



eNEWS JULY 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, July 4. Library is closed for Independence Day.



Monday July 10, 9:30-noon. Board Meeting. Members welcome.

Monday July 10, approximately 1:00-3:00 PM. Genealogy for Kids.

Ten kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Rogue Valley, Talent, come to JCGL to learn about genealogy. RVGS mentors will work with them using the computers at JCGL.

Monday July 10, 1:00-3:00 PM, DNA Interest Group (already tested.)

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

Tuesday July 11, 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 July 11, 3:30-4:50 PM, German Interest Group.

Mary Robsman facilitates this interest group concentrating on German history and research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Thursday July 13, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group,

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

THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE QUILT AND GENEALOGY TALKS ARE NOT HELD DURING JULY AND AUGUST. The 2017-18 Schedule for the Quilt and Genealogy Talks is available at JCGL. Talks begin September 26.

LET'S LEARN ABOUT IT. (WHAT A WAY TO BEAT THE HEAT)

This summer on Tuesdays starting July 18 through August, we are running some short video clips from the websites in our library, both with how-to tips and other fun things as well. Discussion group afterwards-- bring a snack and your curiosity!!! Tuesdays at 5 PM.

Tuesday, July 18, 5:00 PM. "HistoryGeo.com" video and discussion. Hosted by Andrea Patterson. Learn about our NEW WEBSITE at Jackson County Genealogy Library!



If you like maps...if you want to view a map with your ancestor's (patent) land...if you want to know their neighbors' names (Remember the neighbors could be relatives), you will want to search at **HistoryGeo.com**, our new subscription website. Information is all mapped out in a visual land map.

A brief **HistoryGeo.com** video tutorial will be shown at the library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford at 5 PM. We are open until 9 PM on Tuesdays. So view the "lesson" and join in an informal session with questions. Then, go to the Library Website Menu, select **HistoryGeo.com** and find the early patent records of your family by state and county.

There are two collections: **First Landowners Project** which displays original landowners of the continental US according to state and federal records. At present this site covers 21 states and contains over 9 million records. We will briefly review the **Antique Map Collection**. You can't do research without a map! Let's help each other.

Tuesday, July 25, 5:00 PM, "Ancestry.com" video and discussion. Hosted by Dorothy Cotton. We all use **Ancestry.com** but are there subjects you want to know more about? Ancestry Academy has 113 video clips on varied subjects such as solving brickwalls and state census. Three short clips will start the discussions. More can be shared as requested. Afterwards, you can go to **Ancestry.com** and use what you learned. Library is open until 9 PM on Tuesdays.

A Peek into August

Tuesdays at 5 PM, Videos and Discussions with your questions. Each week a video clip and discussion related to websites at our library.

Save these Dates

Saturday September 23 through Friday September 29. Genealogy Week is glimmering on the horizon. We will once again offer a week of free classes covering introduction to genealogy, census, introduction to immigration, computer tips, beginning DNA, and other classes as well. Join us for a refresher course or two, or bring a beginning genealogist to "get the low-down" on family research.

LOCAL EVENTS

Windows in Time:

The Hanley Family Adventures: Alaska, Chile, And Guatemala

Speaker, Pat Harper

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

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

Jacksonville Haunted History—New Tour Route!

Friday, July 7 at 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, and 7:45 pm, Jacksonville Haunted History walking tours continue on with a new tour route that takes in Jacksonville's historic courthouse and jail. Costumed docents will lead one-hour walks that include stories of brothels, epidemics, and hangings. These tales of woe, sorrow, and regret are among the events from Jacksonville's pioneer past that have led to the ghosts and spirits now inhabiting Jacksonville buildings. Tours leave from the Jacksonville Visitors Center at the corner of North Oregon and C streets and are limited to the first 15 people. They are not recommended for children under nine. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 541-245-3650 or e-mailing info@historicjacksonville.org. Tours cost \$5 per person, with profits going towards Historic Jacksonville Inc.'s historic preservation efforts. Private tours for groups of 10 or more are also available.

