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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;
- Stop by the library: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, and Tuesdays until 9pm.

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, June 4, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Class: Researching Irish Records *Dia duit!* Anyone with an interest in Irish family history will not want to miss "Researching Irish Records" **Tuesday, June 4, 10:30 am-12:30 pm.** Jennifer Bryan, a Board member of the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County and a RVGS member, has a personal interest in Irish family history; her direct ancestor emigrated from Ireland in 1848. After 15 years of researching state-side, she recently took a trip to Ireland. At the June class Jennifer will share what she learned, including the importance of the Irish naming



pattern, name origins, and surnames. She'll also address Irish records, including those available online. **\$20 for nonmembers, \$10 for members.** (*Dia duit*, an Irish greeting, literally "May God be with you.")

Thursday, June 6, 10:30 – 12:00 Noon “Plan Your Successful Family Reunion and Create a Reunion Memory Book” Class Marilyn Ayres and Barbara Grimes will get you started, give tips and confidence in making an enjoyable and successful family reunion and the skills and process of producing a memory book. **\$10 for Members, \$20 for non-members.**

Monday, June 10, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting - Members are welcome. **Free to all**

Monday, June 10, 1:00-3:00 PM, Advanced DNA Interest Group

Tuesday, June 11, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

Wednesday, June 12, 1:30-3:00 PM, German Interest Group

Tuesday, June 18, 1:30-3:00 PM, Public Program and Member Meeting “Winsor Ancestry, from Scottish POW to the Infamous Aunt Ina” Gloria Wyeth will share her challenges with international genealogy and stories she has learned about her Winsor, Cutler and Bruce ancestors. Her sister, **Pat Harper**, will explore the life and notoriety of their great aunt Ina. **Free to All.**

Wednesday, June 19, 10:30-12:30 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Monday, June 24, 1:00-3:00 PM, Beginning DNA Class Series “Mirror Trees and Triangulation” Learn what “mirror” trees and triangulation are and how to use them. Great tools for adoptees and to assist in figuring out those non paternal events. **\$5 for members, \$10 for non-members**

Tuesday, June 25, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilt and Genealogy Talk, “Cross-Stitched Genealogy” Mary Anne Carlson will talk about the original blocks on two quilts that combine cross-stitch embroidery with quilt making and family history. One features the family of Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. **Free to all.**

Tuesday, June 25, The raffle drawing for the 'MacFayden Eight-Point Star' hand pieced, hand quilted raffle quilt will be held immediately after the Quilt and Genealogy Talk. Come learn who will take home a piece of history.

To Register for Interest Groups, Classes, and Tutorial Tuesdays:

By email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com. By Telephone:541-512-2340.

In person: LIBRARY HOURS: Monday through Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM. Open until 9 PM on Tuesdays.

Tutorial Tuesdays for June 2019

Tutorial Tuesdays are free for members and \$5 (day use fee) for non-members. Please register in advance. All interest groups are free for members and \$5 (day use fee) for non-members. Please register in advance.

June 4 – “Genealogy Resources: Researching in State Archives” Ancestry - 26.54 Min

June 4 – “County and Local Histories: A Goldmine of Fan Club information” Ancestry - 22.09 Min

June 11 - "How to Research Your Polish Ancestors" by Polish Genealogical Society of America. Do you have Polish Ancestry? Learn about how to research your Polish ancestors from three board members of the Polish Genealogical Society of America. - 47 Min

June 18 - “Genealogy Methodology: Using Hypotheses in Genealogy” - Ancestry 29.07 Min

June 18 - “Hidden Gems: Underutilized Record Collections” - Ancestry 29.23 Min

June 25 - “Getting the most from the Search Function on FamilySearch” - BYU Kathryn Grant 48.28 Min

June 25 - “Geography and Genealogy” - Ancestry 21.40 Min



LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Is something missing from this section? If so, please let Dorothy Cotton know! You can email her directly at dorothy@mind.net

May through August

History Hunt Jackson County Heritage Association will be sponsoring a Free **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 of goodies!

