



eNEWS FEBRUARY 2017

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
- (2) [RVGS News of member and society activities](#)
- (3) [JCGL News about our book collection and internet resources](#)

Save the Dates

Seminar 4/8

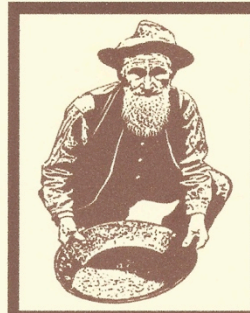
German History
Historical Maps &
Territories

Meyer's Gazetteer
German Marriage
Laws & Customs
Workshop 4/7
German Gothic
Handwriting

GERMAN RESEARCH CLASSES

April 7th, 8th 2017

The Rogue Valley
Genealogical Society &
Library invites you to
Save the Dates for our
Spring Seminar
GATEWAY TO GERMANY
with renowned speaker,
Warren Bittner. Follow us
on Social Media for details.





Rogue Valley Genealogical Society presents a spring
WORKSHOP and SEMINAR

“GATEWAY to GERMANY”

Jackson County Genealogy Library
3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR



Speaker is F. Warren Bittner, CGsm for a Seminar and a 3 hour Workshop

WORKSHOP, Friday, April 7th, 2017 3:00-6:00PM

Fee for Workshop: Members \$30 Non-Members \$40

GERMAN GOTHIC HANDWRITING: Anyone Can Read It

Learn the 29 upper-case letters and the 32 lower-case letters and letter sets. Learn which letters are easily confused and how to distinguish them. This is a hands-on workshop with writing practice.

SEMINAR, Saturday, April 8th, 2017 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Fee for Seminar: Members \$45 Non-Members \$55

SEMINAR CLASSES:

- **German History Makes a Difference in Your Family History Research**
Two semesters of German history in an hour. Hold on to your seats!
- **German Historical Maps and Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them**
Learn about the historical boundary changes in Germany and how to find the records for various regions.
- **Meyer's Gazetteer: Gateway to Germany**
See the layout and structure of the indispensable Meyer's Gazetteer. Learn how to interpret its many abbreviations and why understanding levels of jurisdiction is essential.
- **German Marriage Laws and Customs**
Learn how German marriage laws changed 1500–1900, about tight marriage restrictions, and about marriage customs.

Registration opens Feb. 1, 2017. Go to www.rvgslibrary.org to view registration form, complete, clip and send with check.

Make your checks payable to: Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and **mail** your completed registration form and check to: Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR 97501. You may also sign up at the library.

Cancellation Policy: Refund requests must be received in writing by April 6th. No Refunds after April 6th.

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Please print legibly. Registration confirmations will be given by email (or in-house receipt).

RVGS Member # _____ WORKSHOP: \$ _____ SEMINAR: \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Office use only: Receipt # _____ Confirmation Sent: _____ By: _____

Classes and Events

Jackson County Genealogy Library

Wednesday, February 1 Registration opens for Gateway to Germany workshop and seminar. For information about classes and registration, please visit our website www.rvgslibrary.org or www.rvgsociety.org For additional information call the library at 541-512-2340, Monday-Saturday, 10 am–4 pm, Tuesday until 9 pm, or stop by the library. Register now, space is limited.

Saturday, February 4: 10:30–12:30 Brick Wall Roundtable. Andrea Patterson and Melinda Henningfield will moderate this session. Bring your stumbling blocks and find answers with others to what is keeping you facing the brick wall in your research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.

Tuesday, February 7, 1:30–3:00 pm. Family Tree Maker User Group for PC users. This group meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.

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Thursday, February 9, 10:30–noon. DNA for Genealogy, What is it all about? Melinda Henningfield, certified genealogist, will explain the four tests most commonly used and what the results from the three major testing companies might tell you. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.

Thursday, February 9, 1:30-3:00 pm. Irish Interest Group. Bruce McGarvey moderates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.

Monday, February 13, 9:30-noon. Board Meeting. Monthly RVGS board meeting is open to all.