Saturday, August 5, 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM, The Hanley Farm Music Festival at the Hanley Farm, 1053 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR.

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Plan a trip and include a national genealogy conference!



**2017 INTERNATIONAL
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August 30-September 2, FGS National Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The 2017 theme is "Building Bridges to the Past." For information visit www.fgsconference.org

RVGS News

NEW MEMBERS

Betty and Patrick Ryan
Emily Hildreth
Miranda Morgan
Jesse and Diana Smith
Judy E. McReynolds
David Borum
Raymond and Glenda Schull
Renee Heath

REPORT by Anne Billeter, President

Some Recent Statistics:

Annual Fund Drive has reached \$11,650 towards our \$15,000 goal.

Membership is 776.

97 volunteers reported 1,142 volunteer hours in May.

\$164 was received for research.

353 researchers used the Library in May.

Seminar contract has been signed for April 20 workshop and April 21 seminar by Pam and Rich Sayres.

Mrs. Furry & Her Wedding Ring Quilt Talk

The JCGL Quilts and Genealogy talk on June 27 presented by Anne Billeter, featured the Furry Double Wedding Ring Quilt, which was donated to JCGL by Harold Preece. Anne did a wonderful job of researching and presenting the genealogy connected to the quilt, and demonstrating how it is connected to Jackson County.

In attendance, and pictured with the quilt, was a Furry family member, → Pat Furry Popow, who previously had no knowledge of the 1920's to early 1930's quilt. She will now try to contact her cousin who donated the quilt.



2017 Raffle Quilt and the Winner is ...

Congratulations to Marsha Lovitt, winner of the Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt. The raffle drawing was held on June 27, following the last "Quilts and Genealogy" Talk of the 2016-2017 season. Watch for the new raffle quilt, which will be revealed on September 26, at the first Talk of the 2017-2018 season: *Great Aunt Bertha's Red Work Grange Quilt (1895-1930)* by Charlotte Wirfs.

Book Sale Volunteer Needed

Price our surplus books; create attractive book sale displays in the Genealogy Library; sell books online once our new website is up and running smoothly; place book sale “ads” in our monthly eNews. These are the tasks waiting for a volunteer who loves books and would like to help them find new homes. Email Anne Billeter president.rvgs@gmail.com

Hospitality Committee

Looking for a friendly person for the Hospitality Committee, we need a volunteer who can be at the General Meetings (once a month) to help set up chairs and assist our Refreshment guru set out and remove the refreshments. You will find this a sociable way to meet folks. Also it is a great help in making the library programs run smoothly. If interested, contact Terrie McCoy twmm52@gmail.com or Denise Salthouse (805)-448-1776.

Genealogy for Kids

RVGS is offering a free set of three genealogy classes to kids, age 9 and older, from the Boys and Girls Club of Rogue Valley, Talent. One class will be at JCGL using the library computers. Would you be a kid’s mentor on Monday, July 10, at JCGL? Contact Barbara Macmillan bmacmillen@gmail.com

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS ITS 4th ANNUAL MEMBER FAIR AFFAIR *LOOK WHAT I FOUND!!*



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
1:30-3:00 PM

This is **your** society. **You** have asked and we said yes, we are doing it again! This year we would like to feature five to six 10-minute presentations by **you**, our members. Share with other members of the society what **you** have been working on. Think about what you have found, interesting places you visited doing your research, new family members you met, DNA results, **your** stories. A sign-up sheet is in the CLASS BINDER at the library reception desk. If you want to be one of our presenters, sign up with your member number and contact information, and give us a short summary of your topic.

From the list of potential presenters, the Education committee will select six. We will contact you by August 15. At the Member Fair you will have 10 minutes for your presentation. The details of who will go first, etc. will be finalized once the presenters are set. You can use our computer, just put your Powerpoint on a flash drive and bring it along. We will have a run-through prior to the Member Fair to make sure everything works for you. Questions? Send an e-mail to Marilyn Ayres at: aayres@aol.com Tell your friends to be sure to join us for this fun afternoon. And, yes, there will be cake.

