

ENEWS AUGUST 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.

Complete Early Bird reservations by August 10 for the Banquet and Seminar as part of the 50th Heritage Celebration events. See RVGS News Section for more information.

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL ITEMS IN RED AND BOLD.

Past issues of the eNews are archived 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, AUG 2



Family Tree Maker User Group for PC users, 1:30-3:00 pm

Bring your problems or concerns and we will try to resolve these issues. It is a great way to keep connected and share information, too. Free for members, \$5 non-members. Please register in advance by email at: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

WED, AUG 3



Windows 7, 10:30-12:00pm

Rick Black will teach you shortcuts and tips to get the most from this operating system and to make your genealogy research easier. Learn to use tools you haven't explored and revisit the best uses of Windows 7. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

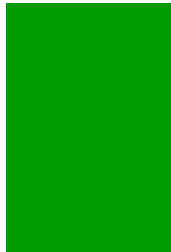
TUE, AUG 9



German Genealogy Interest Group, 3:30-5:00 pm

Mary Robsman facilitates this group interested in genealogical research and the history of German speaking countries. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

THU, AUG 11



Irish Genealogy Interest Group, 1:30-3 pm

Bruce McGarvey will facilitate this interest group where attendees meet to discuss their research in Irish genealogy and history. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

MON, AUG 15



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

Lorita Cushman facilitates a DNA Interest Group for those who have had their DNA tested. Charting X DNA will be discussed. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in person, in advance by email at: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

MON, AUG 22



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

Lorita Cushman facilitates a DNA Interest Group for those who are new to DNA. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in person, in advance by email at: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

TUE SEP 6



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LOCAL EVENTS

MEDFORD AND ASHLAND

Aug 3 Medford Library, 12:00 pm

Aug 10 Ashland Library, 12:00 pm



Melodrama in the Rogue Valley (Windows in Time)

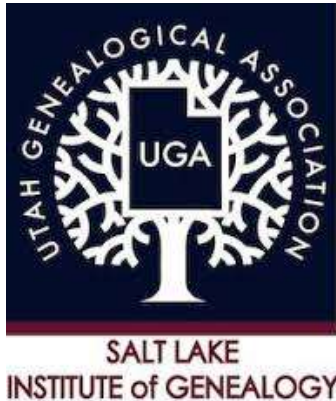
JCLS and the SOHS are proud to announce the August topic in the 2016 Windows in Time history series: “Melodrama in the Rogue Valley.” This noon lecture will be presented by Marsha Minshall Lovitt who portrays a classic style of folk theater in which sensational dramatic stories blended with exaggerated characters to stir audience emotions. The talk, presented by Marsha Minshall Lovitt—daughter of the original producers Al and Florence Minshall—will use photographs and commentary to profile

productions from 1970 to 1987 involving hundreds of performers acting in the Jacksonville and Talent locations. Lovitt authored the play “Virtue Vanquishes Villainy or Thwarted at the Talent Tracks” written in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the coming of the railroad to Southern Oregon.

UTAH

Jan 22-27, 2017

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)



SLIG offers a week-long, in-depth learning experience. SLIG 2017 is offering 14 intermediate to advanced-level courses taught by the field's top educators. SLIG opens with registration and a welcome reception on Sunday, January 22nd, and ends with a banquet on Friday evening, January 27th. Classes run Monday through Friday, with special events and research time at the nearby Family History Library (shuttles available) in the evenings. Registration opens **July 9, 2016**, 8:00 am PDT.

WASHINGTON

AUG 7-12

36th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy,
Seattle, WA



Six days of genealogy presentations on a wide variety of topics. Scroll down the program list at http://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2016/program_schedule/cfm. There are a variety of ways to register including full conference, daily, or live streaming if you cannot be there in person.

AUG 17-20
Northwest Genealogy Conference
Arlington, WA



The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society presents the

NORTHWEST GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

August 17 – 20, 2016

Over 50 Sessions—4 Days of Genealogy—Includes One Free Day!

