



eNEWS AUGUST 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](#)

Jackson County Genealogy Library Classes and Events



TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

By email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com. By telephone: 541-512-2340. Or stop by the library to register. **Library is open Monday-Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, open until 9 pm Tuesday.**

Tuesdays in August: 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 5:00–6:00 PM. “Let's Learn About It” Video and Discussion.

Videos will be shown about various Genealogy subscription websites such as HistoryGeo, Ancestry, etc. A discussion will follow the videos. Each week a different website. Free to all.

Tuesday, August 8, 1:30-3:00 PM. Family Tree Maker User Group for PC and MAC users.

This group meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, August 8, 3:30-5:00 PM. German Interest Group.

Bruce McGarvey facilitates this interest group concentrating on German history and research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Thursday, August 10, 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. Register in advance.

Monday, August 14, 9:30 – 12:00 NOON. RVGS Board Meeting.

Members and the public are welcome. Free to all.

Monday, August 14, 1:00-3:00 PM. DNA Interest group (already tested.)

Lorita Cushman will facilitate an advanced DNA Interest Group for those who have had their DNA tested and are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

The General Membership Meeting and Public Program are not held during August.

Monday, August 28, 1:00-3:00 PM. DNA Interest Group (new to subject.)

Lorita Cushman facilitates this group who have not yet had their DNA tested or who are beginners. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

The Quilt and Genealogy talk is not held during August.

Copies of the 2017-18 schedule for Quilt and Genealogy talks are available now at JCGL.

A Peek into September

Tuesday September 19, 1:30-3:00 pm. Member Fair Affair: LOOK WHAT I FOUND!

Plan ahead for this event. Have you made an interesting discovery, visited an interesting place doing your research, or met new family members using DNA, etc.? Come and give a 5 to 6 minute talk about what you have found. We are looking for about 6 presenters. Sign-up to share your story. There is a sign-up sheet in the library; we need your contact information and member number.

SAVE THESE DATES. Saturday September 23 through Friday September 29. Genealogy Week.

RVGS once again offers a week of free classes covering introduction to genealogy, census, introduction to immigration, computer tips, beginning DNA, and other classes as well. Join us for a refresher course or two, or bring a beginning genealogist to "get the low-down" on family research.

LOCAL EVENTS

Windows in Time:

Hot Springs: Sacred Ground, Healing Properties?

Speaker: Amy Blossom, librarian

Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Medford Library.

Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Ashland Library.

Friday, August 4, One-hour tours begin 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, & 7:45 pm from Jacksonville Visitors Center.

For reservations, contact info@historicjacksonville.org or phone 541-245-3650. Visit www.historicjacksonville.org.

**HISTORIC JACKSONVILLE
HAUNTED HISTORY TOURS**

Not your ordinary "ghost tours" but history tours about real hauntings resulting from past events! Courthouse route features tales of brothels, epidemics, hangings, and, of course, haunted houses.

Saturday, August 5, 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm,
The Hanley Farm Music Festival at the Hanley Farm, 1053 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR.
For information and tickets visit www.sohs.org.



NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Plan a trip and include a national genealogy conference!

August 30-September 2, FGS National Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

The theme is "Building Bridges to the Past."
For information visit www.fgsconference.org



RVGS News

NEW MEMBERS

Debbie Rose	Wendy Ray
Lancea Kavanaugh	Marsha Lovitt
Ed and Debi Sutton	Joan Swanson
Carey Mercer	Lynn (Carol) Whitaker
Joyce Stockstill	Donna M. Ulrich
Wayne & Nancy Dollarhide	Allan Early
Lynn McDonald	Linda & Warren Harger
Donald & Dorothy L. Ross	Harold Dean Tibbits

Jewish Interest Group

Anyone interested in forming a Jewish Interest Group can contact Steve Kious at stekio@charter.net or put your name on the sign up sheet in the library. Researchers can share success stories and provide information about resources.

Genealogy for Kids

A note of appreciation goes out to members who volunteered to mentor Kids in RVGS's summer program, *Genealogy for Kids*. Pictured are Tom Sayre and Barbara MacMillen with a young genealogist doing her family research at our library July 17. During three previous sessions in July at Talent Elementary School Barbara MacMillen and Mary Robsman worked with members of the Boys and Girls Club of Rogue Valley to create an interest in genealogy, demonstrate research skills on the computer and fill out a sample ancestry chart and family group sheet. The activities prepared the Kids for doing family research at JCGL. In the future there may be more RVGS programs designed to involve youngsters and mentors in genealogy projects.



FINANCIAL NEWS FOR AUGUST

Over 80 Annual Fund Donors to Date!!

In place of a variety of rummage and bake sales, RVGS holds one main fund raiser each year, our Annual Fund Drive. This year, our budgeted goal is \$15,000. Your generous contribution to the Annual Fund will allow RVGS to keep our membership dues low and assist in covering operating expenses. Membership dues cover only about one-third of our operating expenses. The remaining expenses are covered by monies raised through our Annual Fund Drive and other donations. 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 privately-owned genealogical library between Portland and Sacramento. We hope you will consider making a generous donation(s) to the RVGS Annual Fund campaign this year.