Monday, February 13, 1:00-3:00 pm. DNA interest group for those who have tested. Lorita Cushman facilitates this interest group. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.

Tuesday, February 14, 3:30–5:00 pm. German Interest Group. Mary Robsman facilitates this interest group concentrating on German history and research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.

Tuesday, February 21, 1:30-3:30 pm. General Membership Meeting and Program for the Public. Ben Truwe, local historian, will present “The Rogue River Indian Wars, Everything We Know About the Indian Wars is Wrong.” Ben will review new research, repudiate some myths and offer some themes to tie together the events of the 1850s. Free for everyone.

Monday, February 27, 1:00–3:00 pm. DNA Interest Group for those new to the subject.

Lorita Cushman facilitates this group for those who are beginners or have not yet tested their DNA. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.

Tuesday, February 28, 1:30-2:30 pm. Family Quilt Sharing by RVGS members.

Members share the research, history, and memories of a family quilt. A reminder that “things” can have a place in discovering the genealogy of a family. Free for everyone.

A Peek into March

Saturday, March 4, 10:30 am–12:30 pm. World War II Records.

Barbara Northrop will present what and where you may find information about your relative's military service and records available. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail receptionJCGL@gmail.com or stop by the library.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Windows in Time:

Jeff Lalande, speaker

“Bigotry Unmasked: The Rise of the 1920s KKK In Southern Oregon and the Pacific Northwest”

Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Medford Library.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Ashland Library.

Grants Pass Genealogy Society

Tuesday Feb. 14th 1:30 pm.

LDS Church- 1969 WILLIAMS HWY, GRANTS PASS (East Side of the Building.)

"Writing Your Story" presented by Peggy Hill,

Author of *A Brave Soldier's WWII Story: The Brutal Battle of the Bulge*

No GPGS Board of Directors meeting in February.

For more information contact Celeste Guillory at cacese36@gmail.com

Heritage Faire 2017 in Redding, CA

Saturday, February 25, 9 am to 3 pm. For information about classes call (530)-222-4949 or (530)-221-3843 or visit <http://www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org>

RVGS News

NEW MEMBERS

Laurie Jendra	Mary Jo Rupp
Lynda Chaghan	Leone Sharp
Janet Burt	Angela Brown
Jennifer Simper	

REPORT OF RVGS BOARD ACTIVITIES by Anne Billeter, President

Board Action at the January 9, 2017 Board meeting:

- Voted not to renew the website subscription to Newspapers.com due to excessive cost (\$3,405.) Subscription ends February 3.
- Voted to renew our Memorandum of Understanding with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteers Program)

Some numbers:

- 2016 Annual Fund surpassed \$10,000 goal with \$10,407.50
- Received grant of \$1905 from the Jackson County Cultural Coalition for the acoustical doors to divide the Meeting/Reading Room.
- 769 current members
- 19,132 cataloged items in the Jackson County Genealogy Library
- 16,630 volunteer hours were reported in 2016

At the January 17, 2017 Membership meeting:

- RVGS Board Directors, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board, were installed: Chloe Sternola, Library; Rich Miles, Finance; Alan Marion, Maintenance; Marie Fulbright, Membership; Barbara Northrop, Public Relations; Andrea Patterson, Past President
- Two Director positions remain vacant: Volunteer Coordinator and Education. Public Relations would like an assistant. Please contact Anne Billeter if interested: president@rvgslibrary.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These positions are available if you are you looking for a new and enjoyable way to contribute your time and energy to RVGS and JCGL. Do you know someone who would be “just right” for one of the positions? Please email president@rvgslibrary.org to volunteer or suggest “just the right person.”

EDUCATION DIRECTOR

With the assistance of the Education Committee

- * recruits teachers for genealogy classes throughout the year and program speakers for RVGS public meetings (9 per year).
- * prepares for publication the monthly schedule of Classes and Events at JCGL.
- * coordinates the details that result in well-presented classes and programs, interest group facilitators, annual Genealogy Week classes and OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) course.

