



# Happy New Year! eNEWS January 2018

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 & EVENTS

### Jackson County Genealogy Library Classes & Events

To register in advance for classes and events:

- email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com),
- telephone: 541-512-2340,
- or stop by the library. The library is open Monday-Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM, and until 9 PM on Tuesdays.

**Register  
NOW**

#### **Monday, January 8, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting**

Members and public are welcome. Free to all.

#### **Monday, January 8, 1:00-3 PM, Advanced DNA Interest Group**

This interest group is 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.

#### **Monday, January 8, 3:00-4:00 PM, Jewish Interest Group**

This interest group is for those persons interested in Jewish research.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Tuesday, January 9, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group for PC and MAC users.**

This group meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Tuesday, January 9, 3:30-5:00 PM, German Interest Group**

This interest group concentrates on German history and research.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Thursday, January 11, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group**

This interest group concentrates on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Tuesday, January 16, 1:30-3:00 PM, Public Program and General Membership Meeting  
“Our Ancestors’ Sports” by Lynn Ransford.**

**Wednesday, January 17, 10:30-12:30 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group**

This interest group is for everyone interested in Genetic Genealogy.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Monday, January 22, 1:00-3:00 PM, Beginning DNA Interest Group**

This interest group is for those who have not yet had their DNA tested or are beginners.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Tuesday, January 23, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilt and Genealogy Talk, “Family Quilt Sharing by RVGS Members”**

Six members will share the history and memories of their family quilts.

**Friday, January 26, 10:30-12:30 PM, Computer Tips**

Rick Black will teach a class for patrons about using computers; how to use a PDF file, how to send images and files home using email, etc. This class will be repeated on February 8. Each class will be limited to 15 participants, so register early! Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

## Library Tours

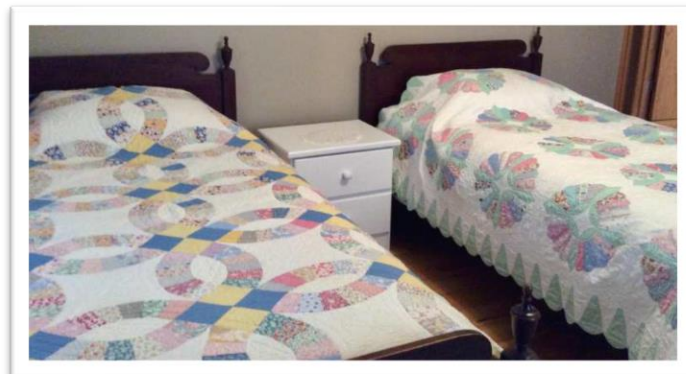
**Saturday, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:30-11:30 AM**

Jackson County Genealogy Library tours will be conducted every Saturday in the month of January for the public and anyone interested in seeing what our library contains. Come find some hidden treasures! The tours are FREE to everyone. Please register in advance.

## Family Quilt Sharing

Here is an opportunity to share your quilt or heirloom and to briefly describe your family research and the memories associated with the quilt.

Each participant is allotted 10 minutes to present. All quilts and heirlooms will be displayed. There is a signup sheet in the library or call Karen Asche at 541-734-3147. *Family Quilt Sharing* is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 1:30-2:30 pm and is part of our Quilts and Genealogy Talks series.



Coming Soon! Register Now!



**“OUR ANCESTORS”**

**Did They Serve? Did They Plow? Did They Move?**

Presenters: Rick & Pam Sayre

**WORKSHOP:** The Power of Google Earth

**PRESENTER:** Rick Sayre, CG, CGL

**WHEN:** April 20, 2018, 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

**WHERE:** Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, Oregon

**COST:** Members \$30. Non-Members \$40.

Rick is a 31-year career Army veteran and this class is **not** just for genealogists. Learn about the tools available to all of us on Google Earth.

**SEMINAR:** Our Ancestors: Did They Serve? Did They Plow? Did They Move?

**PRESENTERS:** Rick & Pam Sayre, CG, CGL

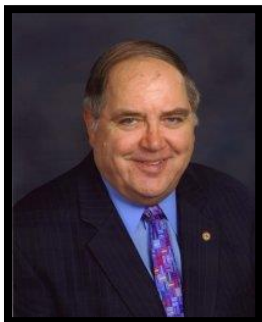
**WHEN:** April 21, 2018, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Registration: 8:30 to 9:00.)

**COST:** Members: \$45. Non-Members \$55.

Seminar classes include: Did He Serve? Researching Military Service Records; The Civil War; Rural Research; and Clues in Missouri Migration.

Registration is now open for RVGS members. Registration opens January 15, 2018 for non-members. Lunch is not included. Please visit our website at [www.rvgslibrary.org](http://www.rvgslibrary.org) and [www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org) for information, registration, and speaker details or call 541-512-2340 Monday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**Pamela and Richard Sayre** are professional researchers, educators, authors, and lecturers specializing in records in the Washington, DC area, Missouri, western Pennsylvania; and Ohio. Pam & Rick develop, coordinate, and teach courses for University-affiliated programs in genealogy, and they lecture regularly at national and regional genealogy conferences across the United States.



