

RVGS-JCGL eNews May 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,
- 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, May 7, 5:00 p.m. Tutorial Tuesday “Timelines and Chronologies”

This is a Legacy Family Tree Webinar - 61 minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 1:30-3:00 p.m., German Interest Group

Thursday, May 9, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Irish Interest Group

Saturday, May 11, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Brick Wall Round Table. Andrea Patterson and Sherri Zucker will facilitate this group helping to break through those brick walls. Free to all.

Monday, May 13, 9:30-12 p.m., Board Meeting. Members are welcome. Free to all

Monday, May 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Advanced DNA Interest Group joined by the Beginning DNA Class Series, "GEDmatch Tier 1 Tools." Free to all.

Tuesday, May 14, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Family Tree Maker Interest Group

Tuesday, May 14, 5:00 p.m. Tutorial Tuesday "Military Structure." This is a DAR video – 35 minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 10:30-12:30 p.m. Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

NOTE WORKSHOP TIME CHANGE

Saturday, May 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m., "DNA Painter" A Hands-On DNA Workshop! Following up on our wonderful and inspiring DNA Seminar, Donna Rae Hayes, Sherri Zucker and Wendy Purslow will be holding a hands-on Tutorial on how to work with DNA Painter. This program helps you map your DNA matches. Prerequisite – since this is a Workshop designed to help you work with and create your own DNA Painter chromosome map, participants are requested to have taken their Autosomal DNA test and to have uploaded the results to GEDmatch, MyHeritage or FamilyTreeDNA. You will also need to bring your computer and have signed up for a free DNA Painter account. Space is limited, so sign up now! \$15 Members, \$25 Non-Members.

Tuesday, May 21, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Public Program and Member Meeting, "The Suicide of William A. James – More Than Meets the Eye." Special Treat! We have a guest speaker from Portland, OR this coming month. Many of you remember Kate Eakman, Senior Researcher and Professional Genealogist from Legacy Tree Genealogists, a former College History Professor who has a world of wit and wisdom to share and presents a delightful and fun program. She is returning with a tantalizing topic: "The Suicide of William A. James; More Than Meets the Eye." This fascinating program explores how careful genealogical research was applied to a death ruled as a suicide – and the discoveries that research uncovered. Come join us for an afternoon of mystery and discussion of excellent research techniques.

Tuesday, May 21, 5:00 p.m. Tutorial Tuesday "Cemeteries and Death Records"

This is a DAR video – 54 minutes.

NOTE CLASS TIME CHANGE

Wednesday, May 22, 11:00-1:00 p.m., "A Dorty Spotted Cow, Six Old Baggs and a Looking Glass" Kate Eakman **Class!!!!** Our Special Guest from Portland will be giving a class on, "A Dorty Spotted Cow, Six Old Baggs and a Lucking Glass". In other words, probate Inventories and the secrets about our ancestor's lives that can be pulled from them. From deciphering handwriting to intriguing bequests, this is a great class on how to interpret and understand Probate Records. Members \$10, Non-Members \$20.

Monday, May 27, CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Quilt and Genealogy Talk, “Aunt Marg’s Quilt”

Judy Tonn will tell the story of the Dresden Plate quilt. This family quilt was hand pieced by Margaret Brund Schmidt after the family emigrated from Denmark in 1881. Free to all.

Tuesday, May 28, 5:00 p.m. Tutorial Tuesday “Adoption and Genealogy Research”

This is an Ancestry video – 26 minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Class: “Researching Irish Records” Jennifer Bryan is a Board member of the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County and a RVGS member and has a special interest in Irish family history. Her direct ancestor emigrated from Ireland in 1848 and settled in northern California. After 15 years of researching here, she recently took a trip to Ireland. Jennifer will share what she learned there, such as the importance of the Irish naming pattern, name origins, and surnames. She will address Irish records, including those available online. \$10 for members, \$20 for nonmembers.

Tuesday, June 4, 5:00 p.m. “When You Can’t find a Birth Record.” This is an Ancestry video – 29 minutes.

