

ENEWS MAY 2016

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 in the US,
- (2) RVGS News of member and society activities, and
- (3) JCGL News about our book collection and internet resources.

Don't miss the opportunity to register for the 50th Heritage Celebration events. See RVGS News.

Past issues of the eNews are archived on the Publications page of the [RVGS website](#).

Our quarterly genealogical periodical, *The Rogue Digger*, is also available on the Publications page of the [RVGS website](#).

Items of interest concerning genealogy are frequently posted on our [blog](#), on our Facebook page [Friends of Jackson County Genealogy Library](#), or on [Twitter](#) as well as other social media sites.

We're here to help you research your family history.

Classes and Events

Unless otherwise noted all classes and events are held at Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford OR

Tue, May 3



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

This informal, casual group usually meets the first Tuesday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns, etc. and as a group we try and deal with them. This group provides a great way to keep connected and share information. Free and Fun! Please register in advance by email at: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

Wed, May 4

Using Jackson County Genealogy Library Effectively, 10:30am – 12:30pm



Anne Billeter will show you what's where at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, hidden treasures, and how to use the library's online catalog. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members, free for new librarians. Please register in advance by email: <mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com>, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Mon, May 9

DNA Interest Group, 1:00—3:00pm



Donna Rae Hays will facilitate a DNA Interest Group for those who have had their DNA tested and are familiar with DNA tests, but who want help interpreting their results. This is the second meeting of this group. Please register in advance by email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free for members and for first time non-members, non-members \$5 for additional attendance.

Tue, May 10

German Interest Group. 3:30-5:00pm



Mary Robsman facilitates this group of people interested in German research and history. Please register in advance by email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free for members and first time non-members, non-members \$5 for additional attendance.

Wed, May 11



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

Family Tree Maker User Group (Mac computers). Barbara MacMillen facilitates this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy, and Mac computers. Free. Please register in advance by email at: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

Thu, May 12

Pinterest Workshop, 10:30am-12:00pm



This will be a hands-on workshop for all levels of Pinterest users. Bring your laptop or tablet and work on your Pinterest boards, and receive personal assistance as needed from facilitator, Rich Miles. Just starting out in Pinterest? No problem, Rich will help get you launched into the world of pinning! This class requires you to bring your own laptop and is limited to 12 attendees. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please pre-register by email:

reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person at the

RVGS Library.

Tue, May 17

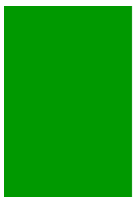


Members

Member Meeting and Public Program: The Arnold Gold Mine, 1:30 – 3:00pm

“The Arnold Gold Mine” is the story of a 100-year-old mine in the Applegate Valley. Vern Arnold has written a brief history of his family's hard rock gold mine discovered 100 years ago by his grandfather who came in 1865 to the Rogue Valley at the age of 8. Vern, a former teacher and retired CEO of the Rogue Credit Union will share this interesting story with us. Free.

Thu, May 19



Irish Interest Group, 1:00-3:00pm

Sybil Russell will facilitate this session where attendees meet to discuss their research and interest in Irish genealogy and history. Please bring your favorite Irish book to share with the group. Free.

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

Sat, May 21



How to Start Your Genealogy Project, 10:30am-12:30pm

Charleen Brown teaches this popular class for people who are thinking about starting or who are just beginning their projects. She will share the important steps to take and forms to use to get you off to a good start. Free, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Mon, May 23



DNA Interest Group for Beginners, 1:00-3:00pm

Lorita Cushman facilitates this interest group for those just beginning their understanding of DNA; Lorita describes DNA tests and their purposes for those who have not yet had their DNA tested. Free for members and first time non-members, the fee for non-members after first time is \$5 per session.

Tue, May 24



Quilts and Genealogy Program: "The McKee Family," 1:30-2:30pm

Evelyn Byrne Williams will tell the story of the McKee Bridge, as told in a quilt designed by a descendant of the McKee family and expanded with genealogical research. This quilt enhances our understanding of the Rogue Valley's early days and brings us lasting memories. Free.

Mon, May 30

Library Closed

Sat, Jun 4



Brick Wall Roundtable, 10:30am-12:30pm

Tom Sayre will facilitate this session for those who have come to a brick wall in their research to help break through. Bring your questions and help others solve their mysteries. Free. Please register in advance by email: reception.icgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

LOCAL EVENTS

May 4 and May 11

WINDOWS IN TIME HISTORY LECTURE

Maureen Flanagan presents "Pox, Pestilence, and Miasma: The Wonder of Modern Medicine in 1927" at noon on the first Wednesday in May at the Medford Library and again at noon on the second Wednesday in May at the Ashland Library. Free.

Apr 1-May 31

HISTORY HUNT



Have some fun this spring and learn about our local history. This is a great way to introduce your kids or grandkids to local history. You will also be supporting your local history museums and societies at the same time.