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, or 2) you can drop off a donation or mail a donation to the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford.

All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, #93-0684590. If you take Required Minimum Distributions, you can donate all or any part of the distribution directly; send your request to the administrator of your fund. In addition, if you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive a tax credit for the ENTIRE amount of your donation (maximum \$1,000 for couple; \$500 single). Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL FUND DRIVE CONTRIBUTORS!

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JCGL News

SPOTLIGHT ON ROGUE VALLEY PIONEERS

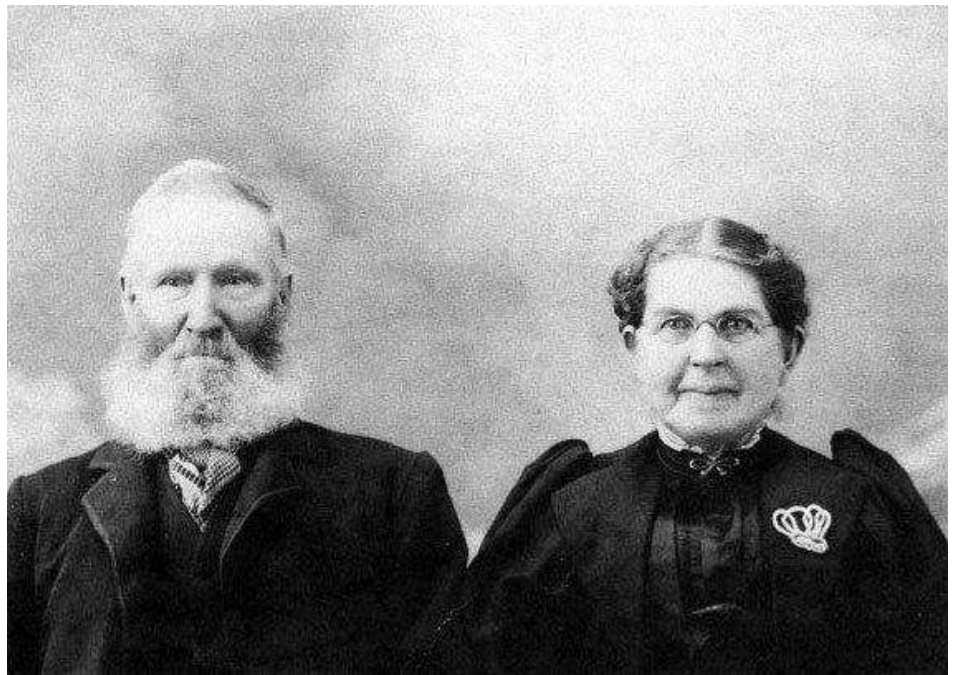
Volunteer Dorothy Cotton researched and wrote about John R. Coleman of Coleman Creek, a miner and farmer who influenced development in the Rogue Valley in the 1800s.

John R. Coleman and his brother Matthew were born in Ohio and came to Oregon as young bachelors in 1853. Before settling in the Rogue Valley they did some mining in Eastern Oregon. They then moved to the Sterling area. After a few years mining in the Sterling area, they took up adjoining land claims totaling over 400 acres in the area in Phoenix that came to be known as Coleman Creek.

John and his brother farmed the land and continued mining for many years. When they first started out, they worked for Mr. Van Dyke digging potatoes. They would take every 10th hill they dug as their pay. Doing this, they earned enough potatoes to keep them going through the winter. Mining never made them rich but they did do fairly well. During the Indian uprising in 1855 and 1856 in Jackson County John also fought the Indians.

On April 21, 1861 John married Maria Allen and together they had five children. In 1863 John was one of several subscribers who paid for making a preliminary survey for a railroad route connecting the Pacific railroad in California to Portland. There were several men who contributed.

In 1864 John obtained 166 acres of land along Coleman Creek from a Seminole Indian – Ocose-Te-Emath-La, who had gained the land bounty from his Cavalry service in the Florida Wars in the 1850's. This was one of the only recorded transactions in Jackson County between an Indian and a white person at that time.



In 1895 John had a paralyzing stroke from which he never really recovered. Within the next few years he and Maria sold some of their property and moved into town, Phoenix. John died July 18, 1905. His wife Maria passed away only two months later on September 16.

In his obituary it states that “John has been prominently identified with the growth and development of the valley.”

DEADLINE to order Family History Library (FHL) Microfilm

The last day to order rental microfilm from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City is August 31, 2017. FamilySearch is in the process of digitizing its collection but digitalization of records is not complete. If the information you want is not digitized and accessible online, order the microfilm before the deadline.

Historic Oregon Newspapers Online

This is a reminder that the newspaper database at <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu> is not only good for students and educators but for genealogists too. The newspaper content covers the entire state of Oregon for years 1846-1922 and is keyword searchable.