This is an RVGS Board position. The RVGS Board meets on the 2nd Monday each month 9:30–noon.

SIGN CHANGER

- * takes down the letters and put up the new message on our big Genealogy Library sign outside.
- * takes off the letters and updates the smaller Classes sign in the library’s foyer.

The Education Committee decides when the messages should be changed and what is stated.

RVGS REPRESENTATIVE TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GREETERS

- * attends Chamber of Commerce Greeters meetings at different member businesses:
Phoenix Greeters meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday 8:30 am,
Medford Greeters weekly on Thursdays 8-9:30 am, Ashland Greeters weekly on Fridays 8-9:30 am.
- * announces upcoming RVGS classes and programs and generally acquaints local businesses with who we are and what we do in a 30-second statement. (Hear others introduce their businesses.)
- * meets friendly and helpful people.

RVGS representatives need not attend every greeters meeting: Appearing periodically is effective. Perhaps 1, 2, or 3 RVGS volunteers would like to share attendance at Greeters meetings.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Emily Riehlman, our scholarship winner, sent a thank you note to the society giving us an update on her activities at college. Marilyn Ayres, scholarship chairman, shares what she wrote:

Hi Marilyn,

I just wanted to give you and the Genealogy Society members a quick update about my first semester in college. Let me begin by saying I love everything about college and Pacific University. I signed up for eighteen credits and three different clubs. In addition to that, I was able to land a work-study job in Admissions. I've been very busy, but have done very well. I have completed my first semester with a 4.0 GPA! I'm, still planning on majoring in Environmental Chemistry & Toxicology and minoring in Gender & Sexuality Studies and Healthcare Administration. At least that is still the plan for now. Once again, I just wanted to thank you and everyone in the Genealogy Society for the academic scholarship I received. It has been a tremendous help! I will keep you posted with how my second semester goes!

Emily Riehlman

An alert from scholarship chairman Marilyn Ayres: The society is offering a scholarship again this year to a Jackson county graduating senior. The applications have been sent to area high schools' counseling offices. If you know someone who would like to apply, have that senior contact the high school for the application form, information and guidelines. The deadline for completed applications and supporting documentation to be received by RVGS is no later than March 10, 2017. We look forward to selecting another fine student to be the recipient of this year's academic scholarship.

RVGS FINANCIAL NEWS

Our 2016 Annual Fund Drive was a success. We surpassed our goal! Thank you to all of our 2016 donors! We could not run the Jackson County Genealogy Library without you.

Jack & Debbie Adams, Katherine Alsing, Vernon & Marti Arnold, Al and Marilyn Ayres, Colista Bailey, Roberta Becker, Robb Beckett, Carolyn Beron, Arthur Bigelow, Anne Billeter, Stephen Bosbach, Diane Brenner, RE & Donna Brewer, Patricia Brewer, Glen Briggs, Warren & Charleen Brown, Bill & Marion Collins, Sheila Couey, Carolyn Craig, Carita Culmer, Julie Drengson, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, Kathy Edwards Estate, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Sarah Forbes, Sharon Freeburne, Marie Fulbright, Norbert Leiberg, Rich Miles, Ginger Montes, Janet Gleaves, Janet Gregory, Dorothea Hatch, Robert Hawk, Gene & Charlotte Henry, Monty & Carol Holst, Horton Family Foundation, Larry & Ann Horton, Thomas Hunt, Phil & Judy Hunter, Barbara Jarvis, Jackson & Caroline Jones, Florence Kemp, Sheila Kimball, Mary Lynn Lucas, Barbara & Dick MacMillen, James Maize Jr., Judy Mallchok, Barbara Middaugh, Sharan Newman, Dennis Patterson, Jack & Andrea Patterson, Charlotte Redfield, Shirley Rhodes, Richard Ritchie, Roger & Nancy Roberts, David Rodkey, Deanna Russell, Maureen Sega, Anita Seulean, Shalom Spendthrift Thrust, Barbara Shrewsberry, Vanya Sloan, J. Stevens, John & Janie Stewart, Dorothy Throne, Kim Thurman, Linda & Robert Turner, Nancy Vaughn, Ron & Jackie Wagner, William Walker, Muriel Williams

JCGL News

SPOTLIGHT ON ROGUE VALLEY PIONEERS

Gray file cabinets to the right as you enter the library contain folders with individual pioneer family information. From these Pioneer Files at JCGL, volunteer Dorothy Cotton wrote this story about a clerk from Kentucky who became a deputy sheriff in Jacksonville.

