

ENEWS SEPTEMBER 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 RESERVATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 10 FOR THE BANQUET AND SEMINAR AS PART OF THE 50TH HERITAGE CELEBRATION EVENTS – or GET LEFT OUT.

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL 50th HERITAGE CELEBRATION ITEMS IN RED AND BOLD.

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

The September, 2016 issue of our quarterly genealogical periodical is now available online at <http://www.rvgsociety.org/RD/RD2016-09.pdf>, or go to the Publications link on 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

MON SEP 5



Library Closed in Observance of Labor Day

TUE SEP 6



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 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at:

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

MON SEP 12



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.

TUE SEP 13



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.

WED SEP 14

Family Tree Maker User Group for MAC users, 10-11:30 am

Barbara MacMillen facilitates this informal group discussing FTM, genealogy, and Mac computers. 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 SEP 19

50TH YEAR HERITAGE CELEBRATION OPENING CEREMONY, 1:30-3:00pm

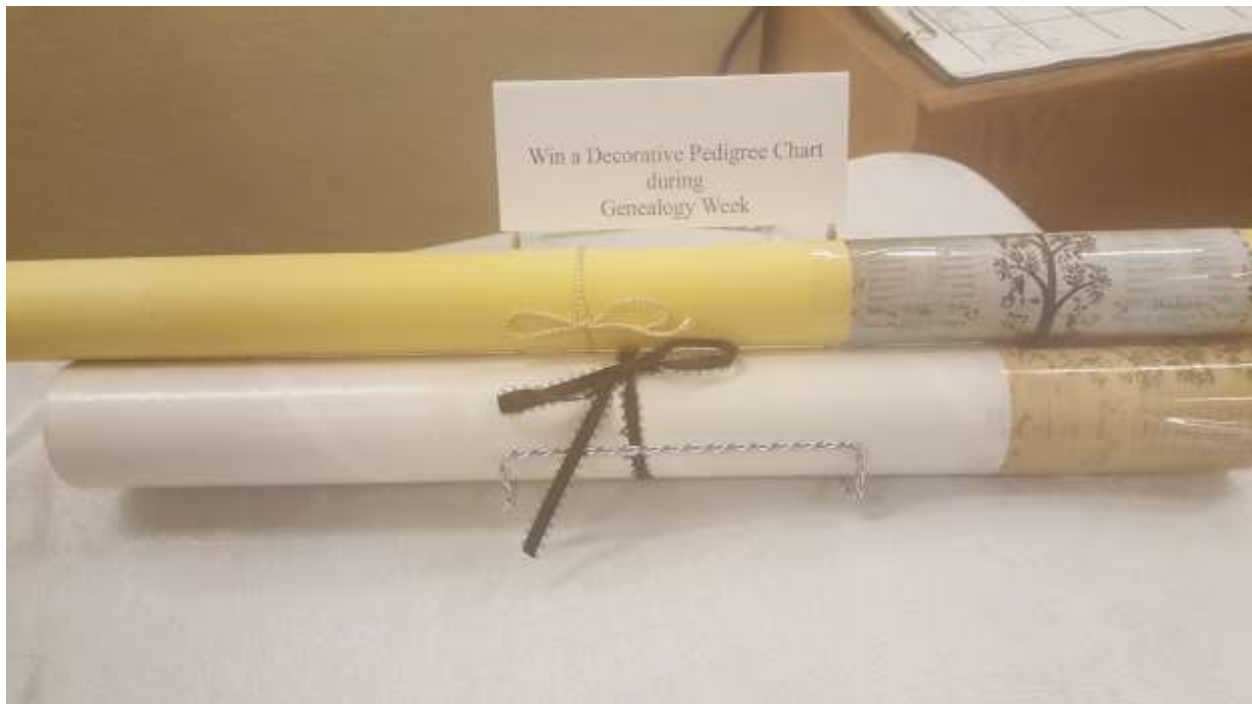


- Welcome and 50th Year Proclamation: Andrea Patterson
- Introduction of Guest Speaker: Anne Billeter
- Guest Speaker: Larry Horton
- PowerPoint: History of RVGS: Andrea Patterson & Charleen Brown
- Presentation of Anniversary Quilt
 - History of Quilts at RVGS: Nell Mathern

- Design of the Anniversary Quilt: Sue Waldron
- Construction of the Anniversary Quilt: Cheryl Luschen
- Ceremony: Retirement of Mortgage on Library: Rich Miles
- Door Prizes (orchid), Refreshments

Sign up in person at JCGL, by telephone (541)512-2340 or by email Reception.JCGL@gmail.com.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GENEALOGY WEEK, SEP 20 – SEP 24



*All classes marked with the **GW** symbol are part of Genealogy Week and are free to members and non-members alike. This year Genealogy Week is part of our **50TH YEAR HERITAGE CELEBRATION** and door prizes will be awarded to attendees. Library use is free during Genealogy Week. You must register for each class. Sign up in person at JCGL, by telephone (541)512-2340 or by email Reception.JCGL@gmail.com.*

TUE SEP 20

GW **How to Start Your Genealogy Project, 10:30am-12:00pm.** Charleen Brown will cover the basics of ancestor charts, trees, what to do before getting started with your research.