Saturday, June 1, Gold Dust Day in Gold Hill

There will be gold panning, steam engines, music, food, vendors, parade, wagon program, and more. Parade at 10 a.m. Activities throughout the day and the town.

Wednesday, June 5, 12 noon to 1:00 PM at Medford Public Library; **Windows in Time: “A Century of Fellowship: The University Club”** A talk by Ron Kramer.

Saturday, June 8, 11:00-3:00 PM, McKee Bridge Day

Lots of fun at the Bridge. Old Time Fiddlers will be there, Old Time Cars, Old Time Engines, as well as Friends of the Animal Shelter. There will be a Canine Talent Show, Veterinary talks, and vendors. BBQ is also available.

Wednesday, June 12, 12 Noon – 1:00 PM at Ashland Public Library, **Windows in Time “A Century of Fellowship: The University Club”** A talk by Ron Kramer.

Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery Activities:

Saturday, June 8, 10 AM - 11:30 AM. History Saturday in the Cemetery - Join us for this interesting and informative talk on "Unique and Interesting Jacksonville Women" which will be followed by a short walking tour to some of their grave sites. Second Saturday of the month through August 10.

Tuesday, June 11 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Tuesday Evening Cemetery Stroll - Join us for an after-dinner stroll through the Jacksonville Cemetery grounds when our focus will be on "What was Happening in the World when they Passed." Second Tuesday of the month through August 13.

Both History Saturday and the Tuesday Evening Strolls are free with no advance reservations required. Meet your docents at the top of the Cemetery Road where parking is available. We suggest wearing comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Donations are always appreciated and help support our restoration work in the cemetery. Please visit our web site for complete details on these and all our other events and activities at: friendsjvillecemetery.org.

A DNA Learning Opportunity Registration is now open for the **live streams** of five sessions at the Southern California Genealogy Society's 7th **Genetic Genealogy Conference**. After May 31, 2019, they can be watched at your convenience through July 31, 2019! Click here for details: <http://genealogyjamboree.com/genetic-genealogy-streaming/>

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

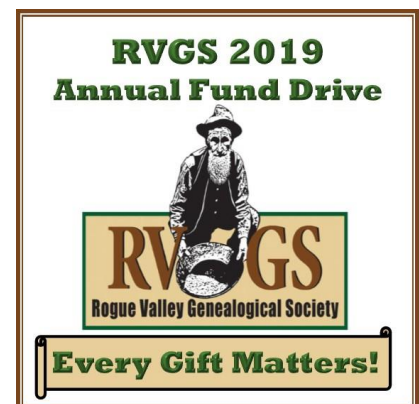
New Members

Welcome to our newest members: Debra Moon, Dennis Norton, Evan Holland, Gerald Gobel, Helen Josey, Kat and Leon Guyot, Maryann Secich Hartmann, Nancy L. Clark, Ricky A. Silva, Sandra Schulz, Terry Norton, and Wendy Cunningham!!

Annual Fund Drive Launched

This month is the launch of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Annual Fund Drive. Members should have received a letter in the mail by now. If not, read on!

Thank you for making 2018 another successful year! Thanks to generous donations to the Annual Fund Drive, we surpassed the goal set by the board! The library has grown to more than 19,000



cataloged items; 1,090 people have attended 104 classes; and 19 free programs inform an increasing number of new attendees. We also have five interest groups which meet monthly. Some of our programs can now be watched on YouTube. We also offer Genealogy Week and Tutorial Tuesdays.

Why donate?

Unlike other non-profit organizations, every dollar you give goes to support the library. No funds are received from any government sources. It is **because of YOU** that the library has grown to be the largest privately-owned genealogical library between Portland and Sacramento!!