Featured Keynote Speakers:

- Blaine Bettinger
- Lisa Louise Cooke
- Claudia Breland
- Beth Foulk

Space is limited | Register today at www.NwGC.org | nwgc@stillygen.org
360-435-4838 | PO Box 34, Arlington, WA 98223 | www.StillyGen.org
Made possible in part with funding from the City of Arlington and Snohomish County Hotel-Motel Tax Fund.



Join us at the 2016 Northwest Genealogy Conference! <http://www.nwgc.org>

August 17 – 20, 2016:

- FREE Day, for Beginning Genealogists: Wednesday, August 17, featuring Beth Foulk.
- Gathering your Family’s Story: Thursday, August 18, featuring Claudia Breland.
- Tools to Help Tell the Story: Friday, August 19, featuring Lisa Louise Cooke.
- DNA, How is it a part of your family’s story?: Saturday, August 20, featuring Blaine Bettinger.

15 speakers, over 50 sessions. Register now.

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: Toronto

OCT 21-23

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.

WEBINARS ONLINE

BCG and LEGACY FORM PARTNERSHIP



The Board for Certification of Genealogists and Legacy Family Tree Webinars are excited to announce a new partnership. Legacy, host of the webinar series at FamilyTreeWebinars.com, will now also serve as host, producer, and publisher for future BCG webinars. This arrangement will produce and promote high-quality education in genealogy standards and methodologies by one of the leading creators of genealogy webinars.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars is a leader in the field of webinar production and management. BCG is excited to bring this level of technical quality and experience to its webinar series, which offers educational opportunities on topics of certification, genealogy standards, and methodologies.

Held on the third Tuesday of the month when scheduled, BCG webinars are presented to educate and raise awareness of genealogy standards. Registration for live webinars will be available at <http://bcgcertification.org/blog/bcg-webinars> and at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com. Registration is free and is open to the public.

Recordings of BCG's live webinars are available at both <http://bcgcertification.org/blog/bcg-webinars> and at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com/bcg. Some are free for a limited time after the live event, while others are available with an annual or monthly membership to Legacy Family Tree Webinars.



“We are very excited about our new partnership with Legacy Family Tree Webinars, whose technical expertise in genealogy webinar production and management is second to none,” said BCG President

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom. “This collaboration allows BCG to focus on its mission of promoting attainable, uniform standards of competence and ethics among genealogical practitioners.”







Geoff Rasmussen, founder and host of the Legacy webinar series, said, “BCG and Legacy webinars is the perfect partnership—where high tech and high quality education meet. The entire genealogy industry will benefit.”

Legacy Family Tree Webinars (www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com) and Legacy Family Tree software (www.LegacyFamilyTree.com) are part of Millennia Corporation, founded in 1984 and headquartered in Surprise, Arizona.



Free webinars are everywhere and with the convenience and diversity of topics, these should be one of your go-to places for genealogy education. Where can you find free webinars? Start with FamilySearch's Learning Center <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html> then check out Legacy Family Tree Webinars <http://familytreewebinars.com/> (free on the day they broadcast and for 7 days after). Genealogy societies, including Southern California Genealogical Society <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>, Illinois State Genealogical Society <http://www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=227>, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society <http://wsgs.org/>, and Utah Genealogical Association <http://ugagenealogy.com/>. All offer webinars that are free on the day of broadcast to non-members. Don't forget to consult the webinar calendar GeneaWebinars <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/> for additional webinar opportunities.

For August, Legacy Family Tree Webinars are shown below:

August 2016 (6)

<p>Getting Started with Microsoft PowerPoint</p> <p>by Thomas MacEntee Wednesday, Aug 03, 2016</p> <p>Register (Free)</p> 	<p>The Battle for Bounty Land - War of 1812 and...</p> <p>by Beth Fouk Wednesday, Aug 10, 2016</p> <p>Register (Free)</p> 	<p>Homestead Act of 1862 - Following the Witnesses</p> <p>by Bernice Bennett Friday, Aug 12, 2016</p> <p>Register (Free)</p> 
<p>Successfully Applying to a Lineage Society</p> <p>by Amy Johnson Crow Wednesday, Aug 17, 2016</p> <p>Register (Free)</p> 	<p>Using Findmypast to Unlock Your Irish Ancestry</p> <p>by Brian Donovan Wednesday, Aug 24, 2016</p> <p>Register (Free)</p> 	<p>Finding French Ancestors</p> <p>by Luana Darby Friday, Aug 26, 2016</p> <p>Register (Free)</p> 