GW **Ancestry.com, 1:30 -3:00pm.** Chuck Carlson will show you how to use this subscription website as you search for your ancestors, including a starting checklist, developing and reviewing leads, building your tree, communications and privacy... with time for Q and A.

GW Our Genealogy Library, 7:00-8:30pm. Anne Billeter will show you what's where, how to find what you want, hidden treasures, and a quick overview of our subscription websites. Repeated on Thu at 1:30.

WED SEP 21

GW What Is in a Census?, 10:30am-12:00pm. Barbara MacMillen will show you what information can be found in the U. S. Federal Censuses as well as an introduction to other available censuses and where to find them.

GW DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), 1:30-3:00pm. Pam Olsen will present information on how to use DAR records to build your family tree with time to answer your questions about DAR membership.

THU SEP 22

GW How to Organize your Genealogy Research, 10:30am-12:00pm. Barbara Northrop will discuss paper organization. This class will emphasize basic ideas that will give you the ability to choose a system to keep organized.

GW Our Genealogy Library, 1:30-3:00pm. Anne Billeter will show you what's where, how to find what you want, hidden treasures, and a quick overview of our subscription websites. Same as the class at 7pm Tue evening.

FRI SEP 23

GW Newspapers and Periodical Research, 10:30am -12:00pm. Dorothy Cotton will discuss websites devoted to newspapers such as Newspapers.com, and where you may find books, journals, and articles on your ancestors.

GW "How to" Q and A Hour, 1:30-2:30. Volunteers will be available to answer questions that are related to doing genealogy research, i.e. where to look, how to search for different types of records.

50TH YEAR HERITAGE CELEBRATION WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION TO HONOR RVGS VOLUNTEERS, 3-5:00pm



Members and sponsors are also invited. Wines from Chateau Herbe (donated by Stanley and Maurine Mazor) as well as non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Drawings for door prizes including Molly's Famous Cheese Cake will be held at 4pm and 5pm. Sign up at JCGL, by telephone (541)512-2340 or by email Reception.JCGL@gmail.com.

SAT SEP 24

GW Visiting State Archives, Historical and Genealogical Societies and Courthouses, 10:30am-12:00pm. Marilyn Ayres will share how to prepare in advance for your visit, who to contact and when, and what you may find.

GW Cultural Naming Patterns & Nicknames, 1:30 -2:30pm. Clues in your ancestors' names could help you identify earlier generations. Learn how from RVGS President Andrea Patterson. Discussed will be cultural traditions, name changes, nicknames, biblical and place names.

50TH YEAR HERITAGE CELEBRATION EVENT: ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR RVGS MEMBERS, 3-5pm



Sponsors are also invited. We will have your favorite flavor of ice cream: Vanilla, Chocolate and Strawberry AND We will put the ice cream on a cone OR in a bowl for a sundae. **ALL FOR FREE.** Winners of the Writing Contest and of the Photo Contest will be announced. Door prizes, including a metal wall hanging, "Family" will be given away. Sign up at JCGL, by telephone (541)512-2340 or by email Reception.JCGL@gmail.com.

MON SEP 26



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MON SEP 26

50TH YEAR HERITAGE CELEBRATION EVENT: BANQUET AT INN AT THE COMMONS, 6-9pm

- Social Hour, 6-7pm. No-host beer & wine bar service.
- Banquet with Guest Speaker Judy Russell, THE LEGAL GENEALOGIST. The dinner is at 7 PM. Her 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. Prepare for a fun evening.
- **Please note:** All registrations for the Banquet must be received or postmarked by Sept 10, 2016. Register in person at JCGL or mail in the registration form, [Banquet Registration](#).

TUE SEP 27

50TH YEAR HERITAGE CELEBRATION EVENT: SEMINAR AT INN AT THE COMMONS, 8:30-4:00pm

- Sign in and pick up syllabus, 8:30-9:15am

- Seminar with Judy Russell, THE LEGAL GENEALOGIST, begins at 9:15 am
 - "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
 - "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
- **Please note:** All registrations for the Seminar must be received or postmarked by Sept 10, 2016. Register in person at JCGL or mail in the registration form, [Seminar Registration](#).

THU OCT 13, 7:00-8:30pm



Join Southern Oregon Historical Society and Rogue Valley Genealogical Society for a community discussion about the role of historical societies and heritage groups in connecting people with their communities and family histories. This event is part of This Place, a series of conversations presented by Oregon Humanities

taking place across the state this fall. Click [here](#) to learn more about this event.

LOCAL EVENTS

MEDFORD AND ASHLAND

Sep 7 Medford Library, 12:00 pm

Sep 14 Ashland Library, 12:00 pm

“History by Design: The Legacy of Architect Frank C. Clark.”

OREGON

GRANTS PASS: Grants Pass Genealogical Society

Sep 10th



FREE Genealogy Workshop for Beginners, 1-4 PM

Family History Center; 1969 Williams. Hwy

Grants Pass

(Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

ROSEBURG: Genealogical Society of Douglas County

Sep 15th

September Business Meeting and Program

Judy Hoppe, local genealogist and family history writer, will be the guest speaker for the September Genealogical Society of Douglas County meeting. This two hour event will be in the



Douglas County Courthouse, Thursday, September 15th, at 1:00pm, room 310. Please bring paper, clipboard and a pencil or pen. Judy will speak on "Writing Your Own History and Memoirs". The first hour will focus on how to go about writing one's memoirs, how to get started, what to look for, and where to find information. Judy focuses on a storytelling approach to portraying one's life story.