Member organizations of the Jackson County Heritage Association are sponsoring a "History Hunt." Participation is FREE and is open to all members and non-members. The rules are simple. Between April 1 and May 31, visit any local museum or society and pick up a "HISTORY HUNT" entry. Answer the question pertaining to that organization and you are on your way. Then, visit as many of the other museums as possible to find answers to other questions.

At each stop on your trip through local history you will be able to earn free tickets to be entered in the final raffle drawing. The prize is a basket of items valued at \$75.00 or more. Items included are books and videos by local historians, mugs and T-shirts depicting local landmarks, free memberships and much, much more.

Most of all, we hope you will enjoy your journey through local history from Talent & Phoenix to the Upper Rogue in Trail, from Gold Hill & Rogue River to Historic Railroad Park, McKee Bridge, Eagle Point, SOHS, Lake Creek and of course our own RVGS. See you on the "History Hunt."

May 14 and 15

Jacksonville Home and Garden Tour



The Jacksonville Boosters Club will be hosting their Historic Home and Garden Tour - "Unique Jacksonville...Enjoy our Past, Savor our Present", on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Four Historic homes, one modern day traditional-style home, and two gardens will be on the tour along with a very rare and interesting tour of the backstage areas of Britt Festival. St.

Joseph's Rectory and the three historic churches of Jacksonville will also be open for tours during the Boosters Home and Garden Tour.

Then to top off the tour, you can enjoy a complimentary tasting of three wines at the Daisy Creek Vineyard. Transportation all around the tour route by trolley is included in the tour price of \$20. Tickets are now available at the Jacksonville Visitors Center located on Oregon and C Streets or by calling 541 899-8118.

OUT OF TOWN

OREGON

GRANTS PASS



Tue, May 10, 1:30

Guest Speaker, Bob James. "How to Navigate and Use Family Search Family Tree." Bob serves as a family history consultant in the LDS Family History Center in Grants Pass and teaches classes there. To access his 5-page handout for this class go to www.gpgenealogy.org. This talk will be at the LDS Church - 1969 Williams Hwy. • Grants Pass.
Board of Directors Meeting 12:30-1:15

EUGENE

Jul 28-30

Genealogical Council of Oregon Programs: Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon ; Western Institute of Genealogy 2016

July 28 & 29



Write It Up, a two-day event, Western Institute of Genealogy (WIG) has limited spaces and will fill quickly. Speakers are Thomas Jones and John Colletta. Please note that the WIG courses are for intermediate or advanced genealogists. We will soon open up registration for non-APG members, so get your seat soon! Download the [flyer](#) for more information.

July 30

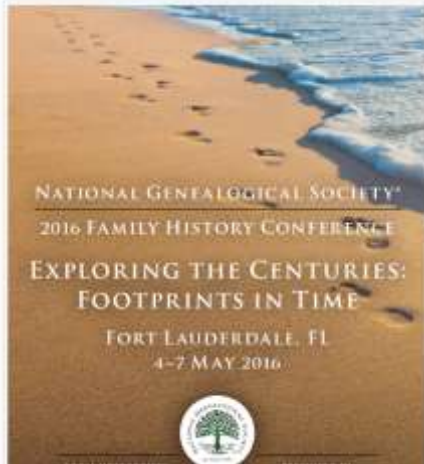
Summer Genealogy Fest, A one-day event for genealogists of all skill levels. Download the [flyer](#) for more information. Thomas Jones and John Colletta will present at the Fest as well as at the Institute. To learn about both events offered by GCO, go to, [GCO Conference](#).

OUT OF STATE

FLORIDA

May 4-7

NGS (National Genealogical Society) Conference



Registration is open for the National Genealogical Society's thirty-eighth annual Family History Conference, "Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time," which will be held May 4-7 2016 at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center. To register on or after 1 December 2015, visit the NGS website at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/> and complete the online registration form.

CALIFORNIA

June 3-5

Burbank, CA Southern California Genealogy Jamboree



Jamboree 2016 offers an exceptional educational opportunity for family historians and genealogists of all experience levels. The theme for Jamboree 2016 is "Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past." We welcome all attendees who are interested in genealogy and in preserving the past for future generations. Our heritage focus will be on German, Eastern European, and African-American research. Topics covered will include research methods, analysis and problem solving, organization techniques, family history writing, the use of technology, and more. SCGS will hold

its fourth **Genetic Genealogy Conference**, "The Future of the Past: Genetic Genealogy 2016," on Thursday, June 2, 2016, also at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. Read all about this year's event by opening this pdf file showing the [schedule of events](#).

June 17-18

San Francisco, CA Ancestry Day

To register click the following link: [Ancestry Day by the Bay Tickets, Sat, Jun 18, 2016 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Don't miss Northern California Ancestry Day. It will provide a great deal of information on how to get the most out of Ancestry.com and Ancestry DNA. Registration is only \$50 for Saturday's event and includes a light breakfast. Proceeds from Northern California Ancestry Day will benefit the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation. Saturday, June 18, will feature a full day of classes including:

– Ancestry 101: New & Review

- Getting the Most from Ancestry.com
- Using AncestryDNA to Further Your Family History Research
- -Sharing Your Family Story.

