



eNEWS MARCH 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](#)

Classes and Events

Jackson County Genealogy Library

Now. Book your room for RVGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City (SLC.)

Come with us to research your family in SLC at the Family History Center, five floors of treasures. RVGS reserved a limited number of rooms at a genealogy rate at a hotel located within walking distance of the Center. Call the hotel 801-606-2410 to reserve your room with our RVGS group. Arrive Sunday May 7; depart Sunday May 14. For more information contact Betty Miller here at the library 541-512-2340 or e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 1. Ticket Sale for "German" Raffle begins.

Win a basket with German items plus a \$25 gift certificate donated by Southern Oregon Fine Meats or a bagful of German-related items donated by Trader Joe's or a \$40 gift certificate donated by the Grange. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. Drawing will be April 8 at *Gateway to Germany*. Raffle money helps to defray costs of this event.

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

Barbara Northrop will present what and where you may find information about your relative's military service and records available. \$10.00 for members, \$20 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.



Photo in *What Made Us Who We Are Today*

Tuesday March 7, 1:30-3:00, 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.



Thursday, March 9, 1:30-3:00. 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. Celebrate with your Irish family and friends on St. Patrick's Day.

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

Monday, March 13, 1:00-3:00. 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, March 14, 1:30-3:00. Family Tree Maker User Group for MAC Users. Barbara MacMillen facilitates this group. The 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.

Tuesday, March 14, 3:30-5:00. 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.

Wednesday, March 15, 10:30-11:30. "Picking the Plums." Donna Rae Hays will present how to utilize your Ancestry DNA matches for Genealogy. This will cover how to use the features on Ancestry DNA for your genealogy research. Bringing a laptop computer is encouraged. Fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the library.

Tuesday, March 21, 1:30-3:00. Program for the Public and General Membership Meeting. Larry Mullaly, local railroad historian, will present "The Great Transformation: How Oil from Bakersfield Changed Oregon Railroading." Through his illustrated presentation, Larry will describe the changes in Far Western transportation resulting from the introduction of liquid locomotive fuel in the early 1900's.

Monday, March 27, 1:00-3:00. 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, March 28, 1:30-2:30. Quilt and Genealogy Talk, "The Ashland Railroad Quilt"
Terry Skibby will give us a glimpse into the history that makes Ashland's Railroad District so unique.

How it all began. Free for everyone.



Postcard of "Southern Pacific Station, Ashland, Oregon" from a private collection

A Peek into April

Saturday, April 1. Special Book Sale of surplus Germany research and coffee table books begins. Books will be displayed on tables at the library.

Tuesday April 4, 1:30 – 3:00. Family Tree Maker User Group for PC users.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE APRIL SEMINAR & WORKSHOP!

Friday, April 7, 3:00-6:00 pm. German Gothic Handwriting.
Warren Bittner, CGsm conducts this workshop that includes learning the letters of the alphabet and practice writing.

Saturday, April 8, 8:30 am- 4:00 pm. Seminar.
Warren Bittner, CGsm presents classes related to German research. Whether or not you have German-speaking ancestors, you will not want to miss another great nationally known speaker coming to Medford April 7th & 8th. We always learn better research practices and the history that surrounds all of our immigrants. View our website at www.rvgslibrary.org or www.rvgsociety.org for details and registration.



Plan ahead for May 10-13. National Genealogical Society (NGS) 2017 Conference “Family History Lives Here” held in Raleigh, NC.

For conference details visit <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/> Discounted member rate, up to \$70 per person, is available for three RVGS members. Please contact Anne Billeter president@rvgslibrary.org

LOCAL EVENTS

Windows in Time:

Vicki Bryden, speaker

“Author, Edison Marshall: Fame and Fortune”

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

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

Grants Pass Genealogy Society (GPGS)

Tuesday, March 14, 1:30 pm. GPGS meeting. Guest speaker is Andrea Patterson, former president of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, who will discuss Cultural Naming Patterns that give clues to help identify earlier generations. These clues include traditions, name changes, nicknames as well as biblical and place names. Andrea gave this presentation in September 2016 during Genealogy Week in Medford and her topic is of value for all family history researchers. GPGS meetings are held at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints building, 1696 Williams Hwy, Grants Pass. Plenty of parking close to the building. Please enter from the east side of the building. For more information contact Celeste at cacese36@gmail.com

Ulster Foundation U.S. Lecture Tour

Lakewood & South Hill Libraries host “Discover Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestry.”