As It Was, the popular Jefferson Public Radio series looking for volunteer writers

Our June General Program was a fun and spectacular event. We heard about the popular "As It Was" radio spot featured on Jefferson Public Radio and heard some of the interesting and fascinating stories of the early days of our little corner of Oregon. We also heard from possible radio stars of the future - dare I mention JOY DURETT and CARA DAVIS-JACOBSEN? as they read some of the older "As It Was" scripts.

All of the stories told on the program are donated by volunteers, and Mr. Kernan Turner kindly invited all of us to feel free to send him stories from our own family's pasts or written accounts of some of the historical events in and around Jackson County - all of which can be easily researched here at RVGS. If you are interested in submitting a story that could possibly be read on the air by the wonderful Shirley Patton, the following information was provided by Kevin Turner:

As It Was is a co-production of Jefferson Public Radio and the Southern Oregon Historical Society. Each segment, narrated by Shirley Patton, runs 1:59 minutes including introductory music and opening and closing statements, including identification of the writer. The historical content runs about 90 seconds. Script contributions are on a volunteer (non-paid) basis. Jefferson Public Radio is the copyright holder of the programs and scripts associated with As It Was.

To quote from the Writers Guidelines: Vision and Values

"As It Was presents regional history in a way that is entertaining, educational, and substantive. The show dynamically describes the forces and people that have shaped our area. It seeks to create interest, stimulate curiosity, and raise awareness about the rich historical legacy of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

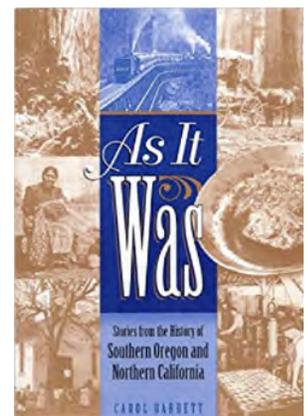
"In our choice of material, the show strives to be fair, inclusive of many points of view, culturally diverse, and racially sensitive. Scripts should appeal to a general audience, young and old alike, and writers are encouraged to examine timely and relevant topics, and to NOT avoid controversial subjects while simultaneously treating those subjects in a historically accurate and objective manner. The tone leans toward the casual and conversational."

If you are interested in writing for the series, or have an idea for a story you want to discuss, you can reach the program coordinator and editor, Kernan Turner, at this email address: mrkrt@ashlandhome.net. He will be able to send you the complete Writers Guidelines, which go into more detail about writing style.

Instructions for submitting material:

- *Text: Microsoft Word*
 - *Font: Use 12-pt. Times New Roman. Avoid all other fonts.*
 - *Line spacing: 1.5*
 - *Length: 185-195 words.*
 - *Citation format: <http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/>*
 - *Include name and the date submitted at the bottom of the script.*
- Please do not include headlines, bold face, underlines or other creative formatting. They just slow down the final editing. Each story's source material needs to be referenced in a footnote at the end of the story. For consistency's sake, please use the citation format mentioned above.*

Try to avoid repetition of earlier subject matter unless there is considerable new material that adds something to the subject. To keep from duplicating others' efforts, please refer to Carol Barrett's "As It Was" book [on the shelf at JCGL] and by searching keywords at www.asitwas.org and the thousands of stories in the archive at <http://archive.ijpr.org> (Do not add "www" to the address.)



Construction Underway

Construction work is underway to prepare for the installation of acoustic quality accordion doors, so that we may have two separate rooms: a Meeting Room and a Reading Room ... and also still have one large Meeting Room. This will provide more opportunities for meetings and classes, yet retain the advantage of one large room for high-demand events such as our annual seminar.

JCGL News

SPOTLIGHT ON ROGUE VALLEY PIONEERS

Judge Orange Jacobs became a very well-known man in politics in the Washington territory during the late 1800's. However, he spent time in Jackson County and left his mark here before traveling to Washington Territory. *The Memoirs of Orange Jacobs* is the main source for this story written by volunteer Dorothy Cotton.