The optional luncheon speaker (limited seats available) will be retired NBC Universal executive Paula Williams Madison, Jamaican-Chinese-African American author and filmmaker of Finding Samuel Lowe (<http://findingsamuellowe.com/>), about her successful search for the story of her Hakka Chinese grandfather. Paula has produced a highly acclaimed film and written a book about her quest to learn more about her grandfather and her amazing connection with the Chinese side of her family and their welcome of their newly discovered family members from America and Jamaica. Paula tells a wonderful story of family lost and found. Looking for more than one day of learning? Don't miss the special Angel Island Day the day before, Friday, June 17.

ALABAMA

June 12-17
Birmingham Alabama



Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

Registration for IGHR 2016 is open. 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.

ILLINOIS

Aug 31- Sep 5
Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, Springfield, Illinois



TIME TRAVEL: CENTURIES OF MEMORIES, A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists

FGS and local host the Illinois State Genealogical Society invite you to join genealogists

and family historians from throughout the world for some innovative time traveling experiences in Springfield, IL! Learn from exceptional speakers, network with other researchers, stroll through a large

exhibit hall filled to the brim with vendors, and take in the amazing sights and sounds of Illinois' capital city.

Hotel reservations are open now. Learn more about the conference and/or book your hotel today at FGSConference.org.

NEW YORK

Sep 15-17



The three-day conference will be held at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center Liverpool, just outside of Syracuse, New York and features more than 40 sessions, alongside a vibrant exhibitor hall. Nationally-known speakers participating include Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, FASG; David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, Chief Genealogical Officer, FamilySearch; D. Joshua Taylor, President, of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society; James D. Folts, Ph.D., New York State Archives; Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., The Genetic Genealogist; Jim Ison, CG, FamilySearch.org; Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS, editor of the NYG&B Record; Jen Baldwin, Findmypast; Terry Koch-Bostic, and Jane E. Wilcox who will each give lectures. The complete conference program, exhibitor information, and other details can be found on the conference website, <http://www.nysfhc.org>.

CANADA

Oct 21-23

TORONTO, CANADA

Great Canadian Genealogy Summit



The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit (CANGEN) is pleased to announce their inaugural conference, to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Brampton. The Summit showcases Canadian genealogists who have an expertise in the record sets relating to the early settlers of Canada.

On October 21, we have arranged a day at the **Ontario Archives**. And better still, for those with UEL ancestors who are mind boggled with the documentation required for your UEL application, former **Dominion Genealogist** Kathryn Lake Hogan will be offering a workshop with the **at the Archives**. She will share her expertise on what documentation is required and how to access the documents at the Archives. For more information, go their website, <http://www.cangensummit.ca>. Registration for the full weekend is just \$159cdn (\$125 usd). Registration for the Saturday only is just \$119cdn (\$93 usd)

All registrations include breakfast and lunch on Saturday, free access to Findmypast and admission to the exhibition hall. Go to their website to learn more and to register.



ON TELEVISION

PBS' "Genealogy Roadshow" Season 3 Premieres May 17

The following announcement was written by the folks at PBS:

ARLINGTON, VA; APRIL 19, 2016 – From possible links to the accused in the Salem Witch Trials to heroes of the Wild West, PBS' **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** uncovers more family secrets in the series' third season, which premieres Tuesday, May 17, 2016, and airs Tuesdays through June 28 (check local listings). Part detective story, part emotional journey, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** combines history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans this season in and around Albuquerque, Miami, Houston, Boston, Providence and Los Angeles. Each story links to the larger regional (and often, national) history, to become part of America's rich cultural tapestry.



GENEALOGY ROADSHOW's professional genealogists **Kenyatta D. Berry, Joshua Taylor** and **Mary Tedesco** are matched with everyday people whose unique family claims are explored in each episode. Among this season's mysteries: A man seeks to find out if he is descended from Boston's key founders; a woman explores connections to an ancestor's participation in the Manhattan Project; a couple hopes to recover the true story of their family pharmacy during Hollywood's Golden Age; and a woman learns of her family's involvement in the Trail of

Tears.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is part of PBS' commitment to high-quality programming highlighting American culture, diversity, history and heritage, which provides viewers with a greater understanding of our communities, our country and our world. PBS history and heritage programs in the primetime schedule have included Finding Your Roots and other titles by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., The Italian Americans, Latino Americans and more.

WEBINARS

FINDING WEBINARS

Webinars are online videos that you can watch on your computer or mobile device (tablet, smartphone). If you wish, you can ask questions and participate in the discussion at the end of the presentation if you have a microphone set up on your device. Each month, dozens of webinars are available to help you with your research. To look at one collection of webinars go to: <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/geneawebinars-calendar.html>. I have listed a few free live webinars for you to check out.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINARS FOR MAY. To register go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>



May 7 Once Upon a Time at an Antique Store: Telling the Story of Mrs. E.G. Stetson

by Gena Philibert-Ortega. Free on this date at 10:00am –Pacific Time.