Thursday, June 6, 10:30 – 12:00 Noon “Plan Your Successful Family Reunion and Create a Reunion Memory Book.” Have you been thinking of having a family reunion? This class will get you started, give you tips and confidence to make it enjoyable and successful. Marilyn Ayres and Barbara Grimes will share their experience in planning and putting on their family reunions and the skills and process of producing their memory books. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register in advance.



LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Is something missing from this section? Let Dorothy Cotton know: dorothy@mind.net

Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 - 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. - “Secrets and Mysteries of the Beekman Bank” Ben Truwe will do 45 minute tours of the Historic Jacksonville Bank that started as a gold dust office in 1856, at 110 W. California Street in Jacksonville. Admission is \$5.00. Call for reservations as space is limited – 541-245-3650. These are the last tours being offered this year.

Saturday, May 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m. History Saturday in the Jacksonville Cemetery. The topic of our May talk and tour will be **“From a Gold Town to a Trading and Business Center.”** Program is free and no advance reservations are required. Meet your docents at the top of the Cemetery Road. History Saturday is offered on the second Saturday of the month May - August.

Saturday, May 11, The World Famous “**Talent Tomato Sale**” will be at the Talent Historical Society at 105 N. Market Street, Talent.

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Eagle Point Grange Celebrates Local History.

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. is our **Jacksonville Cemetery Tuesday Evening Cemetery Stroll** when we will focus on some of the Cemetery's Mysteries and Myths. Program is free and no advance reservations are required. Meet your docents at the top of the Cemetery Road. Tuesday Evening Strolls are offered on the second Tuesday of the month May - August.

Saturday-Sunday, May 18-19, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wood House Festival in Eagle Point.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 17, 18, 19. Woodville Yard Sale. Rogue River Museum.

Tuesday, May 21 4:00-6:00 p.m. Celebrating Terry Skibby: A Life with Camera. Launching Ashland’s Heritage Preservation Week and the newest collection in the [Southern Oregon Digital Archives](#). Meese Room, Hannon Library, Southern Oregon University. Refreshments. Free to all.

Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. Jacksonville Cemetery Memorial Day Meet and Greet. Volunteers assist family and friends in locating the grave sites of loved ones and place flags at the graves of all our Veterans. Tours will be offered at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. visiting the grave sites of some of the more than 400 Veterans who rest in the cemetery grounds. See our website for complete details on these and all our events and activities at: friendsjvillecemetery.org

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 PM, at Talent Museum. Evening at the Museum “Tower of Talent” Steve Brairton will give a talk about the Tower View Vineyard in Talent that he owns. He has built a 4 story tower on Quail Run Road, using wood from the Old Rapp Barn. Admission is free.

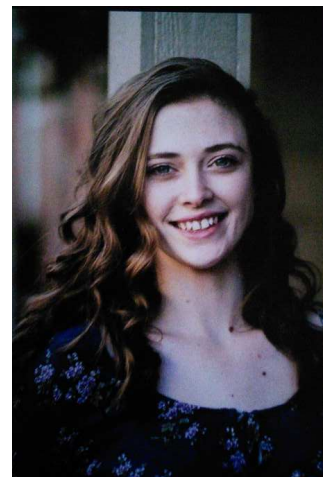
Jackson County Heritage Association will be sponsoring a **History Hunt** from May through August. Visit all the local museums as well as RVGS and participate in the History Hunt to receive chances to win a basket.

Saturday, June 1, Gold Dust Day in Gold Hill

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Kaylee Shelton, RVGS Scholarship Winner

Kaylee Shelton, a senior at Eagle Point High School, has been selected as the recipient of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society’s scholarship for 2019. She and her mother were our guests at the April membership meeting where Kaylee shared her plans for college. She will attend OIT in Klamath Falls where she intends to pursue a course leading to her goal of becoming a Labor and Delivery Nurse.



At Eagle Point High School this year she is active in varsity sports, volleyball, basketball and track and field where she is competing in discus and pole vaulting. Kaylee is taking a strong senior class load including Calculus, Biology, Physics, Language Arts, Government, with four being advanced placement classes. She is in the honor society, in the top 5% of her class, and has been selected as 2019 class Salutatorian. She also works between 15-20 hours a week at Subway.