The second hour will focus on actually writing a story. She will ask the audience to concentrate on a life event, such as a favorite car, first date, school happenings, the birth of your first child, or anything memorable. One hundred years from now a gt gt grandchild will be mesmerized by life events through your storytelling. Weaving these stories into places one has lived, occupation, etc., will create a collection that will give our down line a real picture of their great great grandparent.

KLAMATH FALLS: Klamath Basin Genealogical Society

Sep 17th

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR



Speaker: Pam Vestal

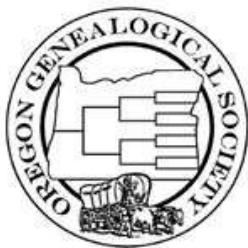
- Finding Your Eastern European Ancestors: If I Can Do It, So Can You!
- Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret
- Genealogical Pits I Have Fallen Into and How to Avoid Them

Click this link, [September Seminar](#), for more information about this event.

EUGENE: OREGON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Oct 22nd

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR



Speaker: Pam Vestal

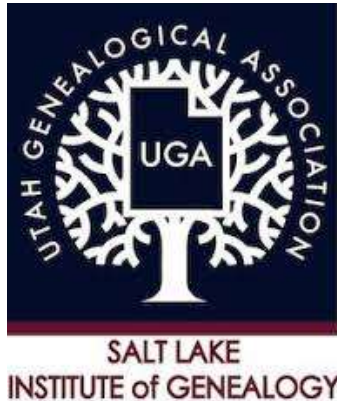
- Finding Your Eastern European Ancestors: If I Can Do It, So Can You!
- Beyond Names & Dates: Filling in the Stories of Our Female Ancestors
- Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret
- Genealogical Pits I Have Fallen Into and How to Avoid Them

Click this link, [October Seminar](#), for more information about this event.

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.

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>.

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

SEP 16-17

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

ADMINISTRATION



Join us online for two days packed with instruction on using the Library of Congress and the National Archives and Records Administration for your online research. Not

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everything is online but it will take you a long time to exhaust all the possibilities. Handouts will be included for each class offered.

Register at <https://familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/132/#eg>

WASHINGTON STATE: TACOMA

SEP 23-24

**Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center - 1500 Broadway, Tacoma, WA
98402**



Join Ancestry, Washington State Archives, Washington State Library, Legacy Washington and the Washington State Historical Society as they present Ancestry Day in Washington State, Sept 23-24, 2016. Both novice and experienced genealogists are welcome at this event. Registration for the Ancestry Day on Saturday, Sept 24 is \$35.00 and includes admission to all Saturday classes presented by Ancestry. Lunch tickets can be purchased for an additional \$15.00, which includes a box lunch and the lunch speaker. Special presentations will be offered by the Washington State Historical Society and the Washington State History Museum on Friday, Sept. 23, for \$15.00. These are limited to the first 225 participants that register for Saturday. Pre-registration is encouraged and available online thru 5:00 pm, September 17, 2016. If you miss the pre-registration deadline, you can purchase a ticket at the door for Saturday's event ONLY. For TICKETS and more info: <https://goo.gl/aIDbw8>

CANADA: Toronto

OCT 21-23

Great Canadian Genealogy Summit



The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit ([CANGEN](http://www.cangensummit.ca)) 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.

OTHER RESOURCES USEFUL TO GENEALOGISTS

FIVE GENEALOGY BLOGS YOU NEED TO FOLLOW

This article is from the LifePosts Website, <https://explore.lifeposts.com/blogs-about-genealogy/> and was written by Jana Melpolder.



These 5 genealogy blogs are packed with terrific tips and resources to kick off your research - or to take it to a whole new level

Scratching the surface of your genealogy lines may be daunting and overwhelming at first. Luckily there are several genealogy blogs packed with advice, resources, and insight. We've searched high and low for the best of the best genealogy bloggers out there that you should keep an eye on. Check out our top five list below!

Looking to get started documenting your family history? LifePosts offers interactive, collaborative storytelling features where you can preserve your research . [PRESERVE MY FAMILY HISTORY – FREE!](#)

1. Randy Seaver – Genea-Musings

Weekly highlights, news updates about genealogy databases, events, and even travel photos are all found on [Genea-Musings](#), an exciting genealogy blog created by Randy Seaver. His regular and well-researched posts not only dive deep into what's happening online, he also covers events that he himself has attended so you won't miss a thing. Seaver teaches computer genealogy classes, so he may even be able to give you a helping hand in your own search. In addition, his entertaining highlights such as "Wordless Wednesday", "Treasure Chest Thursday", and "Saturday Night Genealogy Fun" are something you won't want to miss.

2. [Judy G. Russell – The Legal Genealogist](#)

Hoping to get through all the regulations or red tape of a difficult genealogy search? [The Legal Genealogist](#), written by Judy G. Russell JD, may be able to help you. She discusses notaries, which records are newly available for research, the issue of plagiarism, and more. Russell even offers an "Ask TLG" section on her website to assist both new and experienced genealogists.