May 18 Translating Latin Records of German (and other) Catholic Churches

by Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA, CG®, 6pm

Latin, the traditional language of the Catholic Church, isn't difficult to decipher. Examples of how to do this will employ records written before the early 1900s from churches in Germany and America.

PODCASTS

[Why not listen to podcasts instead of talk radio, election news, or music? Learn more genealogy while doing other stuff.]



1. **Genealogy Guys Podcast with George C. Morgan and Drew Smith**, go to <http://genealogyguys.com/>.
2. **Genealogy Gems Podcasts with Lisa Louise Cooke**, go to <http://lilalouisecooke.com/podcasts-2/>
3. **The Genealogy Professional Podcast**, go to <http://www.thegenealogyprofessional.com/>
4. For even more podcast resources check out the listing on Cyndi's List, <http://www.cyndislist.com/podcasts/general/>

YOU TUBE CHANNELS



FOR HELP INTERPRETING DNA RESULTS TRY YOUTUBE VIDEOS: Family Tree DNA, 23andme, and Ancestry all have videos explaining how to interpret DNA results obtained with their tests and available on their website. While you're there explore other YouTube channels, e.g., Ancestry and FamilySearch. Clicking on the YouTube logo at the left will take you to the Ancestry Channel.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



"Our 50th Year Heritage" A Celebration

SAVE THE DATES!

September 19th – 27th RVGS will celebrate 50 years as an all-volunteer genealogy society with events, classes and programs. We will be reporting on each of these in the *eNews* monthly. Here is a brief summary of what you have to look forward to:

Monday, Sept. 19th at 1:30 PM **Opening Day Ceremony**. We will have a guest speaker, a **RVGS presentation, Anniversary Quilt Presentation**, and refreshments.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th. **Genealogy Classes Begin**. Classes will be offered all week with the library open to the public free of charge.

Friday, Sept. 23rd **Wine and Cheese Reception**. 3pm-5pm. Enjoy a social time with music, wine & cheese. It will be a time to honor our valued volunteers.

Saturday, Sept. 24th Fun and Festive **Ice Cream Social** with sundaes, cones and floats!

REGISTRATION IS LIVE FOR THE BANQUET AND SEMINAR



Judy Russell is coming to Medford, Oregon in September 2016. The Banquet (Sept. 26th) and daylong Seminar (Sept. 27th) will feature Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist, as guest speaker. For complete details of our wonderful celebration and for updates please visit either of our websites at www.rvgsociety.org or <http://www.rvgslibrary.org>. Both the banquet and the seminar will be held at *The Inn at the Commons* in Medford.

Click the following link, [Banquet Registration](#), to reserve you space at the Banquet. Judy Russell's topic is: "Blackguards and Black Sheep—The Lighter Side of the Law." Judy says, *No, actually, our ancestors didn't behave any better back then than we do today, and the records they left behind documenting their missteps and misdeeds are among the priceless gems of genealogy.* To be enjoyed by genealogists and non-genealogists alike.

Click the following link, [Seminar Registration](#), to reserve your space at the Seminar. Check in begins at 8:30 AM, Seminar at 9:15. Judy Russell will present 4 seminar lectures:

Morning: "Don't Forget the Ladies" -- A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law "Beyond X and Y" -- The Promise and Pitfalls of Autosomal DNA Testing

NOON BUFFET LUNCH

Afternoon: "No Person Shall ... Gallop Horses In the Streets" -- Using Court Records to Tell the Story of Our Ancestors' Lives "Dowered or Bound Out" -- Records of Widows and Orphans

Early registration for the banquet is \$65 and for the seminar is \$75 which includes a buffet luncheon. After Aug 10th, banquet registration is \$75 and seminar registration is \$85. Registration closes Sept. 10th. For additional information, call the library, M-Sat 10am-4pm at 541-512-2340.

ENTRIES FOR THE WRITING CONTEST AND PHOTO CONTEST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED SOON

Beginning NOW is the Writing Contest, so get your writing hat on as there will be some very nice prizes. **The Writing Contest Deadline is July 15th; the Photo Contest deadline is July 16th.** Winners of the Writing and Photo Contests will be announced Sept. 24th at the Ice Cream Social. Join us that afternoon to see who wins the prizes for these contests.



2016 FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST

True Stories from the Past

\$100.00 1st Place Cash Prize \$75.00 2nd Place Cash Prize \$50.00 3rd Place Cash Prize

Please submit stories between June 1 and July 15, 2016.

Winning entries will be notified and honored at "Our 50th Year Heritage" events in September 2016. Click on the following link to read [Rules & Regulations](#) and to download the "Entry Form."