Membership dues cover about one-third of our operating expenses. The remaining expenses are covered by monies raised through our Annual Fund Drive. This year our Annual Fund Drive goal is \$16,000. Your generous contributions will allow RVGS to keep our membership dues low, assist in covering operating expenses, and support the current level of programs and services.

Here are three ways you can contribute:

1. Mail a check to Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, 3405 S Pacific Hwy, Medford, OR 97501
2. Go to www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html and click on the "Donate" button. Although it accesses our PayPal account, you may simply use a credit card, no account is necessary. Please indicate Annual Fund Drive in the notes.
3. Drop off a donation at the library.

Please help us by giving what you can to our Annual Fund Drive. All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, #93-0684590. 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 (maximum \$1,000 for couple; \$500 single). Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

VISIT AN OLD FLAME

At the new Statue of Liberty Museum you can stand next to the original torch from the statue France sent to the USA in 1886. Exhibits there document the story behind the 150-foot Lady Liberty and display artifacts such as the torch. You'll be able to read on the original bronze plaque the poem that names the statue "Mother of Exiles."

The New Colossus
by Emma Lazarus



Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

You will hear recordings of immigrants remembering the moment they first saw the statue.

The museum, opened May 16, 2019, faces the back of the Statue of Liberty. With a few replaced parts the statue remains a universal symbol of freedom that many cherish.

Last Chance to win the 2019 Raffle Quilt!

The Winner will be drawn on **Tuesday, June 24**, immediately after the Quilts and Genealogy Program, 1:30 – 2:30. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00 or 30 for \$20.00!



Ester Olsen Smith MacFayden’s Eight Point
Star Blocks

By Lynn Ransford & Sue Waldron

In January 2016, Ester Olsen Smith MacFayden’s great-grandson donated a bin box filled with quilt tops to the Jackson County Genealogy Library. The tops were everyday examples of needlework from the 1930s and 1940s. The library’s Quilt Committee members hypothesize that Ester may have ordered the quilt patterns from the newspaper, complete with all the fabric needed! That kind of newspaper offering was widely available in the 1930s. Later in 2016 the Society conducted a silent auction to share the tops with Jackson County quilters. Ester’s quilt tops (including some single blocks) were displayed in the library. Lynn Ransford, Quilt Committee member, bid on and won the lavender and white Eight Point Star blocks. The Silent Auction Bidding Slip listed:

Sixteen 12” blocks, miscellaneous lavender stars with white backgrounds, Hand pieced, one additional cut out star, plus yardage for finishing top.

Lynn remembers her thought process while completing the quilt top: "The additional cutout star that was listed was not completed. There were other pieces to make more stars that Ester had cut out, but it appeared she ran short of the off-white muslin background material. I did not attempt to find a match for that missing fabric. (At a later date I did find off-white muslin that is a close match to what Ester used and I made a bed pillow sham with the rest of her cut-out, but not stitched together pieces.) I used the completed twenty 12-inch blocks (not the sixteen listed on the Bidding Slip), and her yardage, to put together her quilt top. Ester must have intended the top to be larger, but I used only her completed blocks. They were all hand pieced and so I, consistent with Ester's work, pieced the finished blocks together by hand. The only machine quilting is in the joining of the fabric on the quilt back and attaching her border fabrics. Ester's quilt is all hand-quilted."

Sue Waldron put together genealogy research on Ester:

Ester was born 20 Feb 1882 in Camanche, Iowa and grew up on the banks of the Mississippi River. On 20 March 1901, Ester married Louis E. Smith in Clinton, Iowa, which is just north of Camanche. The marriage record shows Ester as 19 years old and her father as Christ Olsen and her mother as Malissa Gordon.