And here are August webinars from Southern California Genealogical Society:

Date	Start time is always Pacific Time
Saturday, August 6	10:00 AM - Pacific, 11:00 AM - Mountain, 12:00 PM - Central, 1:00 PM - Eastern
Five Reasons the Records Aren't in the Courthouse by George G. Morgan	
	U.S. courthouse records have been damaged, destroyed, moved, or stored over the centuries. Prepare yourself in advance for on-site and online research by consulting authoritative sources. Learn why records may not be available in the courthouse, what may have happened to them, and where they (or replacements or substitutes) may exist today.
George G. Morgan is president of Aha! Seminars, Inc., and an internationally recognized genealogy expert who presents in the U.S., Canada, England, on cruise ships, and webinars. He is the prolific author of hundreds of articles for magazines, journals, newsletters, in genealogical publications, and at online sites internationally. His twelfth book, the fourth edition <i>How to Do Everything: Genealogy</i> , was released in January 2015. He is co-host of <i>The Genealogy Guys</i> SM Podcast, the longest running genealogical podcast with thousands of listeners worldwide.	
Date	Start time is always Pacific Time
Wednesday, August 17	6:00 PM - Pacific, 7:00 PM - Mountain, 8:00 PM - Central, 9:00 PM - Eastern
What's in a Name? Every Surname Tells a Story by Teresa "Tessa" Keough	
	Surnames tell a fascinating story about our ancestors' past. From origin to meaning, migration to frequency, come learn how to find and include that story in your own family history.
Tessa Keough is a genealogist in transition (not her day job). She works on her own family history and special projects. These include a one-place study in Newfoundland, a one-name study of the Keough surname, a Google+ community (Legacy Virtual Users' Group), and a YouTube channel (TessaWatch). Tessa blogs at The Keough Corner and Scandia Musings. She contributes to <i>Worldwide Genealogy</i> and the May I Introduce To You feature at <i>Geneabloggers</i> .	

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. Here is a brief summary of what you have to look forward to:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR THE BANQUET AND SEMINAR ENDS ON AUGUST 10.

REGISTRATION IS LIVE FOR EVENTS TO BE HELD SEP 19TH – 24TH

Monday, Sept. 19th at 1:30 PM [Opening Day Ceremony](#). We will have a guest speaker, an RVGS presentation, Anniversary Quilt Presentation, door prizes, and refreshments. The door prizes include an orchid by Paradise in Bloom. *Note: This ceremony is the September meeting of RVGS; open to the public.*

Tuesday, Sept. 20th-Saturday, Sept 24th. [Genealogy Week](#). *Open to the public.* Classes will be offered all week with the library open to the public free of charge. Door prizes will be awarded, including pedigree charts, genealogy software and other aids for genealogists.

Friday, Sept. 23rd [Wine and Cheese Reception](#). 3pm-5pm. *For RVGS volunteers.* Enjoy a social time with wine, cheese, and door prizes. The door prizes include a cheesecake from Molly's Famous Cheesecakes.

Saturday, Sept. 24th [Ice Cream Social](#). 3pm-5pm. *For RVGS members.* Enjoy free sundaes, cones, floats, and door prizes! Winners of the Writing Contest and Photo Contest will be announced at the social. The door prizes include a wall hanging, "FAMILY."

BIG RAFFLE IN PROGRESS



The 50th Year Heritage Celebration committee has assembled wonderful items to be raffled off on Sept. 27th, the last day of festivities. There will be four collections of items each valued at

between \$400 and \$790. Raffle tickets can be purchased at JCGL, \$1/ticket or 6 tickets for \$5; 12 for \$10, or 24 for \$20 **OR** you can print and mail raffle tickets to us. The raffle is NOT limited to RVGS members. To learn more follow the link: [PARTICIPATE IN OUR GIGANTIC RAFFLE](#). To print more raffle tickets to mail in, click the following link, [raffle tickets](#).