2016 FAMILY HISTORY PHOTO CONTEST

Show Off Your Favorite Family Photos

Prizes are awarded for each category:

Military—Group—Children—Funniest ancestor—Wedding—
Transportation—Occupation—Most handsome—Most beautiful—Oldest photo—Most interesting photo—Open category

Please click [this link](#) to access contest rules and submission instructions.

AS PART OF ITS 50TH HERITAGE CELEBRATION, RVGS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO EMILY RIEHLMAN

Emily Riehlman, a graduating Senior at St. Mary's School in Medford has been chosen by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society to receive its first ever high school scholarship award of \$1,500. This award is being given in honor of the 50th anniversary of the society. Emily plans to attend Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, where she will study Environmental Science and toxicology, and later pursue a career in Pharmacy. She has demonstrated a high standard of excellence in her academic achievement at St. Mary's maintaining a 3.99 gpa. She serves on the Student Council currently as Student Body President. She has volunteered in the community at Asante Hospital and Pharmacy and mentored at Kids Unlimited Academy. She was second runner-up at the Pear Blossom Scholarship Pageant this year and is also an active soccer and tennis enthusiast. Emily will be a special guest at the society's June 21 Public Program and General Meeting.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED



Please help out with the many events planned for our 50th Celebration. Stop by at Jackson County Genealogy Library to examine the bulletin board to find a niche for your talents. The bulletin board is located in the Reading Room. Thank you! We depend so much on our volunteers. Please call (541) 512-2340 and leave a message for Andrea Patterson, RVGS President if stopping by is inconvenient.

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING RVGS MEMBERS

Louise	Abel
Mary Ellen	Berggreen
Jae-lynn	Bresette
Tim	Brownlow
Leslie	Cox
Rob	Gomoluh
Bud	Hutchinson
Loyd	Long
Pat	Norris
Wendy	Purslow
Mark	Smith
Norm & Armida	Snyder
Roxie	Stimson
Theodore	Stullich
Maureen K.	Vega
Kevin L.	Wallace

HELP FOR BLIND GENEALOGISTS



Experience Works blind trainee Stan Littrell has been assisting local bike shop owner Stan Moore who is also blind. Moore recently met in Littrell's office in the library. Littrell is pioneering family genealogy research for the blind in Jackson County. For more information call Stan Littrell at 541-840-2352.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Dear Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Members,



2016 is a banner year for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. This September, we will be celebrating 50 years as a society! In 2015, RVGS increased membership to over 770 memberships, over 16,600 volunteer hours were recorded, and thanks to generous donations to the Leave a Legacy drive and the 5/60 Club, our mortgage has been reduced to \$18,000 from the original \$325,000! With your assistance, we can accomplish even more in 2016, including “burning our mortgage” for our 50th anniversary this September!

This year, our Annual Fund goal is \$15,000. Although we have made great strides in paying down our mortgage, the payment adds to our operating expenses and reduces the programs and services we can provide to our members. The sooner the mortgage is paid off, the sooner we can expand existing programs and services.

Your generous contribution to the **Annual Fund** will allow RVGS to keep our membership dues low and assist in covering operating expenses. Membership dues only cover about 33% of our operating expenses. The remaining expenses are covered by monies raised through our Annual Fund Drive. Any amount you give will help to provide support to RVGS and continue the current level of programming.

Your generous contribution to the **Leave a Legacy** campaign will go directly to paying down our mortgage principal. In order to “burn the mortgage” for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in September, we need about \$4200 in donations each month. So far, we have met our goal each month in the first quarter of 2016!

Donations can also be made through the **5/60** campaign, where a \$5 payment is given each month for a total of \$60 per year. Those funds help pay off the mortgage.

Your generous and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in three ways. 1) You can return the attached donation slip below with your check in the envelope provided, 2) go to www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html to make a donation online or click on the Donate Now link on our Facebook page, or 3) you can drop off a donation at the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford. 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.

As an all-volunteer organization, all donations are put into the operation and improvement of the library or directly toward the mortgage. No funds are received from any government sources. It is because of YOU that the library has grown to be the largest genealogical library between Portland and Sacramento. I hope you will consider making a generous donation to the RVGS Annual Fund and Leave a Legacy campaign this year.

Thank you for your continued support!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2016 DONORS THUS FAR!

Annual Fund

Warren & Charleen Brown, Sheila Couey, Julie Drengson, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Marie Fulbright, Janet Gleaves, Monty & Carol Holst, Horton Family Foundation, Jackson & Caroline Jones, Sheila Kimball, Barbara Middaugh, Dennis Patterson, Richard Ritchie, Anita Seulean, Vanya Sloan, J. Stevens, John & Janie Stewart, Linda Turner, Ron & Jackie Wagner, William Walker, Muriel Williams

Leave a Legacy



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5/60 Club



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DONATE TO RVGS BY LINKING YOUR CARD AND SHOPPING AT FRED MEYER



There are 19 households shopping at Fred Meyer who linked their Rewards Card number to Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Fred Meyer in turn deposited a charitable donation in our checking account through their Community Rewards Program. This first quarter of 2016 we received a check for \$32.33 as a result of shopping done by those 19 households. Please increase the number of households who visited the Fred Meyer website and linked their Rewards cards. Sign up by going to Community Rewards on the Fred Meyer website, <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>. Thank you to Fred Meyer and to our loyal members.