Louis (Ester's husband) also grew up on the banks of the Mississippi River. He was born in Ohio 31 August 1882. His father, William Smith is shown as a potter in the Jackson, Wisconsin Federal Census of 1880. Just four doors away lived Esther Sanborn and her daughter, Isabella. William Smith and Isabella Sanborn (Louis' parents) married in 1881 and then traveled to Sweetland, Muscatine County, Iowa which is on the Mississippi River. Sweetland is about sixty miles southwest of Camanche, where Ester was living. There were five pottery manufacturers in town, a school and two stores. Five years after Louis and Ester 1901 marriage they became the parents of Ruth Ann, born 17 February 1906.

In the 1910 Federal Census for Illinois, Louis is reported to be employed as a "River Shell Digger." He and his family dug mussels from the bottom and banks of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. Once cleaned, the mussel shells were sold to one of the numerous button factories throughout the area.

By 1920 Ester and family were in Davenport, Iowa and Louis was listed in the census records as a "bridge carpenter." Sometime between 1920 and 1930 Louis and Ester divorced. Perhaps this was when family tradition says that Ester became a cook on a riverboat. By the 1930 Federal Census Ester was married to Robert MacFayden.

Robert Wilmet MacFadyen was born in Edford Township, Henry County, Illinois (which is southeast of Davenport, Iowa) on 25 February 1882, just 5 days after Ester. His parents, Robert and Mary Glass MacFadyen, came from Scotland to Illinois where Robert Sr. went to work as a coal miner.

Robert was shown in census records as being a blacksmith. After Robert and Ester married they settled in Colona, Illinois, probably in the house Robert shared with his

widowed mother. It is my guess (Sue's guess) that this is when Ester took up quilting. (That would have been about 1930, which would be consistent with the ages of the fabrics in Ester's quilt blocks.)

Both Louis and Robert were veterans of the Spanish American War. Louis served in Cuba and Robert in the Philippine Islands. Louis Smith (Ester's first husband) died in 1950 in Harristown, Illinois. Robert MacFadyen (Ester's second husband) died in 1957. Ester died in 1960. Both Ester and Robert are buried in Colona, Illinois.

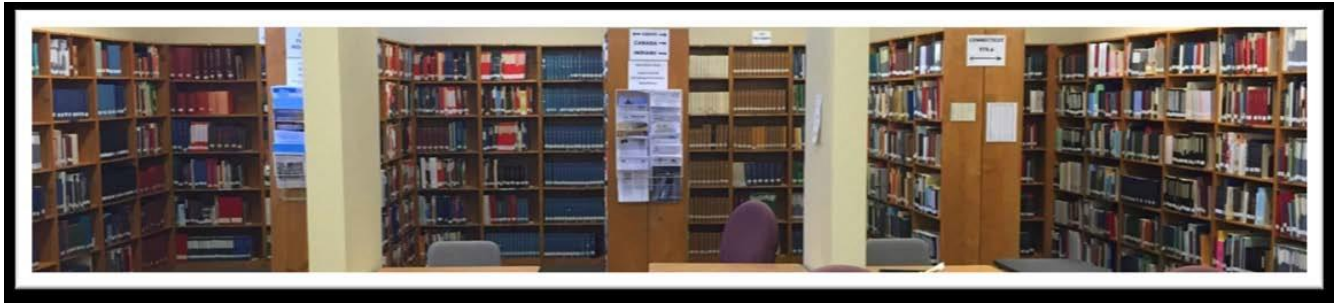
Ruth Ann Smith (Ester's daughter) married John T. Risse and they had five children. Their oldest daughter, Marjorie (Ester's granddaughter) married Orland King and moved to Medford, Oregon in 1975. Marjorie brought Ester's quilt tops with her to Oregon. Marjorie died in Medford in 2015.



It was Marjorie and Orland's son who donated his great-grandmother Ester's quilt tops to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. **The quilt top and backing are constructed from fabrics Ester purchased in the 1930s!**

JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY

Library Volunteers Needed. My name is Terrie. I am the Volunteer Director. I would like to interest our members 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!