REGISTRATION FOR THE BANQUET AND SEMINAR CLOSING ON SEPTEMBER 10; EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSING ON AUGUST 10.

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 four seminar lectures:

MORNING: "Don't Forget the Ladies -- A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law," and "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," and "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.

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE

3rd Quarter Spotlight on Excellence

This 3rd Quarter SPOTLIGHT OF EXCELLENCE honors two Oregon Natives, which is especially timely during our "Our 50th Year Heritage" Celebration. Both ladies have been involved in so many projects and offices in our library we won't put them in any specific category. Just a spot of honor!

CHARLEEN BROWN



A teacher, a genealogist, a wife, mother and grandmother, and loyal RVGS Member, Charleen Brown was a unanimous selection to represent both the Librarian and Project Spotlight of Excellence for the 3rd quarter of 2016.

She began as a librarian and she has always said, "As a teacher I knew that if you wanted to learn something, teach it!" In 1997 she was elected Secretary of RVGS and in 1998 Vice President. She later became acting President when the current leader went on an extended overseas research trip and eventually opted out of the office. Charleen stepped up to the plate and was elected in January 2000.

Charleen contributed to the success of many projects and her legacy of 13 years in office resulted in far more projects than there is room to name. She learned what was needed to further the success of this non-profit organization. By-laws, a mission statement, and recruitment of members had been undertaken by many previous leaders. Charleen built on this foundation further by developing an Organizational Manual (referred to as our “RVGS bible”) with policies, financial formats, job descriptions and adding board positions to distribute the workload. She independently indexed the 1930 Jackson County Census. In 2006, Charleen published *The First 40 Years*, a history with pictures of RVGS through the years. She saw the membership through two library moves.

A significant community effort is her chairmanship of the Jackson County Heritage Association that includes 15 historical non-profit organizations in our county. This includes lobbying for county funding and support of petition drives and the current effort. We are hopeful that our community will support a Heritage District ballot in November to keep our past history available to Jackson County residents and visitors.

Through public feedback, we know that RVGS is viewed favorably throughout Jackson County, often being cited as an example of how an all-volunteer organization could and should operate.

On a personal level Charleen is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Born Charleen Ferguson, she is the descendent of Oregon pioneers and grew up in Butte Falls. Husband, Warren, did not escape projects during her many years of involvement and RVGS is grateful to him also. What better member could represent us during our 50th Year Heritage Celebration!!!

COLISTA BAILEY



Colista shares the spotlight this 3rd Quarter for her willingness to meet any challenge. Her experience in banking helped RVGS convert to newer bookkeeping practices. She was our Board Treasurer for many years and continued two more years after the passing of Connie Miller who was in training for that position. Colista got the society started with a bookkeeping service to insure transparency and the challenges concerned with significant growth. She writes:

“I was born and grew up in the Little Applegate area, attending the local one-room grade school. I graduated from Jacksonville High School when the upstairs was the high school and the lower floor was the grade school. After graduation, Glenn and I were married and I was employed by The First National Bank, when Main Street was a two-way street. I worked about two years and “retired” when the first of our two children was born. After about 9 years, I returned to work at this time at the U.S. Bank.”

“After 30 years in banking, I retired for good to have time to do some of the things that I enjoyed. My husband Glenn and I joined the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society in 1996, when

the Society was located on South Central Avenue. Conflicting family history stories piqued our curiosity, so we went to the Library for help. We found what we needed and became addicted to genealogy. Volunteering at the Library has been one of my most enjoyable experiences.”

THANK YOU COLISTA

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

KATHY EDWARDS

Kathy Edwards was a much-loved librarian at JCGL and was a recent recipient of the Spotlight of Excellence. She passed on July 2, 2016. She will be missed by all. On behalf of the Kathy Edwards family, donations may be made to RVGS for our Memorial Fund. These funds will be used to enable librarians who may need a little financial help attend conferences and make research trips. The RVGS Board makes these decisions and they remain confidential. If you would like to make a donation per the family's request, send a check to Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR 97501 or use the DONATE button on the website. In either case, please make a notation that the donation is in memory of Kathy Edwards.