Sunday, March 5, 2017, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm.

Pierce Co. Library System, Administrative Center Library, 3005 112th St E, Tacoma, WA.
Free with registration. Contact: Jaime Prothro - jprothro@piercecounylibrary.org

RVGS News

NEW MEMBERS

Pam & Doug Sasseen	Caren Lea	Phoebe Knowles	Debbie Minder
Allan "Al" Cotton	Barbara Johnson	Sharon R. James	Wild Horse Allan
Robert N. Lane	Lynn Lehman	Sheila & Dave McGinnis	

REPORT OF RVGS BOARD ACTIVITIES by Anne Billeter, President

Board Action at the February 13 Board meeting:

- Voted to subscribe to Historygeo.com for one year

Some **January 2017** numbers:

- 775 current members
- 272 researchers used the library
- 29 paid to attend classes
- 20 attended free classes
- Research income was \$320

Other:

- Two Director positions remain vacant: Volunteer Coordinator and Education. Please contact Anne Billeter if interested: president@rvgslibrary.org
- Pam Sasseen has begun assisting with Public Relations
- In the first 24 hours after the February eNews was published, 52% opened it and 40% clicked on a hyperlink.

OUR LIBRARY NEEDS LIBRARIANS!!

DID YOU KNOW our librarians provide 82 hours of time each week? That's what it takes to keep the library open. Several of our long-term librarians have left, some permanently and some on lengthy breaks. We are feeling their absence. The situation, sadly, has caused me to seek permission from the board to close the library in those instances when we cannot have two librarians on duty. The closure would continue until two librarians arrive at the library.



Membership has grown substantially since we moved to the new building. Almost all of the memberships are a result of the library and what it has to offer. Much pride can be taken in that. But...it takes many members of the "village" to keep a library going. Please carefully consider becoming a librarian. If you know how to do your own research, you can help new researchers to do theirs. It is so rewarding to see someone find an existing family tree or break through a brick wall. I have actually seen someone literally dance in the aisle!

There are currently 11 shifts waiting to be filled. Some of our librarians work one day a month and others work one day a week. We will train you in the few office duties that go along with being a librarian. If you will help, please call me at the library 541-512-2340, or e-mail: reception.JCGL@gmail.com and ask that your message to be forwarded to me.

Chloe Sternola, Library Manager

“GATEWAY to GERMANY” with Warren Bittner, CGSM

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon is pleased to offer a German Handwriting Workshop Friday, April 7th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and an all-day seminar Saturday, April 8th from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Guest speaker is Warren Bittner, CGSM.

- The 3-hour workshop is titled *German Gothic Handwriting: Anyone Can Read It*.
- The Workshop fee is Members \$30; Non-Members \$40.
- Saturday morning Seminar classes are:
 - German History Makes A Difference in Your Family History Research and Historical Maps & Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them*.
 - After lunch (that is not included) the Seminar classes are:
 - Meyer's Gazetteer: Gateway to Germany* and *German Marriage Laws & Customs*.
- Seminar fee is Members \$45; Non-Members \$55. (Plan your own lunch.)
- Location is the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford.

Please visit our website for information, registration form and speaker details at www.rvgslibrary.org or www.rvgsociety.org For additional information, call the library at 541-512-2340, Monday-Saturday 10 am-4 pm, Tuesday 10 am-9 pm.

JCGL News

FOLLOW UP TO LAND RECORDS CLASSES

Regarding Oregon Donation Land (ODL) Patents, Chuck Eccleston reported our JCGL collection includes abstracts of ODL patent applications for the State of Oregon as well as Jackson County topography and boundary claim township maps showing names, roads, and often cabin locations, and cultivated fields. The complete ODL applications are on microfilm at the Oregon State Archives in Salem and the paper originals are in the NARA District Library in Seattle. Researchers fortunate enough to discover their ancestors obtained ODL patents can access these records locally without sending a records request to NARA in Washington, D.C.