DONATE TO RVGS BY SHOPPING AT AMAZON AFTER USING A WEBSITE LINK TO ANCESTRY



Amazon.com deposited charitable contributions totally \$130.56 for the first four months in 2016. Those contributions result from members going to [Jackson County Genealogy Library](#) or to [Rogue Valley Genealogical Society](#), locating the Amazon ad on the home page then clicking through to the Amazon page.

DONATE TO RVGS BY SHOPPING THROUGH THE AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM. Use the following link to shop at Amazon through the Smile program, also linked to RVGS, :

<http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/homepage.html?orig=%2Fgp%2Fbrowse.html%3Fnode%3D502659011&ein=93-0684590>. Find tips for Mother's Day gifts there. Amazon donates to RVGS through the Amazon Smile program if linked to RVGS.

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR 2ND QUARTER 2016

KATHY EDWARDS IS 2ND QUARTER SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE FOR LIBRARIAN



Kathy is the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society board's choice to represent the many valued librarians who spend hours and hours each month at reception and assisting patrons at the computers and finding new research records in the book collection.

A member since 2008 and currently residing in Medford, Kathy says, "I am a California girl through and through being born in San Diego, growing up in Long Beach and living 30 years in Anaheim." She moved to Oregon in 2005 and found the library soon after.

Her interest in genealogy started when her paternal grandmother passed away and she found her scrapbook. Her sister, Diane, knew the history of the Clotfelters and Barricklaws, but it would be up to Kathy to do the rest of the research. "Chuck and Colleen Eccleston talked to me about becoming a librarian", says Kathy after visiting the library and learning about the society. She went on to say, "I am now looking for my mother's family side.....the Scots-Irish."

Jackson County Genealogy Library has been a great help to her and she's been a faithful volunteer for us. Thank you Kathy for your many volunteer hours and dedication to the largest genealogy library between Portland and Sacramento. We are glad you found us.

RENE FORNCROOK IS 2ND QUARTER SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE FOR PROJECTS



Rene was unanimously voted an outstanding selection for the 2nd Quarter Spotlight for her many years of work behind the scenes. These are project workers who rarely are noticed, but you can log into the library website databases to view their thousands of contributed work hours that current and future Jackson County ancestor researchers will find valuable. Rene and her husband Lane have been community volunteers since their retirement. RVGS honors Rene, from an Oregon Pioneer family, for all her work. The following is a biography provided by Rene.

I was born in Sheridan, Oregon. When I was 8 months old, my parents moved to Grants Pass where I later graduated from high school. In the 1980's my husband's Aunt Verna Wilson, who was very much into genealogy, showed us her photos and research. That did it, we were hooked. At that time there were no computers; research through long distance phone calls was too expensive, so typing or hand writing correspondence, with a nice supply of stamps, was the choice; family group sheets, family trees

and log sheets for sent/received letters were also hand written. I loved talking with my parents about their upbringing so I started my journey with them. I enjoyed the stories and the characters they grew up with. Both parents came from large families who worked hard to put food on the table. Mom talked about her childhood of having to wear flour sack underwear, churning butter (I have that churn), and baking bread daily. Dad talked about his family working very hard growing potatoes on the farm (he was 9), until a freeze destroyed the crops. Many blue ribbons were won by my Dad and Uncles at the various county/state fairs. Both sides of my family were Oregon Pioneers coming across on the Oregon Trail between 1849 and 1852. Some were buried on the trail; others were granted donation land.

My husband and I would walk through Eastwood Cemetery and I noticed it needed a lot of TLC so I decided that when I retired, I would check into volunteering. That was seven years ago, a lot of mowing, trimming, grave cleaning/restoration, flower bed weeding, leaf blowing, installing 75 new block markers and upkeep of the mausoleum has happened since. We are also on the Cemetery Commission for Eastwood. Working at the cemetery sparked my interest in volunteering at the library. Ivend Holen was working on a cemetery project at that time so I decided to volunteer to help him. My projects just expanded from there. I love working behind the scenes on my own. Sometimes the many indexing projects I've done are a bit monotonous but useful for income to the library, so I continue on.

JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY & INTERNET NEWS

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

IMMIGRATION

325 Alm

Almeida, Carlos

Portuguese Immigrants (The Centennial Story of the Portuguese Union of the State of California)

WRITING

Circ 808 Tho

Thomas, Frank P.