ANNE BILLETER

Our head librarian and the person whose support is essential to our library and society recently lost her home. Anne's house and possessions were destroyed due to an electrical fire. When you see Anne, please wish her well and help her out if you can.

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING RVGS MEMBERS (July)

Tracy	Baird
Anna	Bellegia
Debra	Burchard
Linda	Cade
George	Cook
Glenda	Garratt
Cindi	Hobson
Debra	Hopkins
Nancy	Ledgerwood
Laura	Mahan
Jackson	Mayes
Susan	Nunes
Joyce	Seely
Amy	Spieler
Judith	Vaughn
Linda	Vick
Matthew	White

OLLI OPEN HOUSE



Rogue Valley Genealogical Society participated in the OLLI Open House in Ashland July 27th with many community partners and other OLLI Class Presenters. Marilyn Ayres, Education Director and Andrea Patterson, Society President, and Al Ayres, RVGS member answered questions from the many attendees. A very successful event. RVGS will offer a series of four classes on genealogy beginning October 14, 2016. If interested, sign up at the OLLI website

<http://www.sou.edu/olli/courses/sign-up.html>.

RVGS FINANCIAL NEWS



ONLY \$2,000 TO GO!!

Thanks to YOUR generous donations, our mortgage has **been reduced to just a little over \$2,000** from the original \$325,000! Be a part of the Jackson County Genealogy Library LEGACY! Donate NOW and we'll be able to "burn our mortgage" for the 50th Anniversary Celebration!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2016 MORTGAGE DONORS THUS FAR!

Leave a Legacy

Katherine Alsing, Glen Anderson, Marti Arnold, Al & Marilyn Ayres, Audrey Berry, Anne Billeter, Donald & Leona Blankenship, Diane Brenner, Jennifer Bryan, Alan Buchta, Sandee Bush, Charles & Edith Carlson, Warren & Charleen Brown, William & Mary Carlson, Robert Casebeer, Carolyn Craig, Carita Culmer, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, Sarah Forbes, Elaine Goodner, Cheryl Haas, Sharon Hawley-Crum, Alice Herzberg, Linda Hildreth, Horton Family Foundation, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Celeste Guillory, Michele Johnson, Jackson & Caroline Jones, Linda Kestner, Sheila Kimball, Steve Kiou, Lynn Leissler, Barbara & Dick MacMillen, Alan Marion, Bruce McGarvey, Rich Miles, Morrow Heights Retirement, Ron Nauman, Dennis Patterson, Wanda Perdue, Sallie Riehl, David Rodkey, Karen Scott, Carl Shauger, Barbara Shrewsberry, Lynn & Doris Sjolund, Chloe Sternola, Liz Steward, John & Janie Stewart, Nancy Swan, Erlene Thompson, April Thomas, Dale Trautman, Linda Turner, Ruth Wade, Robert Whitson, James Williams, Leona Wobbe, Phyllis Zerr

5/60 Club

Christy Austermann, Al & Carolyn Beron, Anne Billeter, Vicki Bryden, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, Terry Fischer, Gene & Char Henry, Sheila Kimball, Bruce McGarvey, Barbara Shrewsberry, April Thomas, Diane Tibbitts, Sue Waldron

Annual Fund Drive: This year, our Annual Fund goal is **\$15,000**. **To date we have brought in over \$8,000!** 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 and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in two ways, as follows:

- 1) Go to www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html to make a donation online or click on the Donate Now link on our Facebook page.
- 2) You can drop off a donation at the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford.
- 3) Mail your donation to our library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501.

All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you take Required Minimum Distributions, you can donate all or any part of the distribution directly; send your request to the administrator of your fund. In addition, if you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive a tax credit for the ENTIRE amount of your donation (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 TO ALL OUR 2016 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE DONORS THUS FAR!