This is the fourth year that the society has awarded a \$1500 scholarship to a deserving Jackson County High School senior for study at a college or university in Oregon. Previous recipients were from St. Mary's, North Medford and Ashland High Schools.

The scholarship is funded by donations from members of the society. If you are interested in supporting the society scholarship program with a monetary donation, please indicate on your check or donation form that you would like monies you give to be used for the scholarship program. If you are interested in donating your time to serve on the scholarship committee, contact Marilyn Ayres, chairman.

Finance Director Needed

The Society is searching for a Finance Director to chair the Finance and Budget Committee, which includes the Treasurer, bookkeeper, grant writer, and others as requested. This position is responsible for overseeing the financial wellness of the Society and coordinating its fundraising efforts. If you have good judgment, are committed to good stewardship and to building and preserving the financial resources necessary to support our mission, then please consider becoming a strategic part of RVGS/JCGL. Please contact Karen Asche kfasche@gmail.com or Rich Miles ortrek@gmail.com at JCGL with any questions or leave a message with the Receptionist at JCGL.

Eagle Point Women's Group Visits JCGL

On Tuesday April 2, 15 members of the Eagle Point Women's Group visited JCGL for a tour and introduction to genealogy. After a brief presentation by Library Director Anne Billeter, they began researching, using the library book collection, the Pioneer Files, and the access to six subscription websites on our patron computers (ALL 16 were in use!) With able assistance from volunteers Mary Robsman, Dorothy Cotton, Ann Baracker, Ruth Wade, Terrie McCoy, Barbara MacMillen, and Anne Billeter, a wide variety of research was explored. These ranged from pinning down a mother's birthplace (Mexico City, Audrain County, Missouri!), to using DNA to identify an adoptee's birth parents, to the unexpected first name on a 1920 census (see illustration on next page.)

Note the wife's first name!

Terrie McCoy reported: Among the ladies I helped was one who was excited and gung ho, with basic experience and a lot of enthusiasm. The other, unsure, not much hands on experience, who just wanted to stand back and watch. I started with Ancestry, with the request that I find what there was about her. Right away she found the address of where she used to live. Then she found a high school annual with her picture and her best friend.

After seeing what we found and the joy in finding it, our unsure lady was hooked. There wasn't another computer available, so I moved on with a promise to come back if they needed help and left the 2 women to work together with 1 showing the other how to research. When it was time to leave, I got a thank you from both and the intention of coming back to join. What a great morning!

One attendee joined RVGS the week before this visit and two joined during the visit.

1920 United States Federal Census for May Cathrine Donnelly

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2020 Census Jobs

Assist future genealogists, earn extra income while helping your community. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. They are hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Candidates must complete an online job application. The application includes assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience. For more information, go to <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>.

New on the Stories of Southern Oregon

The latest [Stories of Southern Oregon video](#) to be published is Trish Hacket Nicola's presentation, "The Chinese Exclusion Act Files." Nicola is a certified genealogist and has been indexing records related to the act for the last ten years. She goes through the research process step by step in this 2016 video, thanks to the support of the Oregon Historical Society and Southern Oregon University.



Super Successful Sessions!

What did you do over Easter weekend? On the 19th of April 86 people from across Oregon and as far away as Seattle, Washington and Sacramento, California attended RVGS's DNA workshop and seminar. April 20, nearly 100 attended. All came to hear THE GENETIC GENEALOGIST, Blaine Bettinger. He lived up to his reputation as a DNA expert and an excellent lecturer.



A woman from Portland who debated about making the long drive to hear Blaine Bettinger was so glad she came and praised the committee and RVGS members who organized everything. This year the classes were held at the spacious Smullin Center in Medford by the Asante hospital. The workshop-seminar qualified for the Center because the subject, DNA, has a medical component. Future seminars probably will be at JCGL.

