide a Spanish language experience tailored specifically to Mexicans and Mexican Americans.

..The English language version is available to JCGL patron computers.

HANDOUT EXPLAINING DISEASES ON DEATH CERTIFICATES

This useful file was posted on Lee Drew's blog. Follow [this link](#) to bring up a printable copy of this document. Did you know that *dropsy* is swelling (edema) usually resulting from kidney disease? That *apoplexy* is paralysis resulting from a stroke?

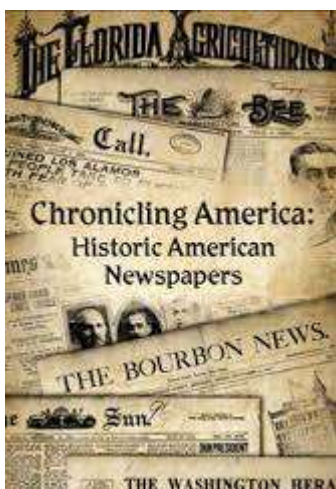
MYHERITAGE ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF SWEDISH RECORDS



We've just completed digitizing an exclusive collection of Swedish Household Records, spanning the years 1880-1920. It contains 46.5 million records and it is available for searching online only on MyHeritage! These annual records include information on births, deaths, marriages, addresses, changes in household composition and more. If you have ancestors who lived in Sweden, this is a dream collection for you.....*MyHeritage* is available on patron computers at JCGL.

NATIONAL DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAM ON LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEBSITE

This program for digitizing and disseminating historical newspapers for free has recently been



expanded. Read more about this below in a quote from Dick Eastman's genealogy blog:

Since 2005 the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded grants to state libraries, historical societies, and universities representing states in the national program. These awards are projected to generate more than 5.6 million newspaper pages to be deposited at the Library of Congress by the end of 2013, with many more states and territories to be included in the coming years. Over 4 million of these pages are already available through the Chronicling America website.

To access this wealth of information, go to the Chronicling America website at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>. Once there, you will find a simple search method along with an Advanced Search and a third search method,

simply labeled as "All Digitized newspapers 1836-1922." I suspect most people will immediately use the simple search shown on the home page to search for names or locations of interest.

Simple search works well for the following:

- Information on persons, places, or events;
- Specific topics or news of the day;
- Concepts or ideas;
- Unique passages of text, such as the source of a frequently-quoted phrase.

Indeed, you may be lucky enough to find what you want by using the simple search. However, the real power of the Chronicling America website becomes apparent only when using the Advanced Search. Advanced Search is more flexible and is better for the following:

- To limit your search to particular geographic area by selecting one or more States.
- To limit your search to a particular newspaper or several newspapers by picking from the list of titles currently available in Chronicling America.
- In addition or alternatively, you can search the entire date range available (default), or select a specific date that will limit your search to a specific year, month, or even day, using the begin date and end date lists provided. (Note: Selecting the same beginning month/day/year and ending month/day/year will provide links to every page available for that specific date.)
- In addition or alternatively, enter a specific search term or terms in the Keyword boxes provided. The operators provided will influence the results of your search significantly and can be used in separate searches or in conjunction within a single search.

To use Advanced Search, you can start by first specifying a state (also available in simple search) and then perhaps a specific newspaper. Another option is to search all newspapers at once although that may be too broad a sweep for most searches, especially for common names. The Advanced Search then provides additional options.