HISTORYGEO

A new name on our website menu! The RVGS Board approved a year's paid subscription to *HistoryGeo*, an online map library that features an interactive map within the First Landowners Project database and an Antique Map Collection. Those who attended the Land Grant classes at JCGL will recognize the extent of data available here. You can search by surname and connect to the original Bureau of Land Management document. Not all of the 23 public land states are covered yet, but there is plenty to search at www.HistoryGeo.com



Sample map in HistoryGeo

NEW EXCLUSIVE DIGITIZED RECORDS



Findmypast has the largest online collection of Irish family history records, exclusive UK parish records dating back to the early 16th century, and the PERiodical Source Index [PERSI] for family history periodicals. In

February it added over 3 million records including sacramental registers for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1757 to 1916 as well as for the British Archdioceses of Westminster and Birmingham from 1657 on. Visit [http://findmypast.com/the Roman Catholic Heritage Archive](http://findmypast.com/the-Roman-Catholic-Heritage-Archive) to uncover the history of not only Irish but Italian, German, Polish and others. *Findmypast* also just released millions more United States Marriage records in association with Family Search International. New additions cover 45 states, over 1,800 counties and date from the 17th century up to the present. All are available at www.findmypast.com

THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY DIGITAL COLLECTION

On February 14 the Oregon State Library unveiled their digital collection at: <http://digital.osl.state.or.us/> Valentine's Day marked Oregon's 158th birthday! Browse digital files, including maps, from Oregon government agencies: state, county, city, commissions, some federal documents and some from nonprofit organizations. A potpourri of Oregon history, geography, current concerns, and government. Explore!

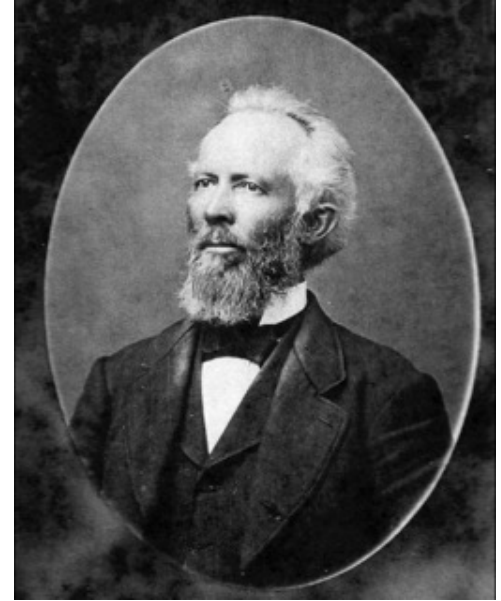
SPOTLIGHT ON ROGUE VALLEY PIONEERS

RVGS Pioneer files are located in the gray file cabinets to the right as you enter the library. From information in these files, volunteer Dorothy Cotton wrote this story about a furniture maker and sawmill owner who played the violin for Indians.

Elijah Emerson Gore was born in 1824 in Vermont. Spring of 1852, Emerson, as he was called, started across the plains with his wife [Mary] Elizabeth and children and his twin brother Ebenezer. When they arrived in the Rogue Valley, they settled in Jacksonville where they built a home and a furniture shop to make furniture for the settlers. Elijah and his twin Ebenezer built much of the furniture for the Methodist church in Jacksonville.

In December 1852 Emerson and Elizabeth's son Walter was born. He was the first white male child born in Jackson County. The Gores had a total of 10 children.

In 1853 Emerson received a Donation Land Claim (DLC), two miles north of Phoenix. He built a sawmill along Bear Creek and a home located where Southern Oregon Nursery is now on South Pacific Highway. The sawmill was a success. He sold lumber all over the valley until the flood of 1862 that completely washed out the sawmill.



Emerson Elijah Gore. Photo in *Table Rock Sentinel* magazine, January 1984.