New Additions to JCGL in May 2019

RELIGION

285 Gui

Guide to local church records in the archives of the Reformed Church in America and to genealogical resources in the Gardner Sage Library, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 McKern

Waters, Gerry

Ancestors of Charles Clifton McKern

929.2 Russell

Monsive, Debra Stiff

William Russell Family History

BRITISH ISLES

941 G242 Mon

Monumental inscriptions in the Library of the Society of Genealogists, Part II: Northern England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and overseas

IRELAND

941.5 B378 Dob

Dobson, David

Scots-Irish links 1575-1725, Part One and Part Two

941.5 C242 Gra

Gravestone inscriptions at Cullybackey Old Methodist Church (1839)

941.5 C242 Ins

Inscriptions (to 1945) in Rocavan Burying-Ground with a chronological list of interments, 1932-60

941.5 C242 Kel

Kellswater Reformed Presbyterian Burying-ground

941.5 C242 Old

Old Ballyclug

NORTHERN IRELAND

941.6 A101 Rya

Ryan, James G.

Guide to tracing your Dublin ancestors

941.6 C242 Iri

Irish gravestone inscriptions: a guide to sources in Ulster

941.6 N120 Pla

Place-names of Northern Ireland; v. 4, County Antrim 1, the Baronies of Toome

941.8 C721 Reg

Registers of the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Dublin, 1619-1699

ENGLAND

942.3 H388 Pay

Payhembury Millennium Book

942.5 L142 Web

Webb, Cliff

A list of Surrey feet of fines, 1649-1684

942.67 H388 Cit

City Livery Companies and related organisations: a guide to their archives in Guildhall Library

942.8 G242 Yor

Yorkshire Families, Directory 4 (Part 2)

GERMANY

943 M381 Hof

Hoffman, William F.

In their Words: a genealogist's translation guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian documents: Volume IV: German

CANADA

971.3 D372 Gui

Guide to the holdings of the archives of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

971.3 D372 Rob

Robbins, Douglas A.

Genealogist's guide to Ontario's counties and townships

971.3 V381 1800

1800-1841 Presbyterian register of Rev. Robert James McDowall, missionary to Upper Canada

UNITED STATES

973.3 I521 Pen
Penrose, Maryly B.
Indian affairs papers, American Revolution

MASSACHUSETTS

974.41 C242 Gui
Guide to Berkshire County Massachusetts Cemeteries

NEW YORK

974.746 H388 Ski
Skivington, Deborah J.
General George Washington in the Mohawk Valley Summer 1783: A collection of primary source materials...

974.746 H388 Watt
Watt, Gavin K.
British campaign of 1777, volume 1: The St. Leger Expedition; the forces of the Crown and Congress

974.746 H388 Wat
Watt, Gavin K.
Rebellion in the Mohawk Valley: the St. Leger Expedition of 1777

974.746 M343 Ber
Berry, A. J.
Time of Terror: the story of Colonel Jacob Klock's Regiment and the people they protected, 1774-1783

Circ 974.7 A101 Hen
Henry, Marion S
New York essays: resources for the genealogist in New York state outside New York City

974.7 M343 Chr
Christoph, Florence
Upstate New York in the 1760s: Tax Lists and selected militia rolls of Old Albany County, 1760-1768

974.742 H388 Ven
Venema, Janny
Beverwijck: A Dutch Village on the American Frontier, 1652-1664

974.764 B353 Tut
Tuttle, William H.
Names and Sketches of the Pioneer Settlers of Madison County New York

Atlas 974.769 L142 III
Illustrated Plat-Book, Town & Village of Ovid, Seneca Co., N.Y...