How to write the Story of your Life

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

929.2 Bolton

Bolton, Charles Knowles

Boltons of Old and New England with a genealogy of the descendants of William Bolton of Reading, Mass., 1720

929.2 Bolton

Bolton, Robert

Genealogical and biographical account of the family of Bolton: in England and America

929.2 Boone

Campbell, Dorothy Spears

George Boone, son of Edward Boone, killed by the Indians in 1780, and nephew of Daniel Boone, the famed explorer; A History of the Boone family, including descendants of George and Patty Hazelrigg Boone and George and Hester Locke Boone

929.2 Page

Page, Chas. N.

History and genealogy of the Page family from the year 1257 to present, with brief history and genealogy of the allied families, Nash and Peck

929.2 Pope

Pope, Charles Henry

History of the Dorchester Pope family, 1634-1888

929.2 Pope

Pope, Franklin Leonard

Genealogy of Thomas Pope (1608-1683) and some of his descendants

929.2 Richey

Richey, James

Stuart Richey 1755-1806 and Mary Irwin 1756-1832, their children and descendants with some related families: Antrobus (Antibus), Brockman, Browning, Court, Davis, Garrett, Firnhaber, Moore, Steckelman, West, Weir (Ware), Williams

929.2 Ritchey v.III

Gibbons, Ivanoel

Cousins by the Dozens, Volume III : the stories of Matthew Sellers and William Richey/Ritchey and their descendants

929.2 Ritchey

James and Eliza Ritchey Family 1700-1976

929.2 Ritchey

Newhouse, J. R.

History of the Ritchey family and Relatives

929.2 Ritchey

Ritchey Clan 1700-1983

929.2 Ritchey

Ritchey Relations

CD-Rom 929.2 Thurston

*In My Trunk: Descendants and Ancestors of Sarah Thurston, including Jackson County, Medford Oregon
Suttons*

UNITED STATES

973 Our

Our Nation's Archive: Key documents, opinions, speeches, Letters, and Songs that shaped our nation

PENNSYLVANIA

974.815 D372 Bry

Bryson, J. H.

Lancaster Directory for 1843 [Pennsylvania]

974.883 H388 Eva

Evans, L. K.

Pioneer History of Greene County, Pennsylvania

WEST VIRGINIA

975.495 T191 Hor

Horton, Vicki Bidinger

Hampshire County Virginia (WV) Personal Property Tax Lists, 1800-1814

VIRGINIA

975.535 C721 Ves

Vestry book of Stratton Major Parish, King and Queen County, Virginia, 1729-1783

TENNESSEE

976.8885 C242 Lit

Little, Edith B.

Blount County Tennessee Cemetery Records, Including Blount section of Loudon and Monroe Counties

976.8885 L142 Tho

Thomas, Jane Kizer

Blount county, Tennessee Deeds, 1819-1833

976.8885 M177 Lit

Little, Edith B.

Blount County, Tennessee Marriages 1795-1910

OHIO

977.163 C242 Col

Columbiana County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions

Volume 14

Volume 19

977.165 H388 His

History of Coshocton County, Ohio: its past and present 1740-1881

ILLINOIS

977.392 H388 Mon

Montague, E. J.

History of Randolph County, Illinois, including old Kaskaskia Island

MINNESOTA

Circ 977.6 Bri

Bring warm clothes: letters and photos from Minnesota's past

KANSAS

978.122 H388 Pra

Prairie Jewels of Jewell County Kansas: Schools, Churches, Post Offices and Cemeteries

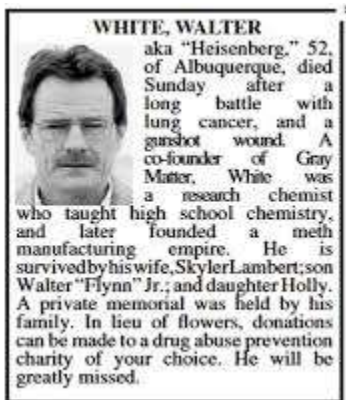
OREGON

979.5 H388 Bro

Brock, Richard K., editor

Emigrant Trails West: A Guide to the Applegate Trail, the South Road to Oregon: Markers Along the Applegate Trail, from Lassen Meadows to Southern Oregon

OBITUARIES ADDED TO JCGL WEBSITE



You can now order obituaries published in the Mail Tribune between 1925 and 1930. These obituaries were scanned from microfilm and then indexed for your use and comprise a complete collection for that time period. Previously we had only a hit and miss collection that had been hand-clipped from the newspaper

JCGL now offers a *complete* collection of obituaries published in the Mail Tribune from 1925 to 2015. Obituaries for 1915-1924 will soon be added to the website. Go to

<http://www.rvgslibrary.org/Obituaries.html> to see our HUGE collection of obituaries for Jackson County.

PURCHASE USED BOOKS FROM NEHGS



New England Historical and Genealogical Society offers a huge collection of used books of interest to historians and genealogists. You can view the titles and prices by going to their website and using this [direct link](#). Here's a relatively inexpensive way to grow your personal collection of genealogy books.