Vernon & Marti Arnold, Al and Marilyn Ayres, Colista Bailey, Roberta Becker, Robb Beckett, Arthur Bigelow, Anne Billeter, Stephen Bosbach, RE & Donna Brewer, Patricia Brewer, Glen Briggs, Warren & Charleen Brown, Bill & Marion Collins, Sheila Couey, Carolyn Craig, Julie Dregson, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Sharon Freeburne, Marie Fulbright, Rich Miles, Ginger Montes, Janet Gleaves, Janet Gregory, Dorothea Hatch, Gene & Charlotte Henry, Monty & Carol Holst, Horton Family Foundation, Thomas Hunt, Barbara Jarvis, Jackson & Caroline Jones, Florence Kemp, Sheila Kimball, Mary Lynn Lucas, Barbara & Dick MacMillen, James Maize Jr., Barbara Middaugh, Sharon Newman, Dennis Patterson, Jack & Andrea Patterson, Charlotte Redfield, Shirley Rhodes, Richard Ritchie, Roger & Nancy Roberts, David Rodkey, Deanna Russell, Anita Seulean, Barbara Shrewsbury, Vanya Sloan, J. Stevens, John & Janie Stewart, Kim Thurman, Linda Turner, Ron & Jackie Wagner, William Walker, Muriel Williams

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



REWARDS CARDS MUST BE "RENEWED" EACH YEAR. EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY LINKED YOUR CARD, YOU MUST RENEW THAT LINK FOR 2016.

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to (non-profit) at

www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number (#91873).

- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Rogue Valley Genealogical Society earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.



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

Amazon.com deposits charitable contributions directly to the RVGS checking account each month. Those contributions result from members going to [Jackson County Genealogy Library](#) or to [Rogue Valley Genealogical Society](#), locating the Amazon ad on the homepage then clicking through to Amazon before placing an order. **So far this year we have received \$160.20 as a result of our affiliation with Amazon.**

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

<http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/homepage.html?orig=%2Fgp%2Fbrowse.html%3Fnode%3D502659011&ein=93-0684590>.

Once you have linked your account to *Amazon Smile*, you can choose to shop through that program each time you shop at Amazon.

JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY & INTERNET NEWS

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY COLLECTION (July 2016)

GENEALOGY HOW TO

929.1 Hel
Helm, Matthew L.
Family Tree Maker for Dummies

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

929.2 Lindsay
Lindsay, Margaret Isabella
Lindsays of America: A Genealogical narrative and family record

UNITED STATES

973 H388 Tak
Takaki, Ronald
Strangers from a different shore: A History of Asian Americans

MAINE

974.172 H388 But
Butler, Francis Gould
History of Farmington, Franklin County, Maine

MISSOURI

977.8 D218 Dea
Death Records of Missouri Men from Newspapers, 1808-1854

977.8 D218 Dea
Death Records of Pioneer Missouri Women, 1808-1849

977.8 D218 Dea
Death Records from Missouri: The Civil War Years, January 1861-December 1865

977.842 C242 Cem v. 1
Cemetery records of Cass County, Missouri, volume 1: Austin, Clear Fork, Garden City, Sharon

977.843 H388 My
My Kind of town: the chamber of commerce Welcomes You to Historic Butler, Mo., founded 1856, County seat of Bates County

977.846 C242 Cem v.1
Cemetery Records of Henry County, Missouri: Laurel Hill Cemetery, Windsor, Mo.

977.846 C242 Cem v. 2
Cemetery Records of Henry County, Missouri, volume 2: Calhoun Cemetery

977.847 M177 Ell 1851-1866
Ellsberry, Elizabeth Prather
Marriage Records of Saline County, Missouri, 1851-1866 volume II

977.847 M177 Ell 1866-1874
Ellsberry, Elizabeth Prather
Marriage Records of Saline County, Missouri, 1866-1874, Book "C"

977.847 M177 Ell 1874-1881
Ellsberry, Elizabeth Prather
Marriage Records of Saline County, Missouri, 1874-1881, volume IV, Book D