For those who were not there, on Friday Blaine's 2-hour session focused on using autosomal DNA. An attendee commented, "I'm getting the terminology. This is starting to make sense." Her friend added, "I was afraid this would be over my head. I'm learning...and I'm not bored." Another noted, "I'm impressed with the quality and pertinence of the questions asked...and his answers were informative and dovetailed with what he was teaching."

Saturday Blaine conducted four classes, mixing science with interesting examples. He showed how Y-DNA was used in identifying the remains of Richard III of England. As a result, a man from RVGS plans to be tested to prove (or disprove) his relationship to Edward III. Blaine's demonstration of *DNA Painter* to analyze autosomal test results was fun to watch. Seeing the colors on chromosomes was more meaningful than numbers in a spreadsheet.

After lunch attendees with "visions of centimorgans dancing in their heads" were treated to advanced genetic-networking tools such as the impressive autoclustering. Blaine concluded the day with a statistical explanation of shared matches based on a small number of cMs and how they are not



useful in proving your hypothesis, a term he emphasized. Throughout the day his accompanying slides clearly illustrated his classes.



Attendees were enthused. You can imagine discussions at Easter family dinners centered on what they learned from *The Genetic Genealogist*. Don't you wish you had attended the classes?

New Members

Thank you to membership coordinator, Terry Fischer and membership director, Marie Fulbright and welcome to our newest members: Angelo DeCicco, Susan Farnsworth, Lorena Harris & Evelyn Giddings, Glenna Hartman, Katherine Hunter, Carol Hoyt, Christine Mason, Leonard Milbyer, Gerard Thompson & Beth Wood, Torrence Thompson.

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.

The Scotswoman by Inglis Fletcher [fiction] \$5.00

Mayflower Ancestral Index, v. 1, General Society of Mayflower Descendants c.1981 \$45.00

Samuel Gorton of Rhode Island v. 1 & 2 \$50.00

Roads to Saratoga by Gil Herkimer [fiction] \$18.00
Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy by Val Greenwood c.1973 \$4.00
Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook by Emily Croom \$4.00
Index to Some of the Bibles and Family Records of the United States \$6.00
Migration, Emigration, and Immigration by Olga K. Miller \$4.00 (missing cover)
A Genealogical and Historical Atlas of the United States of America by E. Kay Kirkham \$9.00
Register in Alphabetical Order, of the Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island, NY reprint. \$10.00
Mayflower Descendants and Their Marriages for two generations after the landing by J. Landis \$7.00
An Alphabetical index to Ulster Emigration to Philadelphia, 1803-1850 by R. Adams \$11.00
Francis Cooke of the Mayflower and his descendants of Four Generations. by R. Wakefield \$15.00
Records of Revolutionary War Veterans who lived in Madison County, New York \$10.00
Pedigrees of some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants vol. III \$17.00
The Man Who Lost America: A Biography of Gentleman Johnny Burgoyne by Paul Lewis \$3.00
The Promised Land: The Story of the Palatine Emigration from Their Rhineland Homes to the Hudson and Schoharie Valleys [NY] by John J. Vrooman \$13.50
The Fort in the Wilderness by Katherine M. Strobeck \$3.50
Fort Stanwix: History, Historic Furnishing, and Historic Structure Reports \$12.00
Schenectady Genesis: How a Dutch Colonial Village Became an American City, ca. 1661-1800; Vol. 1: The Colonial Crucible, ca. 1661-1774 by Susan J. Staffa \$27.00

JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

eBay Seller Needed

JCGL receives donations of duplicate genealogy books which our Amazon sellers have been successfully selling, helping to raise revenue for the Society. However, some of the books cannot be sold on Amazon, as they lack an ISBN. We need an experienced eBay Seller willing to volunteer a few hours weekly! Please contact Library Director Anne Billeter at annebilleteroregon@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Library Volunteers Needed

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. I am here as a librarian every Tuesday and would like very much to visit with anyone interested in knowing more. Come join us!

A Must Read Journal Article by Melinda Henningfield

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society's only Certified Genealogist, Melinda Henningfield, has a fabulous article in the *NGS Quarterly*. This wonderful study is an example of difficult, but successful research goals and conclusions we can all only hope to attain. If you are an NGS member and receive this journal, read it in the March 2019 issue; otherwise read it at the Genealogy Library (929.05 NGSQ v.107, #1).