Elbert Downes Foudray was born January 6, 1821 in “Foudraysburg,” Hillsborough, Kentucky. After finishing school and working as a clerk in a store, he started out alone on his journey west. He first went to Charleston Virginia; worked as a clerk in a store there and managed a hotel for 6 years.

At age 27, he went to New Orleans and again worked as a clerk. Hearing about gold in California, he signed on as a seaman and set sail for San Francisco on the merchant schooner, *St. Mary*. The trip was plagued with mishaps, the first being in the Gulf of Mexico and, several times going around the horn, they came close to sinking. The ship finally reached San Francisco 10 months later. E. D. tried his luck at mining on the Feather River in Trinity County but didn't do very well. In the summer of 1851 he and a friend purchased 30 mules and started a pack train to the mines in Yreka. There were lots of miners and they all needed supplies.

By the fall of 1852 E. D. heard of gold in Jacksonville. So, he came to Southern Oregon to try his luck around here. Again he didn't do very well at mining, so he started another mule train. This time he was in charge of taking supplies to the soldiers until the capture of Capt. John and his tribe in 1853. He continued to live and work as a clerk in Jacksonville until 1860. Then, Mr. E. D. Foudray and a couple of friends leased a flour mill in Phoenix. While living in Phoenix in 1862, he married **Sarah Ali Colver**, the daughter of Hiram Colver. By 1863 he became sole owner of the mill and all went well until the drought in 1869. With no water he couldn't run the mill and fill his orders so he sold the mill. E. D. and Sarah returned to Jacksonville.

At that time Jacksonville was the center of political activity. E. D. was well known for his stand on law and order and had no tolerance for lawbreakers and unscrupulous citizens. He served as deputy sheriff for two years. In 1871 he received a special commission from Governor Glover and, armed with a requisition, went to Salt Lake City where he arrested a former Secretary of State, Samuel E. May, who had failed to pay a debt to the state. E. D. brought him back to stand trial.

After his deputy sheriff term expired, he was engaged in the mercantile business in Jacksonville until 1873 when the Governor appointed him aide to General John Ross who had returned to active duty at the outbreak of the Modoc War. After returning to Jacksonville, he served as county clerk for four years and Justice of the Peace for six years before retiring and returning to Phoenix. He remained active in county affairs. Many improvements in county were traceable to the support and assistance of E. D. Foudray. Principally through his influence in the legislature in 1866, the bill was introduced advocating the building of the railroad through Phoenix.



BOOK SALE

Books currently for sale at JCGL are in two bookcases marked BOOK SALE, located to the left as you enter the building, by the reception desk. Volunteer Rene Forncrook provided this small sampling of the books available for sale.