KANSAS

978.186 D372 Sed
Sedgwick County [Kansas] Directory 1903/4

OREGON

979.52 H388 Pap
Papers relating to the death of Mary Wagoner, allegedly killed by Indians in the Rogue River Valley, Oregon Territory, in 1856

979.527 L142 Jac [***See below for more about this 6 volume set about Jackson County**]
Jackson County Cultural and Historical Resource Survey
Volumes 1-6

WASHINGTON

979.772 H388 Che
Chechacos All: the pioneering of Skagit [County]

Circ 979.772 H388 Pit
Pitzer, Paul C.
Building the Skagit: A Century of Upper Skagit Valley History, 1870-1970

979.772 H388 Ska M
Skagit Memories: Stories of the settlement years as written by the pioneers themselves

979.772 H388 Ska S
Skagit Settlers: Trials and Triumphs, 1890-1920

979.773 H388 Koe
Koert, Dorothy
Looking back [Whatcom County, Washington]

THE JACKSON COUNTY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY

The survey was completed in June, 1991, by the Jackson County Department of Planning and Development. It was planned and undertaken to fulfill the intent of Statewide Planning Goal Five and resulted in a survey of unincorporated lands in Jackson County. The resulting 6 volumes provide a wealth of historical information about the identified buildings, structures, sites and objects. Volume 1 contains the introduction, historical overview, identification, and evaluation, and 6 indexes to the forms contained in volumes 2-6. The multi-page forms include a photograph, legal location description, physical description, and historical information, when available. Most also include a topographical map pinpointing the location and a detailed drawing of the location. Architecturally important features are noted.

Whether your interest is in the history, the architecture, a pioneer, or a location, *The Jackson County Cultural and Historical Resource Survey* has a wealth of information. The Personal Name Index in volume 1 is the recent achievement of Jackson County Genealogy Library volunteers.

MAGAZINES RECEIVED

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack
[Partial contents listed]

The Genealogist (American Society of Genealogists), v 30, #1, Spring 2016.
(929.05 Gen)

- * "The Confederate Coyles of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley"
- * "The Rue Family of Bucks County Pennsylvania"
- * "The Ancestry of Mark Ging Pearse: Cornish author, Methodist Preacher, and Activist"

The NEHG Register, v 170, #678, Spring 2016.
(Circ 974 G242 NEHGS)

- * articles focusing on authoritative genealogies including many family names

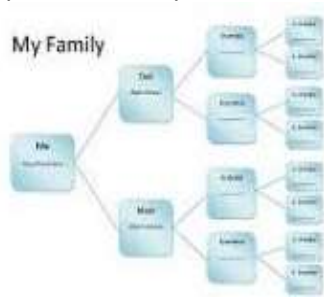
Oregon Historical Quarterly, v 117, #2, Special issue: Regulating Birth.
(Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ)

- * "Birth Activism. Law, and the Organization of Independent Midwifery in Oregon"
- * "Lewd, Obscene, and Indecent" The 1916 Portland Edition of Margaret Sanger's 'Family Limitation' on contraception was declared obscene.
- * "Federal Indian Policy, Klamath Women, and Children"

INTERNET RESOURCES

FAMILY SEARCH

FAMILYSEARCH wants to turn upside down the usual order in which people engage in family history, said Steve Rockwood in his keynote address at the 2016 BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy. Steve is president and chief executive officer (CEO) of FamilySearch International. He is the managing director of the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which sponsors FamilySearch.



Steve said in the past we presented people with a chart or a computer to start them in family history. Those that were willing to stay with it long enough eventually experienced the positive emotions associated with family history. In the Church today, that amounts to 2% of the members.

“We want everyone to feel those emotions [they experience] through the act of doing family history,” Steve said. “We believe that this is primarily an emotional movement.” He said doing family history brings feelings of love, joy, peace and other strong positive emotions.

“We are concentrating on how everyone can experience and feel those emotions.” By giving them immediate, emotional experiences, FamilySearch hopes they then engage in family history. FamilySearch decided to concentrate on stories. “We are serious” [about this change]. Steve said. “We changed our logo, our entire branding.” The FamilySearch logo now looks like a set of picture frames.