MISSOURI

974.8135 C242 Cem
Cemetery records of Platte County, Missouri
vol. 1, vol. 2

974.8135 D218 Pla
Platte County, Missouri Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880 and Register of Deaths as filed at the County Clerk's Office, 1883-1888

HAWAII

996.9 B352 Mis
Missionary Album: Portraits and biographical sketches of the American Protestant missionaries to the Hawaiian Islands

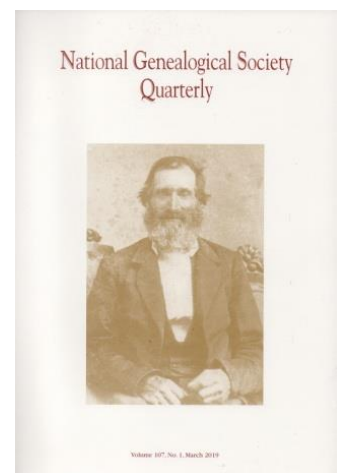
Magazines Recently Received

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, #3,
May/June 2019.
Memphis, Alston House in North Carolina, the Old Brick Capitol,
tomatoes, salt, Nevis, and Eleazer Blake.



Circ 929.05 NGSQ
National Genealogical Society Quarterly, v. 107, #1, March 2019
Molly (Jones) Hobbs Clark of Carroll County, Arkansas, by RVGS member Melinda Daffin Henningfield; Adam Cosner of Lancaster County PA and Wayne County Ohio; Barsheba (Norris) Johnson of NC and Eastern TN; and 1860 map comparison of Hanover Township, Ashland County, Ohio.





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. A few are discards. Each book is priced separately at less than the current list price on selected Internet sites. Sale books priced at \$1.00 are not listed. Come check out our Book Sale Bookcase for the newest offerings.

- *Portrait and Biographical Record of Western Oregon* \$44.00
- *Kuyahoorra: Discovering West Canada Valley* [New York] by M. Paul Keesler \$9.00
- *1609-1909: The Dutch in New Netherland and the United States* \$6.00
- *Images of America: Canastota and Chittenango: Two Historic Canal Towns* by Lionel D. Wyld \$6.50 (2 copies)
- *Discovering the past: Writings of Jeannette Edwards Rattray 1893-1974* \$30.00
- *Wood and Stone: Landmarks of the Upper Mohawk Region* \$4.50
- *Longhouse Diplomacy and Frontier Warfare* by William T. Hagan \$3.00
- *New York State Census Records, 1790-1925* \$7.00
- *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island* by John Osborne Austin \$37.00 (2 copies)
- *Meade County Kentucky Cemeteries, vol. 1* by Rita Adkisson Thompson \$20.00
- *Thomas Horton of Milton & Rehoboth Massachusetts* by Margaret R. Jenks & Frank C. Seymour \$124.00
- *Thomas Horton of Milton & Rehoboth Massachusetts, vol. 2* by Margaret R. Jenks & Frank C. Seymour \$130.00
- *In Search of Welsh Ancestry* by Gerald Hamilton-Edwards \$3.00
- *Crook: An American Family, 1698-1955* by Charles Henry Leavitt \$35.00
- *Sons of the Revolution in the State of California: Centennial Register, 1893-1993* \$37.00
- *Genealogical Research in England and Wales, vol. 1* by Smith and Gardner c.1956 \$4.00
- *Early Families of Herkimer County New York: Descendants of the Burnetsfield Palatines* by William V. H. Barker \$22.00
- *Ancestral Lines: 206 families in England, Wales, The Netherlands, Germany, New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania* by Carl Boyer, 3rd, 3rd ed. \$18.00
- *Seventeenth Century Colonial Ancestors of Members of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century 1915-1975* \$7.50
- *All-Name Index to the 1860 Gazetteer of New York State* \$5.50
- *Winthrop Fleet of 1630...* by Charles Edward Banks \$5.00
- *Pilgrim Migration* by Robert Charles Anderson \$15.00
- *Survey of American Church Records* by E. Kay Kirkham \$9.00
- *Omitted Chapters from Hotten's Original Lists of Persons of Quality...and Others Who Went From Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600-1700* \$15.00
- *DAR Patriot Index 1966* \$5.00
- *Great Migration, Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635, vol. IV, I-L* by Robert Charles Anderson \$26.00