A RECORD OF BIRTHS

Submitted by Carita Culmer



An honest farmer of Caithness, recording the births of his children in the family Bible, wrote: "Betty was born on the day that John Cathel lost his gray mare in the moss. Jemmy was born the day they began mending the roof o' the kirk. Sandy was born the night my mother broke her leg, and the day after Kitty gaed away with the sodgers. The twins, Willie and Marget, was born the day Sanny Bremner bigget his new barn, and the very day after the battle o' Waterloo. Kirsty was born the night o' the great fecht on the Reedsmas, atween Peter Donaldson and a south country drover. Forbye, the factor, raised the rent the same year. Anny was born the night the kiln gaed on fire, six years syne. David was born the night o' the great speat, and three Days afore Jamie Miller had a lift frae The fairies." – Chambers Journal.

Ashland Tidings, May 21, 1880, p. 1, c. 4

[Note: A quick search of the Internet found several versions of this. Some of the terms are: Caithness is in the far NE of Scotland; bigget = built; date of battle of Waterloo = 18 Jun 1815; speat = flood; forbye = besides (it is not a surname)]

FROM DICK EASTMAN'S GENEALOGY BLOG: HOW MANY BACKUP COPIES OF IMPORTANT FILES DO YOU NEED?



Here's the old data center 3-2-1 rule-of-thumb for backing up:

- 3 copies of anything you care about - Two isn't enough if it's important.
- 2 different formats - Example: Dropbox plus DVDs or Hard Drive plus Memory Stick or CD plus Crash Plan, or more
- 1 off-site backup - If the house burns down, how will you get your memories back?

INTERNET RESOURCES

MYHERITAGE WEBSITE AT JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARYYOU NEED TO TRY THIS!



This website offers much more than first meets the eye. Here are a few of their statistics.

- Registered members: more than 80 million
- Profiles (names in family trees): 2.6 billion
- Family trees: 28 million
- Historical records: 3.5 billion historical documents and records including the world's largest collection of newspapers (The newspaper collection is available only with personal subscriptions.)
- Photos: 200 million

- Languages: 42
- Geographic presence: All countries in the world across all continents

An example of worldwide presence is Germany. The German history research page lists data collections relevant to this country and other countries you can select on the map.

- [Germany, Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898](#) 110,094,921 records
- [Germany, Marriages, 1558-1929](#) 28,528,203 records
- [Germany Deaths and Burials, 1582-1958](#) 7,096,664 records
- [Germany, Prussia, Brandenburg and Posen, Church Book Duplicates, 1794-1874](#) 44,473,683 records
- [Germans Immigrating to the United States](#)

The list of records for each country is on the right AFTER you select a country.

My Heritage has recently acquired World Vital Records and Geni.com. They offer many options that other sites do not. Be sure to check out this valuable website at the library.

MyHeritage is unique in that it translates names from one language to another, so for an example, a search for William Frederick would return results for Wilhelm Friederich (the German spelling). Translations are not limited to English/German. This means that you can find records in other languages for your ancestors. MyHeritage also matches one record to another, and people in one tree to people in another tree, and most recently offers Book Matching, names are matched to data in their book collection. Although you cannot build a tree on the library edition at JCGL, you should not miss the opportunity to search the family trees on MyHeritage, particularly if you have European ancestry.

FREE ACCESS TO WWII RECORDS ON FOLD3, MAY 1-MAY15 Free access means that you can look at these records from your home computer without having a Fold3 subscription. Fold3 is the premiere site for military records and is available through subscription at JCGL on all patron computers.



Do you have family members who served in World War II? If so, come explore Fold3's [World War II Collection](#), which will be accessible for free May 1–15 in honor of the anniversary of the Victory in Europe (VE Day) on May 8, 1945. This collection has a diverse array of resources to mine (spanning more than 90 million records), whether you're interested in historical aspects of the war or are searching for specific individuals who fought in it.

RESEARCH GUIDE TO IRISH RECORDS ON ANCESTRY



Don't let your Irish history go undiscovered.

[Download Ancestry's Research Guide](#) and learn 10 tips on discovering your Irish ancestors.

USEFUL WEBSITES RECOMMENDED IN THE APRIL 2016 GRANTS PASS

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER by Laura Dunwald-Uhlig

<http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/> -a new genealogy website that hasn't been gobbled up by ancestry.com yet. They offer a handwriting class among other courses.

<https://www.relativefinder.org> Login using your FamilySearch login info to see who among the famous you are related to.

<http://www.Books.familysearch.org> Family History Books is a collection of more than 200,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. The valuable resources included in Family History Books come from many partner institutions. Click on the listed libraries for their online collection

<http://theoldentimes.com> Old obituaries, birth & marriage announcements, old news stories, old advertising, recipes, cartoons and humor, and more. All are scanned from a personal collection of original issues of 18th, 19th and early 20th century newspapers from the U. S., England, Scotland, Australia & Ireland. Most of the newspapers date between 1788 and 1920

<http://ilgensoc.org> - doing research in Illinois? Go to this site - The Illinois State Genealogical Society for a wide variety of resources. Good homepage with a lot of choices.