Share Your Stories at RVGS Member Fair Affair

* Prepare YOUR story, a 10-minute presentation to share with RVGS members. Questions? Email Marilyn Ayres at aayres@aol.com

* Sign up on the sheet in the Class Binder at the library reception desk. Give a short summary of your topic and provide contact information and member number. The Education Committee will choose six from the potential presenters. Deadline to sign up is August 15.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

4TH ANNUAL MEMBER FAIR AFFAIR,

LOOK WHAT I FOUND!!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

1:30-3:00 PM

At Jackson County Genealogical Society

Refreshments will be served.

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Edwards

Charles and Anna Edwards: A History in Photographs and Documents

IRELAND

941.5 C242 McG

McGrew, William J.

Tombstones of the Omey

941.5 N298 Hat

Hatches, Matches & Dispatches: Births, Marriages & Deaths in the Omagh Area [County Tyrone], 1815-1873

GERMANY

943 A101 Min

Minert, Roger P.

German Census Records, 1816-1916: the when, where, and how of a valuable genealogical resource

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

970.004 H388 Hal

Hall, Betty Lou

Images of America: Shasta Nation

MASSACHUSETTS

974.44 H388 Bro

Brown, Abram English

History of the town of Bedford, Middlesex County, from its earliest settlement to the year of our Lord 1891... with a genealogical register of old families

FLORIDA

975.9 H388 Cen

Centre St. Fernandina Historic District [Florida]

TENNESSEE

976.888 H388 Len

Lenoir, William B.

History of Sweetwater Valley, Tennessee

WISCONSIN

977.586 H388 Bin

Bingham, Helen M.

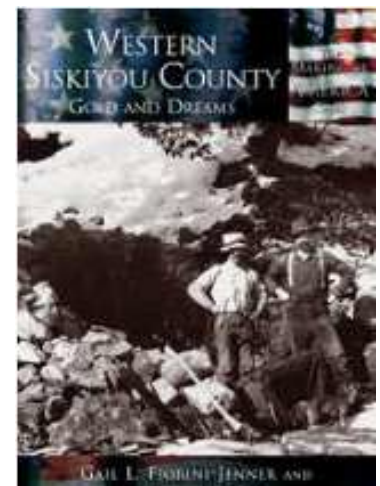
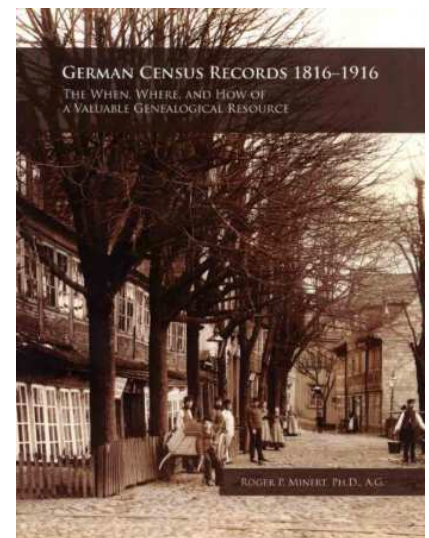
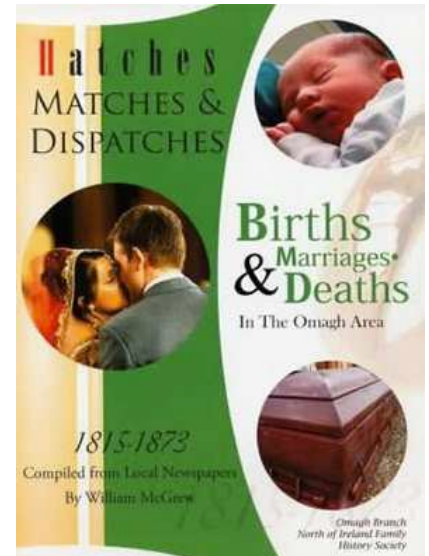
History of Green County, Wisconsin

CALIFORNIA

979.421 H388 Fio

Fiorini-Jenner, Gail L.

Western Siskiyou County: Gold and Dreams



979.421 R233 1892
1892 Great Register for Siskiyou County, California

979.426 H388 Gar
Garate, Donald T.
Termo to Madeline: Northern California's Last Frontier

OREGON – JOSEPHINE COUNTY

979.525 O138 Obi 1850-1947
Obituaries from Newspapers 1850-1947, Josephine County, Oregon, as published in the Grants Pass Daily Courier

979.525 O138 Obi 1948-1973
Obituaries from Newspapers 1948-1973, Josephine County, Oregon, as published in the Grants Pass Daily Courier

979.525 O138 Obi 1974-1987
Obituaries from Newspapers 1974-1987, Josephine County, Oregon, as published in the Grants Pass Daily Courier

979.525 0138 Obi 2016 Part 1
Obituaries from Newspapers 2016 Part 1, Josephine County, Oregon. As published in the Grant Pass Daily Courier

979.525 0138 Obi 2016 Part 2
Obituaries from Newspapers 2016 Part 2, Josephine County, Oregon. As published in the Grant Pass Daily Courier

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.

979.527 C242 Tal N
Friends of the Talent Church of the Brethern Cemetery, issue 6, v 1, June 1, 2017.

Circ 929.05 NGSM
NGS Magazine, v 42 #2, April-June 2017.
* This issue features World War I research.

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