3. Thomas MacEntee – GeneaBloggers

If you're looking to engage with a plethora of other genealogists, then be sure to look at [GeneaBloggers](#), which is filled with seminars, events, and resources put together by Thomas MacEntee. His genealogy blog was ranked one of Family Tree magazine's 101 Best Websites back in 2015, and this year it was one of the Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Sites from GIT.

4. Lorine McGinnis Schulze – Olive Tree Genealogy

Make no mistake – Lorine McGinnis Schulze is a busy writer to say the least. You can find her on [Olive Tree Genealogy](#), [Ancestors At Rest](#), [Past Voices: Letters Home](#), or even [The Paper Trail](#). She loves to focus on American history and is the author of several books including her latest mystery, "Death Finds a Way: A Janie Riley Mystery." You can also find her on Twitter at @LorineMS.

5. Leland Meitzler – GenealogyBlog

You won't need to read new genealogy books as soon as they come out or research every one you find. Leland Meitzler does that hard work for you in what he calls his "free daily online genealogy nautamagazine" called [GenealogyBlog](#). He also discusses new genealogy websites that come out so you can spend more time doing the fun genealogy work and less time finding helpful resources.

OTHER BLOGS TO FOLLOW:

Be sure to check out these other terrific genealogy blogs!

[Genealogy à la Carte](#) – Canadian writer Gail Dever shares resources and news that could help you in your genealogy search.

[DNAExplained – Genetic Genealogy](#) – Confused about how genetic genealogy works? Learn all the details with professional scientist Roberta Estes.

WEBINARS ONLINE

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 September, selected webinars are shown below: [Click the title of the webinar to register.]

Family Tree Webinars for September:

[The Treasure Trove in Legislative Petitions](#) by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
Wednesday, Sep 14, 2016

[Finding Evidence of Kinship in Military Records](#) by Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA
Tuesday, Sep 20, 2016

[How to Use FamilySearch.org for Beginners](#) by Devin Ashby Wednesday, Sep 21, 2016

[Beginning Polish Genealogy](#) by Jonathan Shea Wednesday, Sep 28, 2016

Webinars from Southern California Genealogical Society:

Saturday, September 3

10:00 AM - Pacific

[Discover Family History in Historical Newspapers Online and Off](#)

by J. H. Fonkert, CG®



Read all about it! Learn to locate microfilm or searchable online images of historical newspapers and the tricks of successful searches. Discover family events and the communities your ancestors lived in.

Jay Fonkert is a Minnesota-based genealogy researcher, educator, and writer, focusing on 19th-century Midwest research. His favorite research target is the Fawcner family of Kentucky and Indiana. He is a trustee of the BCG Education Fund, a past-director of APG, and a past president of the Minnesota

Genealogical Society. He has published more than 60 research and teaching articles in Minnesota Genealogist, The Septs, Family Chronicle, NGS Magazine and the National Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Monday, September 19

6:00 PM - Pacific

[How Did My Pennsylvania Ancestor Get There?: Migration Trails West](#)

by **Elissa Scalise Powell, CG®, CGL®**



Considering the trails and reasons why your ancestor left Pennsylvania will give you some clues as to where you might search for his origins there.

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG®, CGL®, is a western Pennsylvania researcher and co-director of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). She is the immediate past-president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists; an instructor for Boston University's Genealogical Research Certificate course; coordinator of Samford University's IGHR "Professional Genealogy" course and co-coordinator of SLIG's 2013 "Credentialing: AG, CG®, or Both?" course.

Saturday, October 1

10:00 AM - Pacific

[Trails West: Crossing the Continent 1840-1869](#)

by **Mary K. Roddy**



Covering the period 1840s-1869, this talk covers routes to the Pacific, a description of the journey and resources to find ancestors and their stories.

Mary Roddy, a Certified Public Accountant, earned a certificate from the Genealogy and Family History program at the University of Washington. She is an active member of the Seattle Genealogical Society and speaks frequently in the Seattle area. On a recent sabbatical she had the chance to join up with the Botany Bay Family History Society in Australia and speak to their members. Mary is a frequent contributor to YourGenealogyToday and Internet Genealogy magazines.

PODCASTS: Sources for Genealogists



- [Ancestry.com - Genealogy Podcasts](#)
- [BBC - Podcasts - Tracing Your Roots](#)
- [Extreme Genes - Family History Radio](#)
- [Extreme Genes Podcast on iTunes](#)
- [Family History: Genealogy Made Easy Podcast](#)
- [Family Tree Magazine Podcast](#)
- [Fieldstone Common](#)
- [Genealogy Gems Podcast](#)
- [Genealogy Happy Hour](#)
- [Genealogy On Demand](#)

- [The Genealogy Guys Podcast](#)
- [The Genealogy Professional podcast | Genealogists learning from Genealogists](#)
- [The National Archives Podcast Series](#)

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



"Our 50th Year Heritage" A Celebration

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:

REGISTER NOW EVENTS TO BE HELD SEP 19th – 24th

Monday, Sept. 19th at 1:30 pm. Help Kick Off Our 50th Celebration!

Register **NOW** for the Opening Ceremony on Monday, September 19, at 1:30 p.m. It's FREE, but space is limited.