The Gore family was a musical family. Everyone played instruments and sang. Elizabeth, his wife, taught music lessons for many years. Living near Bear Creek put the Gore family pretty close to the Indians along the creek. This story appeared in the *Medford Mail Tribune*, June 20, 1954, page 34.

“At one time when the Indians were camping on the Gore farm there was much unrest and all the settlers feared open violence. One day the Gore family saw a single file of Indians coming up the path to the Gore house, all carrying their weapons. They gathered around Gore, then, squatted on their heels and the chief made the motion of playing the violin. Gore played for them until he was exhausted but he did not dare stop before the chief gave him permission. Finally the chief got up, grunted, and he and the Indians went peacefully back to their camp.”

Emerson Gore and his family were very kind to the Indians they met along Bear Creek. Indian uprisings happened but, despite incendiary incidents in the area, the Gore family was not harmed.

BOOK SALE



Bookcases with
books currently for sale
are located to the left
as you enter the library.

Books on shelves are arranged by state.



Volunteer Rene Forncrook provided this small sampling of the books available for sale.

<i>Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire</i>	\$22.00	Maine
<i>History of Saco and Biddeford</i>	\$5.00	Maine
<i>Maine Wills 1640-1760</i>	\$19.00	Maine
<i>Old Kittery & Her Families</i>	\$30.00	Maine
<i>Vital Records Maine Newspapers 1785-1820 (2)</i>	\$25.00	Maine
<i>Vital Records of Kittery, Maine to 1892</i>	\$71.00	Maine
<i>Early Settlers of Maryland</i>	\$30.00	Maryland
<i>History of Western Maryland Vol 1, 2 and Index</i>	\$110.00	Maryland
<i>Marriage Licenses of Frederick County 1778-1810</i>	\$7.00	Maryland
<i>Maryland Marriages 1634-1777</i>	\$16.00	Maryland
<i>Maryland Marriages 1778-1800</i>	\$16.00	Maryland
<i>Maryland Marriages 1801-1820</i>	\$16.00	Maryland
<i>Maryland Revolutionary Records</i>	\$7.00	Maryland
<i>Settlers of Maryland 1679-1700 (2)</i>	\$15.00	Maryland
<i>Settlers of Maryland 1701-1730</i>	\$16.00	Maryland
<i>Settlers of Maryland 1731-1750</i>	\$19.00	Maryland
<i>Settlers of Maryland 1751-1765</i>	\$7.00	Maryland
<i>Settlers of Maryland 1766-1783</i>	\$7.00	Maryland
<i>When the Hopkins Came to Baltimore</i>	\$15.00	Maryland
<i>Nantucket Genealogies</i>	\$15.00	Massachusetts
<i>Pioneers of Massachusetts</i>	\$18.00	Massachusetts
<i>Records of Plymouth Colony 1633-1689</i>	\$11.00	Massachusetts
<i>Old Rail Fence Corners</i>	\$4.00	Minnesota

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION

325 Bur v. 1
Burkett, Brigitte
Nineteenth Century Emigrants from Baden-Wurttemberg, Volume 1: the Enzkreis: Illingen, Schutzingen, Wiernsheim, Otisheim, Muhlacker & Durrmenz

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Allen
Seaver, J. Montgomery
Allen Family History

929.2 Boone
Spraker, Hazel Atterbury
Boone Family: A Genealogical history of the descendants of George and Mary Boone who came to America in 1717

929.2 Britton
Van Name, Elmer Garfield
Britton Genealogy: Early Generations from Somersetshire, England to Staten Island, New York

929.2 Glattfelder
Glattfelter, Charles H.
Early Glattfelder Family in America: An Overview

929.2 Glattfelder
Glattfelter, Noah Miller
Descendants of Casper Glattfelter: the combined books: 1901 original and the 1910 supplement

929.2 Glattfelder
Glattfelders in America: The Descendants of Two Brothers, Johan Peter and Casper Glattfelder; and their Uncle, Hons Heinrich; and others