Orange Jacobs was born in New York in 1827. He received his schooling as well as law degree in Michigan. In 1852 he traveled by wagon train to the Oregon Territory. He felt the western air would be better for his health. For the next five years he traveled around Oregon practicing law and writing articles for local newspapers.



Judge Orange Jacobs

In 1857 on his way to California, he stopped for a time in Gasburg (now Phoenix.) While there, he was offered a teaching position at the local school. He spent the next year or so teaching school and keeping the books for Sam Colver. One of his pupils happened to be Miss Lucinda Davenport, the daughter of a local doctor. Not too long after that she became his wife.

By now Orange had decided not to continue his trip to California. When his teaching position ended, Orange was appointed Justice of the Peace in that precinct. The young couple then settled in Jacksonville where Orange continued practicing law and writing articles for the Jacksonville newspaper, *the Oregon Sentinel*. When the Civil War commenced, the editor of the newspaper was a Secession sympathizer. He and the proprietor and publisher had a fight in which the editor was seriously wounded. Orange was solicited by the publisher and a committee of leading Union men to assume charge of the editorial department of the paper. For the next three years Orange wrote all the editorials for the paper. While as editor of the *Oregon Sentinel*, Orange received a telegram that President Lincoln had been assassinated. Fearing a riot by the citizens, he was asked to give an oration on the character and service of the lamented President. The oration was published in *The Sentinel* as well as other papers in the state and in some California papers.

Orange ran in Jackson County for the legislature but was defeated. However he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory in 1869. Remaining in the Seattle area, Orange went on to serve as a delegate to the U.S. Congress, chief justice of the territory's Supreme Court, mayor of Seattle, and many other roles. He also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Washington. Orange Jacobs died in 1914 and is interred in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Seattle Washington.

[Orange Jacobs' Jacksonville law office was razed several years ago--demolition by neglect.]

NEWS FLASH: Family History Microfilm Discontinuation

On September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. (The last day to order microfilm will be on August 31, 2017.) The change is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. They say online access to digital images of records allows FamilySearch to reach many more people, faster and more efficiently. Digital images of historical records can be accessed today in three places on FamilySearch.org under Search. However, digitalization of records is not complete. You might want to order your microfilm now.

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL

DICTIONARIES

443 D318 Har

Harper Collins Robert French College Dictionary

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Harper Collins Italian College Dictionary

GENEALOGY HOW TO

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Eakman, Kate James

Discover the Story of your Civil War Soldier Ancestor

FAMILY HISTORIES

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Paine, Albert W.

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Planning a Genealogy Research Trip to Ireland:

The Research Trail in Dublin

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Nelson, Lynn

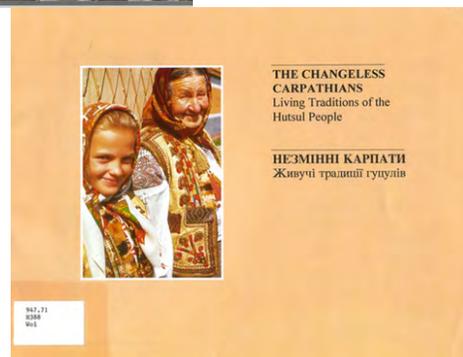
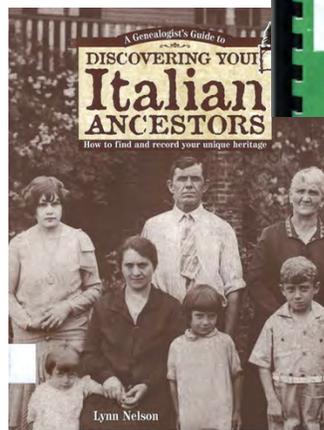
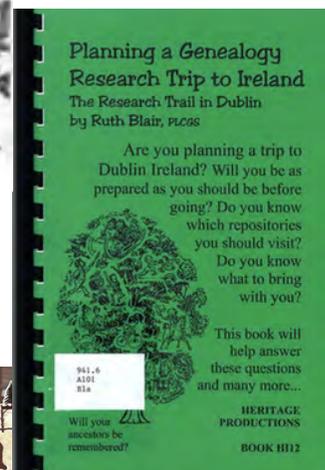
Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Italian Ancestors