FamilySearch starts people with photos, audio recordings, anything that anyone can participate in. That makes it an exciting world of change. “Now, more and more people are getting involved in this thing called family history.” For example, FamilySearch has seen a 47% increase in young people involved in family history.

DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA

Founded	2013
Type	Project
Location	Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Fields	Library
Key people	Daniel Cohen, Executive Director Emily Gore, Director for Content
Website	www.dp.la

Here’s a relatively new resource that you may not be familiar with. The [Digital Public Library of America](http://www.dp.la) is intended to be a free public library that anyone can help annotate, curate, or contribute to. Its focus is on a broad national partnership of all library lovers, its collaborative spaces and their wiki nature.

You will find content there from many public and university libraries. View a snippet, then click through to the full file on the parent website.



The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and FamilySearch have signed an agreement to allow

FamilySearch's book collection to be discoverable via the DPLA's website. The DPLA is like a library catalog of freely viewable online documents, books, photographs, maps, and so forth from many libraries, archives, and museums across America. They call themselves a portal rather than a catalog because they have a rich search experience that includes timeline, map, format, partner, and subject. Other partners include the **New York Public Library**, the **National Archives**, and the **University of Southern California Libraries**. Read **the full announcement** on the DPLA blog.

To learn more about DPLA watch a free webinar sponsored by NEHGS that provides a more complete description of this resource and explains how best to make use of it. Follow this link to learn more from the webinar, <https://dp.la/info/get-involved/workshops/>.

ANCESTRY ACADEMY NEW SHORT COURSE VIDEOS

Ancestry Academy has added new short videos FREE for all users. These videos can also be watched on mobile devices, download the app from the App Store or Google Play. Topics include census records, WWII "old man's draft," pre-1950, 1950, 1980, 1940, 1890!, and vital records: death, births. If you haven't tried Ancestry Academy videos, try these out. They are well produced, clear, and direct. To learn more go to: https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/short_hosted_videos

MYHERITAGE INTRODUCES NEW SUPERSEARCH ALERTS

MyHeritage has just launched a new feature — SuperSearch™ Alerts — that repeats previous searches that MyHeritage users have made in SuperSearch and seeks new results that did not exist at the time of the original search.

When MyHeritage finds new results for those previous searches, the company will send you an email message with links to view the records, and if you'd like, you can save it to your family tree, extract information to the relevant people in your family tree, or add new individuals to your tree.



SuperSearch Alerts works automatically in the background ensuring that you won't miss new records that have been added to MyHeritage's collections that are relevant to your past searches. As stated in the MyHeritage Blog:

From now on, we will automatically repeat old searches you've made on SuperSearch, in the background, every two months. We detect relevant results that were not available previously. We then send you an email about the new results found, with links to view the records. As with any record on SuperSearch, once you view it, if you consider it relevant, you can easily save it to your family tree (creating a citation pointing to the record) and extract information to the *relevant people in your family tree, or add new individuals to your tree.*

SuperSearch Alerts cover every search you've made (when you were logged in to MyHeritage) since SuperSearch was launched in 2012, satisfying every condition you've specified in every search (such as birth years, death years, relatives, places, etc). Searches for extremely common names or searches that yield too many results are automatically excluded from SuperSearch Alerts, because when there are too many results, chances are that the new results are not relevant, and we don't want to waste your time. SuperSearch Alerts is rolling out gradually, starting with the first group of 10 million MyHeritage users. If you do not receive any email notices just yet, just wait a while. It will take several days to add the functionality to all of MyHeritage's 80 million+ registered users.

Details may be found in the MyHeritage Blog post at <http://blog.myheritage.com/2016/07/new-supersearch-alerts/>. ...Our thanks to Dick Eastman for reporting this update at MyHeritage.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE THAT IMAGE BIGGER ON YOUR MONITOR?

Here's a quick and easy tip to help you enlarge or reduce the size of images on your computer monitor. Hold down the windows key,



Then press **+** to enlarge or **-** to reduce image size. This action brings up the magnifier which will remain on the screen as long as you desire.