- 50 years of RVGS history in 15 minutes...with easy to see images on our BIG screen.
- Larry Horton, former RVGS President, local entrepreneur, and member of the RVGS Finance Committee, will regale us briefly with his thoughts and observations about RVGS and genealogy.
- The Anniversary Quilt will be unveiled! Did you donate \$100 to specify a family name to be included on the quilt? Hear the story of the design and construction of the quilt, and see the quilt at its first public appearance. Find your family name on the quilt.
- Celebrate the retirement of the mortgage! Did you contribute to the new building with: Sweat equity? Your time? Did you paint the new building? Sweep? Help tear down walls or put up the new ones? Moving books from the old building in Phoenix to the new one?
- Did you help with previous moves? With the work on our first building, in Phoenix?
- Celebrate with friends who are part of the RVGS success story. Enjoy! Join us for cake or fruit. Note: This ceremony is the September member meeting of RVGS.

Sign up now in person at JCGL, by telephone 541-512-2340 or by email reception.jcgl@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th - Saturday, Sept 24th. Register **NOW** for **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. See Classes and Events for more information about classes or click this link, [Genealogy Week](#).

Friday, Sept. 23rd Register **NOW** for the [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 Register **NOW** for the [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 the 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. Raffle tickets can be purchased through the morning

of Sept. 27th at the Seminar. There are four collections of items each valued between \$400 and \$790. Raffle tickets can be purchased at JCGL **OR** you can print and mail raffle tickets to us. The ticket price is \$1/ticket; 6 tickets for \$5; 12 for \$10, or 24 tickets for \$20. The raffle is NOT limited to RVGS members. To learn about the raffle collections follow the link: [PARTICIPATE IN OUR GIGANTIC RAFFLE](#). To print more raffle tickets to mail in, click the following link, [raffle tickets](#).

REGISTER NOW FOR THE BANQUET AND SEMINAR; REGISTRATION CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 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 your space at the banquet. **YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER IN PERSON AT JCGL.** 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.

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Funded (in part) by the Jackson County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust, together investing in Oregon's arts, heritage, and humanities and by the Genealogy Fairy (Thomas MacEntee)

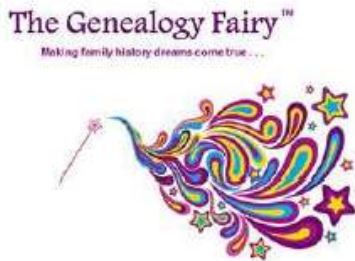
Banquet registration is \$75 and seminar registration is \$85. Registration closes Sept. 10th. For additional information, call the library, 541-512-2340, M-Sat 10am-4pm or T 10:00am-9pm.

GRATITUDE FOR DONATIONS

RVGS received many generous donations from genealogy companies, local businesses, and from our friends and members to enable us to carry out our plans for our 50th Year Heritage Celebration. Thank you, thank you all. Here is a list of our donors with the gifts they provided us:

GIFT	DONOR
2 gift certificates good for dinner	4 Daughters Restaurant
In-kind Donations	50 th Celebration Committee
Parking for 50 th Celebration Events	All Natural Pest Control
2 World Subscriptions to Ancestry.com	Ancestry
Ancestry DNA kit	Ancestry
Subscription to Ancestry Academy	Ancestry
Subscription to Newspapers.com	Ancestry
Subscription to Fold3.com	Ancestry
Molly's Famous Cheese Cake	Barbwire Grill, Eagle Point
Sponsor, Ice Cream Social for members	Dr. David Allen, DDS
Subscription to Findmypast.com	Findmypast
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Undisclosed \$\$\$ toward seminar expenses	Michael A Taylor
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Dinner Certificate	Olive Garden
\$1000 for 50 th Celebration	Oregon Cultural Trust & Jackson County Cultural Coalition
Undisclosed \$\$\$ toward speaker fees	Orenzo Flags
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Undisclosed \$\$\$ for seminar	Terry Friend, agent; Protectors Ins. Agency
Gift Certificates	The Point Pub & Grill
\$500 for 50 th Celebration	Thomas MacEntee, Geneablogger
Cinemark Theatre Tickets	Tinseltown
Undisclosed \$\$\$ toward seminar expenses	Umpqua Investments
Loan of freezer for Ice Cream Social	Umpqua Dairy



Our events were “Funded (in part) by the Jackson County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust, together investing in Oregon’s arts, heritage, and humanities.” And were also supported by the Genealogy Fairy (Thomas MacEntee, the Geneablogger).

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

ANNE BILLETER

Thank you!

It is very humbling to receive such an outpouring of offers of help after our house fire. We want to thank you all and let you know that we are settling into a rental house while our house is rebuilt. The insurance is paying the rent, including rental furniture and housewares. We have what we need for now, but will keep the generous Offers of Help Sign Up list, as we begin to think ahead to the move into our newly rebuilt house (estimated at 8 months from now.) Your generosity means a great deal to us.

Anne Billeter and Steven Hoolko

From Our President: DISTANT MEMBER SURVEY

I was interested in how RVGS could serve DISTANT MEMBERS in a more beneficial way. As a personal project this year and an expense donation, I sent a survey to our 55 distant members in May of 2016. David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS, taught a class at the National Genealogical Society Conference and provided a lot of good ideas for societies to engage distant members, but first, “learn what services they use and what they would like.” Distant members provide a great opportunity for growth, but they need information. We want to reach out to these members with more than the annual fund drive letter. We may want to define distant members as those who are local but unable to access services as well as those who live out of the area. That requires help from those members to let us know how we can serve them better. I would encourage all our membership to not wait for a survey to provide suggestions. We value your opinion and will address issues, concerns and of course, “good job” comments!