What is the story behind this study? Shandra Bateman, a RVGS member, came to our library a few years ago with her DAR Regent, asking for help to qualify her for DAR Lineage. Her attempts had thus far been rejected. Melinda agreed to take on this challenge and Shandra agreed to provide a financial donation to the society for her help and authorized the subsequent research to be published. Fast forward two years, through many relatives, females, common names [Jones], who tended to be

poor, illiterate and landless, complicated by burned courthouse records in many states. DNA tests were submitted by many cooperative relatives. The results provided a conclusion to the research goal: Who are the parents of Mary Jones, Shandra Bateman's great great grandmother?

Please note the study is in memory of Shandra Bateman (1940-2019), who passed away shortly before this publication. She learned, through her untiring efforts and those of Melinda, who Mary's parents were.

Magazines Recently Received

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

Circ 929.05 AmS

American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution, v. 153, #2, March/April 2019.

American heritage trees, Molly Brown House Museum (Denver), women publishers of the early American era, Mercy Otis Warren, and maple sugaring in early America.

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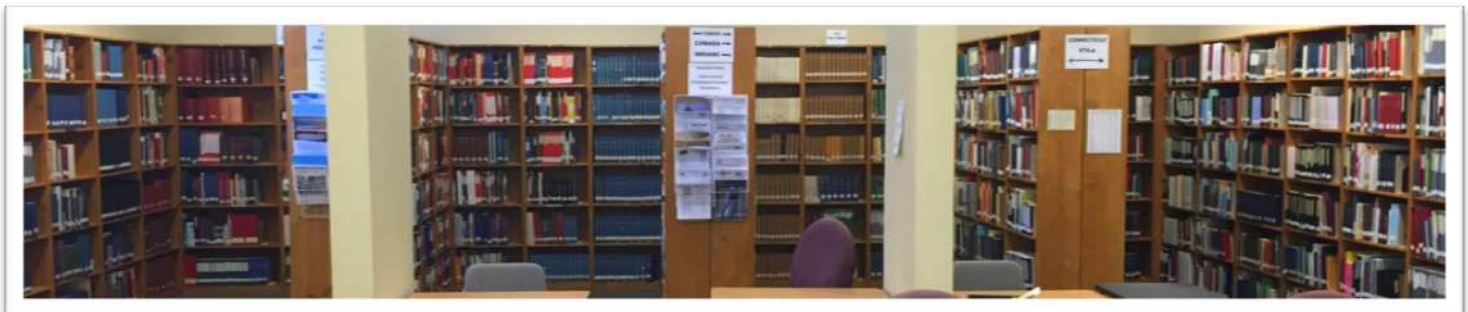
The Colorado Genealogist, Colorado Genealogical Society, v.80 #1, February 2019.

Case study of Neal Dilley, case study of the house at 4130 Raleigh (Denver), and transcription of bible records in the Denver Public Library (Mason, John Brown, Sporleder, Charles Johnson, Blomgrene, Samuel Campbell, William Peckham, Thomas Hornor, Witbeck.)

Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ

Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society, v. 120, #1, Spring 2019

Labor feminism in Oregon, the Oregon Skyline trail, the slavery debate in the Oregon constitution, and building the Oregon Coast Highway (Cape Creek Bridge, Lane County.)



New Additions to Our Library

[Click here](#) for 75 New Titles Added in April 2019

A plethora of books were added to the Genealogy Library in April, including 16 family histories (929.2), 16 more New York books (974.7), 3 books of Irish County Maps showing the locations of churches in Ulster (941.6), Leinster (941.8), and Munster (941.9), 9 California books (979.4) and a sprinkling of books from places less often available: France (944.4 Alsatian Connections); Barbados (972.981); Montana (978.6663 Madison County); and Hawaii (996.9). A specific topic is *Salt of the Earth: A History of Norwegian Danish Methodism in America* (Circ 287 And).

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