GERMANY

943 A841 Map
Maps of the German Empire of 1871

943 A841 Tho
Thode, Ernest
Atlas for Germanic Genealogy

325 Eig
Eighteenth Century Register of Emigrants from Southwest Germany (to America and other countries)

929.2 Glattfelder
Zemanek, Janet L.
Glattfelder/Clotfelter: A Family History Tracing Some of the Descendants of Glattfelden, Switzerland and in particular the descendants of his son Johan Jacob Glattfelder/Clotfelter

929.2 Neves
Estrela, Jose das Neves
The Family / A Familia: Amaro das Neves (Toste)

929.2 Sears
Sears Family Association Newsletter
929.2 Sears
Sears Genealogical Catalogue

929.2 Toste
Estrela, Jose das Neves
The Family / A Familia: Amaro das Neves (Toste)

929.2 Wright
Wright, William Henry
History of the Wright Family who are descendants of Samuel Wright (1722-1789) of Lenox, Mass...

943 C721 Smi
Smith, Kenneth L.
German Church Books: beyond the basics

943 N120 Jon
Jones, George F.
German-American Names

943 N120 Min
Minert, Roger P.
*Spelling Variations in German Names:
Solving Family History Problems Through
Applications of German and English
Phonetics*

943.4 C721 Gui v. 1
*Guide to German Parish Registers in the
Family History Library...volume 1: Baden,
Bavaria, Wuerttemberg*

943.43 C721 Pal
*Palatine Church Visitations 1609, Deanery
of Kusel*

ITALY

Circ 945 A101 Col
Cole, Trafford R.
*Italian Genealogical Records: How to use Italian Civil, Ecclesiastical, & other Records in
Family History Research*

PENNSYLVANIA

974.8 A101 Ear
Earnest, Corinne Pattie
Genealogist's Guide to Fraktur for genealogists researching German-American Families

NEW JERSEY

974.98 C721 Mel
Meldrum, Charlotte
*Early Church Records of Gloucester
County, New Jersey*

974.98 H388 Mic
Mickle, Isaac
*Reminiscences of Old Gloucester or
Incidents in the history of the Counties of
Gloucester, Atlantic and Camden, New
Jersey*

THE SOUTH

Atlas 975 A841 Eld
Eldridge, Carrie
Atlas of Southern Trails to the Mississippi

WEST VIRGINIA

975.495 M381 Ham
Hampshire County Records, 1816-1923, Virginia/West Virginia

VIRGINIA

975.5665 M177 Mar 1767-1819
Marriage Records of Pittsylvania County, VA, 1767-1819

GEORGIA

975.8135 L142 Dee
Deeds of Franklin County, Georgia, 1784-1826

INDIANA

977.271 C721 Chu

Church Book of St. Paul's Evangelical Congregation, Dallas Township, Huntington County, Indiana; Began: A.D. 1863 in September

KANSAS

Atlas 978.1 N298 Mil

Miller, Nyle H.

Kansas in Newspapers

OREGON

979.5 S227 Beaver

Beaver 1950 [yearbook of Oregon State College]

Beaver 1979 [yearbook of Oregon State College]

Beaver 1980 [yearbook of Oregon State College]

979.527 S227 Con

Constellation 1958 [yearbook of Crater High School]

Constellation 1959 [yearbook of Crater High School]

Constellation 1960 [yearbook of Crater High School]

Constellation 1963 [yearbook of Crater High School]

MAGAZINES RECENTLY RECEIVED

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

Newsletters recently received are shelved in the neighboring wire rack.

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Colorado Genealogist. v 78, #1, February 2017.

* "Bessie M. Kriley and Paul L. Kriley, Colorado Siblings in WW I."

Bessie was one of 'Denver Society Girls to Sail for France for War Work.' Her brother Paul served overseas and was severely injured.

Circ 929.05 NGSQ

National Genealogical Society Quarterly. v 104, #4, December 2016.

* "Indirect Evidence Corrected the Parentage of Lemuel Offert of Baltimore Co., Maryland."

Conflicting information from a Bible record and county histories was corrected by court, land, probate, and tax records.

Circ 979.421 P273 Hei

Heir Lines Quarterly. v 41 #2, January 2017.

*Research is what I am doing
when I don't know what I am doing!*

Wernher von Braun