It was not a large return response, but their feedback represents where we are doing a good job which included our website, eNews and keeping our valuable library open and continuing with knowledgeable and helpful volunteers. Some items were not checked with any response.

Distant Member Summary

Sent Out: ___55 on May 2016

Received: ___20 by July 18, 2016 A summary of the survey questions & responses below.

Why continue to maintain a Membership from a distance?

7= "Have ancestors in Jackson County"

3 = "Staff helpful"; "exceptional help"

2= "To use research materials from outside J.C."

1= "Mother was a member & I want to continue"

2= "Want the library open for future researchers"

1= "Still want to do more research there"

2= "Plan to return the valley to live"

1= Not completed

1= "Happy to have such a great research library in my area" [Yreka, CA resident]

Do you access our Society Website? 17 YES; 3 NO

Library website? 14 YES; 5 NO; 1 Not Checked

Do you receive eNews? 17 YES; 3 NO

Have you visited this library? 14 YES; 4 NO; 2 Not Checked

Would you be interesting in Volunteering for Indexing or doing Research for clients/Digger?

2=Yes...Indexing

Most said no with the following comments: "No Time"; Yes, IF, I lived closer"; "When retired"

If we were to film our Public Programs and charge \$5.00 extra, would you want these?

10 YES; 9 NO

Would you be interested in Internet access to digitized images of Jackson County records?

8 YES; 11 NO 1 Not checked. One comment? "Depends on the cost."

Other

2 Had no Jackson County connections

2 do not have nor use computers

Some listed specific research challenges such as "Want more Camp White info"

1 "I live too far away to take advantage of this library"

1 "eNews is very informative!"

1 Sent questions for staff to do a lookup. [To be forwarded to a volunteer]

1 Sent check for Leave a Legacy

There were no recommendations for our websites.

We will address membership services at our annual board retreat in November which will include this survey. Also, this summary will be mailed to the two members who do not have computers. We know this to be a barrier for many of our members in receiving news. We will always have copies of the eNews at the library as well as event flyers for classes, public programs, seminars and quilt talks.

Future surveys will need to address the use of social media [Facebook, Twitter, Blog], webinars, and more volunteer opportunities. We have active sites with increasing numbers of members using them.

So, for those of you living out of the area, thank you for your continued support. Thank you to those returning your response.

Regards,
Andrea Patterson, President

WEBMASTERS RETIRE



Dave Basden (with help from Barbara Basden) took over our infant website 11 years ago and grew it into the two website treasures we have today ... both as volunteers. The Jackson County Genealogy Library website (<http://rvgslibrary.org>) now returns income of approx. \$3000/yr. through documents ordered from indexes provided on that website. The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society website (<http://rvgsociety.org>) contains society news for members. Barbara took over editing and producing the monthly newsletter electronically, when our fast-growing membership outgrew our postage budget (thanks to a 275 member increase since our move to 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford.) This is the final issue for which she will be the editor.

It is hard to know where to start, to thank them for their loyalty and service. In 2014 they were honored with the SPOTLIGHT OF EXCELLENCE. Barbara currently maintains our [Blog](#), the [Friends of Jackson County Genealogy Library Facebook page](#), our [Twitter Feed](#) . From 2005- 2015, she and Dave managed our library computers, saw that they stayed in good working order, and grew their number from 1 to 16, while getting the Society the best deals on computers, printers, and peripheral equipment. Their combined volunteer time frequently exceeded 100 hours per month!

Both Barbara and Dave are genealogists. Their volunteer life has left little time for their own research, which they will now pursue. Please join us in thanking them for their invaluable service.... *Andrea Patterson*

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING RVGS MEMBERS (August)

James Ballinger

Phillip R. Brobst

Rose DeFrancesca

Dianne Denny

Ken Dickerson

Pat Harper

Cindy Lowe

Iris & Dan Milan

Nancy Nelson

Cynthia J. Peterson

John Schafer

Edna Mae Sims

Jolie Suzanne

RVGS FINANCIAL NEWS



YOU DID IT!!

The mortgage for the Jackson County Genealogy Library **has been paid off** in time for our 50th Anniversary celebration! The RVGS Board of Directors would like to thank each and every one of you who donated to the Leave a Legacy fund and the 5/60 fund over the last few years. Every dollar donated went to pay off the principal. It would not have happened without the generosity of the RVGS membership. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2016 MORTGAGE DONORS!

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, Carolee Jones, Jackson & Caroline Jones, Linda Kestner, Sheila Kimball, Steve Kious, Lynn Leissler, Barbara & Dick MacMillen, Judy Mallchok, 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: Now that the mortgage is paid off, we can once again focus on programs, services, and facility improvements. There are many projects in the works, such as a folding wall to separate our meeting rooms which will allow two meetings to happen at the same time, a new web site to better serve our members' research needs, other facility improvements, scholarships, research web site subscription maintenance, and more. Our Annual Fund Drive is only about half-way toward our goal for 2016, so any and all donations are appreciated to keep our library and programs running smoothly.

Your generous and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in two ways.

- 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 JCGL or mail a donation to 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford, 97501.