<i>1820 Federal Census Indiana</i>	\$7.00	Indiana
<i>Documentary History of Indiana Decade of Harmony Society Vol I</i>	\$7.00	Indiana
<i>Documentary History of Indiana Decade of Harmony Society Vol II</i>	\$7.00	Indiana
<i>Early Indiana Trails and Surveys</i>	\$2.00	Indiana
<i>Index Indiana Naturalization Records of 92 Local Courts Prior to 1907</i>	\$22.00	Indiana
<i>Indiana to 1816: The Colonial Period</i>	\$5.00	Indiana
<i>Jackson Co Indiana Marriage Index 1816-1920</i>	\$60.00	Indiana
<i>Pioneers of Madison & Hancock Co, Indiana</i>	\$19.00	Indiana
<i>Pre-1882 Indiana Births Volume II</i>	\$15.00	Indiana
<i>Genealogical Collection Kentucky Birth & Death Records Vol 1</i>	\$15.00	Kentucky
<i>Kentucky Court and Other Records Vol II</i>	\$13.00	Kentucky
<i>Kentucky Gazette 1787-1800</i>	\$11.00	Kentucky
<i>Kentucky Land Grants Part 1 & 2</i>	\$71.00	Kentucky
<i>Kentucky Land Grants Part 2</i>	\$60.00	Kentucky
<i>Kentucky Obits 1787-1854 (2)</i>	\$16.00	Kentucky
<i>Kentucky Records Early Wills and Marriages</i>	\$13.00	Kentucky
<i>Life of Daniel Boone</i>	\$7.00	Kentucky
<i>Madison Co, KY Court Order Book A 1787-1791</i>	\$8.00	Kentucky
<i>Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds</i>	\$20.00	Kentucky
<i>Pioneer Families of Eastern Kentucky</i>	\$35.00	Kentucky

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL

IMMIGRATION

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The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index, Vol. 3

DICTIONARIES

Circ 433 D318 Col

Collins German-English English-German Dictionary

433 D318 Col

Collins German Dictionary plus grammar

Circ 433 D318 Eng

English-German German-English

443 D318 Lar

Larousse pocket dictionary: French English, English French

453 D318 Lar

Larousse pocket dictionary: Italian English, English Italian

463 D318 Cas

Cassell's Spanish Dictionary: Spanish-English English-Spanish

473 Hof

Hoffman, William F.

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

491.62 D318 Foc

Focloir Poca English-Irish / Irish-English Dictionary

491.66 D318 Col

Collins-Spurrell Welsh Dictionary

491.66 D318 Lew

Lewis, D. Geraint

Hippocrene Practical Dictionary: Welsh-English English-Welsh Dictionary

GENEALOGY HOW TO

929.1 Ame

American Society of Genealogists, 75th Anniversary Volume (1940-2015)

929.1 Her 1992

Hereditary Society Blue Book, 1992

929.1 Her 2000

Hereditary Society Blue Book, 2000

929.1 McC

McCullough, Dana

Unofficial Guide to Family Search.org: How to find your family history on the world's largest free genealogy website

929.1 Smi

Smith, Drew

Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for every researcher

NAMES

929.4 Roo

Room, Adrian

Dictionary of Irish Place-Names

EUROPE

Circ 940.1 Oxf

Oxford Illustrated History of Medieval Europe

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

970.004 I521 Ste

Steele, Ian K.

Warpaths: Invasions of North America

Circ 970.004 I521 Wis

Wissler, Clark

Indians of the United States: Four Centuries of their history and culture

TEXAS

976.4727 S227 Abi

Abilene High School [Texas]: Alumni Directory, 1888-1994

ARKANSAS

976.7 H388 His

History of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Madison, Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas

THE WEST

Circ 978 H388 Pal

Palmer, Joel

Journal of Travels: over the Oregon Trail in 1845

MONTANA

978.689 H388 Lan

Langton, Jeffrey H.

Victor Story: History of a Bitter Root Valley Town

CALIFORNIA

Atlas 979.412 N298 Tri v. 3

Trinidad News & Views: The Third Year complete set of twenty-four issues November 1982 through October 1983

Atlas 979.412 N298 Tri v. 4

Trinidad News & Views: The Fourth Year complete set of twenty-four issues November 1983 through October 1984

OREGON

979.5 H388 Emi

Emigrant Trails West: A guide to trail markers placed by Trails West, Inc. along the California, Applegate, Lassen, and Nobles Emigrant Trails in Idaho, Nevada, and California

979.527 D372 Mer

Mercantile Agency Reference book (and key) with a list of banks and bankers... January, 1927 [Ashland, Oregon]

HAWAII

996.93 S227 Pun

Punahou School, Honolulu, Alumni Directory, 1841-1991