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Changeless Carpathians: Living Traditions of the Hutsul People



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Who's Who in Oregon, vol. 1, 1929-1930

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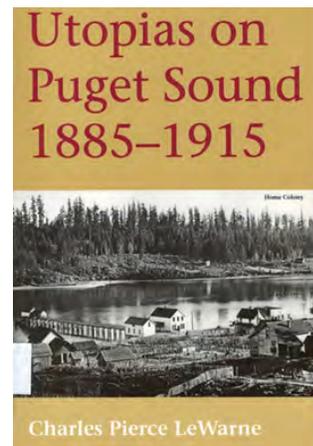
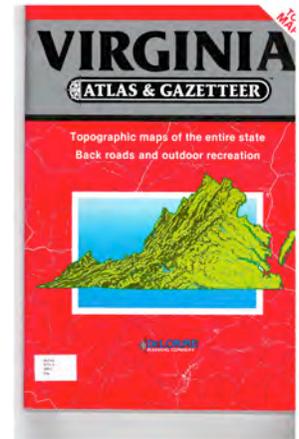
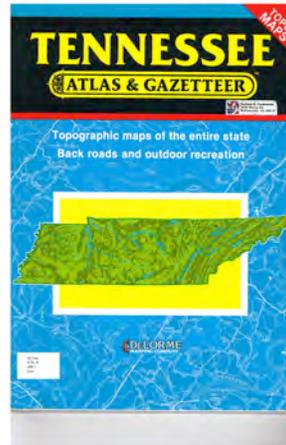
*Klamath County Museum Research Papers No. 2:
The Samuel A. Clarke Papers, with an Appendix
compiled from material in Clark's scrapbook*

WASHINGTON

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LeWarne, Charles Pierce

Utopias on Puget Sound, 1885-1915



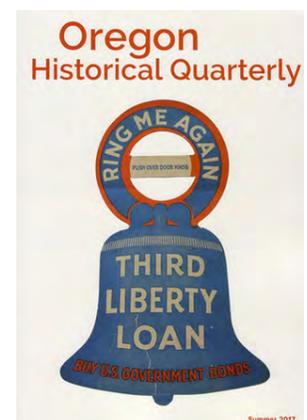
MAGAZINES RECENTLY RECEIVED

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack. Newsletters recently received are shelved in the neighboring wire rack.

Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ

Oregon Historical Quarterly, v 118 #2, Summer 2017.

* A SPECIAL SECTION features "World War One Centennial Roundtable" and articles relating to wartime in Oregon 100 years ago.



The Historian, member newsletter for the Oregon Historical Society (OHS.)

* Ambassador Caroline Kennedy will be in Portland September 19 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

* OHS's exhibit, *High Hopes, the Journey of John F. Kennedy*, continues through November 12, 2017.



Circ 974 G242 NEHGS

The NEHG Register, New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Journal of American Genealogy, v 171 whole # 682, Spring 2017.

* Pictured on the cover is Colchester Castle Essex.

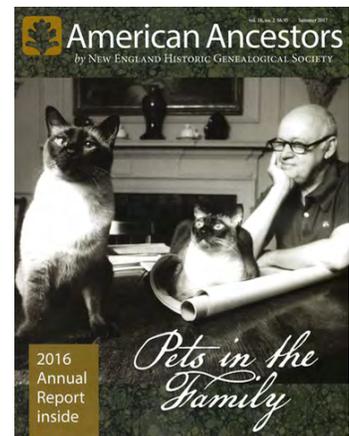
* "The Black Sheep of Some Good Family" is the related article.



Circ 974 P273 AA

American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society, v 18 #2, Summer 2017.

* The Society is planning its commemorative activities for the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing at Plymouth Rock.



Circ 978.8 P273 Col

The Colorado Genealogist, a Quarterly Publication of the Colorado Genealogical Society, v 78 #2, May 2017.

Circ 979.529 P273 Dou

Douglas County Pioneer, Douglas County, Oregon newsletter, v 31 #2, June 2017.