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. 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, R.E. & 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, Sharan Newman, Dennis Patterson, Jack & Andrea Patterson, Charlotte Redfield, Shirley Rhodes, Richard Ritchie, Roger & Nancy Roberts, David Rodkey, Deanna Russell, Anita Seulean, Barbara Shrewsberry, 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. **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

BOOKS FOR SALE AT JCGL



Available now at the Jackson County Genealogy Library: Surplus genealogy and history books. Most are donations of books already in the collection. A few are discards from the collection, usually second copies no longer needed. Each book is priced separately at less than the current list price on selected Internet sites. Watch for the special Book Sale Book Case...and find the treasure meant just for you and your genealogical research. Click here, [Books for Sale](#) for a complete list of books now available at JCGL.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY COLLECTION (August 2016)

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

929.2 Coppock

Coppock, Walter J.
Coppocks of Cheshire & The Colonies;
Part 1: Old World
Part 2: New World

929.2 Meek
Fluhart, Danny Morris
Meek family of Washington County, Virginia: Some descendants of Joseph Meek, Sr.

929.2 Patton
Agricola, David V.
Descendants of George Patton and ... Hughes; A Patton Compendium, section[57]

929.2 Stoner
Weber, Richard R.
Stoner Brethren: A History of John Stoner (circa 1705-1769) and his descendants

929.2 Taylor
Hopkins, Scott
Our Pioneer Ancestors and some of their descendants

SCOTLAND

941.1 B352 How
Howie, John
Lives of the Scottish Covenanters

941.1 H388 Bai
Bain, Robert
Clans and Tartans of Scotland

941.1 H388 Gri
Grimble, Ian
Scottish Clans & Tartans

941.1 H388 Ste
Stewart, Donald C.
Setts of the Scottish Tartans with descriptive and historical notes

941.1 H388 Way
Way, George
Scottish Clan & family encyclopedia

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

970.004 I521 Car

Carter, Kent

Dawes Commission and the Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes, 1893-1914

PENNSYLVANIA

974.841 W344 Abs

Abstracts of York County, Pennsylvania, Wills, 1749-1819

974.871 C242 Bur v.1

*Burial Grounds of Bedford County Pennsylvania
v. 1-6 in separate volumes*

TENNESSEE

976.857 M177 Mar

Marriages of Rutherford County, Tennessee, 1804-1872

MISSOURI

977.8 D395 Div

Divorces and Separations in Missouri, 1808-1853

977.8 M177 Mis v. 2

Missouri Marriages in the News, volume II, January 1866-December 1870

977.839 M177 Mar

Marriage Records of St. Charles County, Missouri 1805-1844

977.843 M177 Bat

Bates County, Missouri Marriage Records – Volume 1, 1860 to 1877

OREGON

Circ 979.5 H388 Cor

Cornwall family's trek to Oregon and other related pioneer stories

WASHINGTON

979.777 B352 Voi

Voices of Ballard: Immigrant stories from the vanishing generation

MAGAZINES RECEIVED

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack

[Partial contents listed]

NGS Magazine, v 42, #3, July-September 2016.

(Circ 929.05 NGSM)

* "Union Army Laundresses" Records at National Archives In Washington, DC are useful in researching women who had supporting roles during the Civil War.

- * "Target Testing for Autosomal DNA"
- * "Expanding Your Research Using Facebook Genealogy Groups" Links for Polish, Alsace & Lorraine, Irish, Scottish, Jewish, English, Sicilian, and Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness are included.
- * "Finding Family Information in School Records" Records exist back to 1700s. Also may help to fill in gaps between censuses and identify teachers' careers.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, v 104, #2, June 2016.
(Circ 929.05 NGSQ)

- * "The English Origins of William Witt of Cincinnati, Ohio" City directories provide relationship between four Witt men.
- * "Which John Woodson Served in 4th VA Regiment of Foot 1776-1778?" A five-part proof identifies which John served in Revolutionary War."

Heir Lines (Genealogical Society of Siskiyou Co.), v40, #4, July 2016.
(Circ 979.421 P273 Hei)

Redwood Researcher (Redwood Genealogical Society of Humboldt Co.), v 49, #1, August 2016.
(Circ 979.412 P273 Red)

INTERNET RESOURCES & TECH TIPS

FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN A RECENT ISSUE OF DICK EASTMAN'S GENEALOGY BLOG...*How to Scan Documents Using Your Smartphone.*

How to Quickly Scan Documents Using Android and Google Drive or an iPhone and Dropbox

Ben Stegner has written an article and created a video that will interest many genealogists. *How to Quickly Scan Documents Using Android and Google Drive* describes how to go paperless without the need any hardware other than your smartphone. You can actually scan documents with nothing more than your Android phone. You can read Ben Stegner's article and watch the video at <http://goo.gl/6v5KGD>.

You can also perform the same functions with an Android phone and Evernote.

See <http://goo.gl/ekDIL0> for details.

You can also use the same techniques with an iPhone and with Dropbox. Assuming you have the Dropbox app installed on your iPhone, open the Dropbox app on your iPhone, tap the + (plus sign) button, and choose Scan Document. The iPhone takes a picture of the document being scanned. After scanning the document, the next screen is the Edit view. The icons on the bottom of this view represent the actions you can take to edit your scan. Finish your editing

and then tap Next to enter the Settings view. Name your file and decide on a file type and then decide where to save your document. Finally, touch SAVE.

With the iPhone and the Dropbox app, you can also save scan up to ten pages of a document and save the file as a single .PDF file.

Details on all this may be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/en/help/9244>.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY RELEASES RESEARCH IN PENNSYLVANIA, 3RD EDITION [ALSO FROM DICK EASTMAN'S GENEALOGY BLOG]

ARLINGTON, VA, 23 August 2016—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) announces the publication of the newly revised and updated *Research in Pennsylvania*. This essential guide book introduces family historians to a wealth of historic documentation that can aid their genealogical research. Written by Kay Haviland Freilich, CGSM, CGLSM, FNGS, *Research in Pennsylvania*, 3rd edition, is part of the NGS [Research in the States](#) series and is available for purchase in the [NGS online store](#) in both PDF and print versions.

[Note from editor: Here is a current list of this series of publications, New states are added regularly to this series, so check back often to see if your state is available. The following states' guides can be purchased in the NGS online store:

- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Florida NEW
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Missouri, 3rd edition
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- New York City
- North Carolina

- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania **NEW**
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas **NEW**
- Virginia
- West Virginia}

Many American families can trace their roots back to early Pennsylvanian immigrants, including the Dutch, Swedes, Finns, Germans, Scots-Irish, Welsh, and African Americans as well as later immigrants from Asia and Slovak countries. New to this edition is information about the Vital Records Law Senate Bill 361 (Act 110), enacted in 2011, that opened Pennsylvania's older birth and death records to researchers for the first time. The author reviews the age restrictions that apply to those records, the transfer of the currently open records to the State Archives, online access to those open records, and the special option established for state residents.

After a concise review of the state's history and settlement, the book delves into the types of genealogical resources that can be found both in major and lesser known archives, libraries, societies, and federal repositories. Changes in repository holdings are itemized and new repositories have been added. *Research in Pennsylvania* also covers other research categories, including atlases, gazetteers, and maps; business, probate, and court records; colonial enumerations and state and federal censuses; city and county directories; ethnic, religious, and military records; and much more. Additional religious organizations are included, and web sites and contact information have been updated.

Kay Haviland Freilich is a 2012 NGS Fellow and co-author of *Genealogy and the Law: A Guide to Legal Sources for the Family Historian*. Winner of the 2009 NGS Family History Writing Contest, she is a former president and trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, a former officer and board member of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and a frequent speaker on Pennsylvania topics.

The *Research in the States* series editor Barbara Vines Little, CGSM, FNGS, FVGS, is a former NGS president and editor of the Magazine of Virginia Genealogy. Other volumes in the series include Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Research in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County. Additional states guides are planned.

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](#) is dedicated to genealogical education, exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, Virginia, based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian, seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, and guidance in research. It also offers many opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

5 WAYS TO JUMPSTART YOUR GENEALOGY WHEN IT HAS STALLED

[This article appeared in the Olive Tree Genealogy blog...one of the five blogs recommended in the Classes & Events Section]



Ah, the proverbial brick wall. We all hit it at one time or another. You've searched every single document you can think of but you simply can't get past a certain time period or event for an ancestor.

Maybe you can't find Grandmother Mabel on that 1850 census but you have her in 1860 and you know she is hiding somewhere!

Perhaps Great-grandfather James is keeping his Irish origins hidden and you can't go any further unless you can figure out where in Ireland you need to look!

That's when you need to jumpstart your genealogy research. You need fresh ideas, fresh eyes and you need to be rejuvenated.

Here are 5 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy:

1. Revisit and review old research

Take out all your research on that brickwall ancestor. Go over it again. Read it carefully, analyze it, see if there are clues there you might have missed the first time around. I've written about my own reviews of old research and the new clues I've found at [Why Review Old Genealogy Research?](#) and [Everyone Makes Mistakes: Why You Should Review Your Research Notes](#)

2. Switch to a different ancestor

Sometimes it's time to set Grandmother Mabel aside for a bit and work on someone else. When you are ready to go back to the puzzle of Grandmother Mabel, you may find that fresh eyes will make all the difference in the world.

3. Find a genealogy buddy who will brainstorm with you

I always brainstorm with my husband when I have a challenging genealogy mystery. It's beneficial to have someone approach the mystery with a different outlook. Often that person comes up with something that you didn't think of.

4. Make a chronological timeline of your ancestor's life events.

This is one of the most helpful ways to organize your thoughts and see at a glance where the holes are in your research. Making a timeline for one of my husband's challenging ancestors I noted that I had his baptism record, immigration record, marriage record, births of children, death of his wife and then his death.

However I did not have a record of land he might have purchased or rented and that sent me off a hunt for those records. To my surprise there was mention of him selling his land to his wife for \$1.00 then buying it back two years later. That in turn led me to think about what happened in those two years? Why had he sold the land and then bought it back? Long story short, eventually I found out he had gone to jail in that time.

5. Take a break

Yep that's right. Sometimes it's time to say "Enough!". Put your genealogy aside and go for a walk, or out for lunch with friends, or to a movie. Do something relaxing such as read a book, or visit a museum.... do something completely different, something that is fun for you. You'll come back to the puzzle refreshed and eager to get at it again.

Read more: <http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2016/08/5-ways-to-jumpstart-your-genealogy-when.html#ixzz4Is6vyLJ5>