Rick was born and educated in Colorado, and during his thirty-one-year Army career, he traveled the world. Rick coordinates the Using Maps in Genealogy course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University. He also instructs courses in Advanced Methodology, Techniques and Technology, Advanced Military, and a variety of other IGHR courses. Rick and Pam coordinate the Advanced Land course and Researching in Washington, DC.

Pam is a fifth-generation Missourian by birth, and a New Mexican by upbringing. Pam has taught in Boston University's Professional Certificate Program in Genealogy, and she developed an NGS self-paced Social Security course for family historians. Pam is First Vice President of the Utah Genealogical Association; former NGS director of education and publications; former board member of NGS and FGS; and is the co-author of *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet* (2003) and *Research in Missouri* (1999, 2007).





## RVGS RESEARCH TRIP

### FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY SALT LAKE CITY

Sunday, March 11, 2018 – Sunday, March 18, 2018

The holidays are behind us, so now is the time to finalize your plans to travel to Salt Lake City and the Family History Library in March. Our discounted room rates only apply if reserved by February 8, 2018. Call now to book your room. If you are flying, remember that prices go up the closer we are to departure date. Reserve your flight now to save money.



Add your name and contact information to our Salt Lake City Trip Binder at the Library front desk. Ann Baracker is facilitating shared-room assignments and will arrange our complementary seminar and airport shuttles.

We will be having a meeting in mid-January to meet each other and finalize the complementary genealogy class that we will have (as long as 12 people want to attend). Your name needs to be in the binder or we will not be able to notify you of the meeting time and date.

Stay with our group at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel Temple Square, located within walking distance of the Family History Library.

- Free shuttle to and from the airport
- Group rates for rooms:
  - Standard Room: \$91+12.6% tax per night (single or double occupancy)  
\$98+12.6% tax per night (triple or quad occupancy)
  - Deluxe Room: \$101+12.6% tax per night (single or double occupancy)  
\$108+12.6% tax per night (triple or quad occupancy)
- Reserve your room directly with the hotel at **(801) 521-0130**; ask for the RVGS group rate.
- Room discount rate will be honored **only if booked before February 8, 2018**.
- Room discount will be honored even if staying less than the entire week.

Book your own flight directly with an airline. For example: Recently Delta flight direct to SLC costs \$540.40 including taxes and assigned seat, add \$25 for a checked bag. Optional trip insurance was \$33.78.

Get on the RVGS list for further information and updates. Add your name & contact information to the SLC Trip binder at the front library desk. Leave a message for Ann Baracker at the library 541-512-2340, or email her [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com).

## Local Events



### Windows in Time

#### **Getting Oregon Out of the Mud**

**Speaker:** Ron Brown

Wednesday, January 3, Noon to 1:00 PM, Medford Library

Wednesday, January 10, Noon to 1:00 PM, Ashland Library

Most of us take good roads for granted, but a hundred years ago most were still slogging along rough rutted country roads on horses or in buggies. When the automobile came along, a new cry went out to do something, anything, about the condition of Oregon's roads.

## RVGS NEWS

### New Members

#### Welcome to our new RVGS members!

Beverly Emerson, Angelo Gordon, Herbert Plannette Jr., Jack Esposito & Geri DeFontaine, Walter Carlisle, Thaddeus Hodgdon, Gary Stephens, and Cynthoni Fairhart.



### Holiday Luncheon a Huge Success



Our Holiday Luncheon - Volunteer Thank You - December Membership Meeting was a relaxing, friendly opportunity to share a meal with old and new friends, thank all of our 86 volunteers for their many contributions to the continuing success of RVGS and JCGL, recognize our recent retirees, and remember those members who passed in 2017.

Prominent among the 86 volunteers are the 13 Board members, who contribute a large portion of the volunteer hours which are recorded each month. As of the end of November, a total of 12,976 volunteer hours were reported in 2017. Of course, this does not include

the December volunteer hours, which will add the many hours of Andrea Patterson and her team of Board members, who arranged and decorated the room, developed our "Ancestors from Around the Globe" theme, and put together the hearty and tasty food we enjoyed.

We also thanked our retirees. Alan Marion served on the Board for 4 years as our Maintenance Director, shepherding many construction projects, as well as dealing with plumbing crises and many light-bulb changes, just to mention a few tasks.

Chloe Sternola served most recently on the Board as Library Director for 2 years, and has decided to step away from that role, but is continuing as Projects Coordinator, as well as being a member of the Scholarship and Book Committees.

Betty Miller has retired from the Board after serving for 4 years as Trustee. She was also on the Book Committee and chaired the Cemetery Committee for many years. She volunteered in many "behind the scenes" activities and is already sorely missed. She represented us at the Antique Shows and the Railroad Show for many years. Betty joined the Society in 2002 and is a Life Benefactor member.

Janie Stewart is retiring from her role as Office Manager, but will be happy to transition her tasks to our next Office Manager. Janie joined the Society in 1999 and is a Life Member. She is also retiring from her many years as a librarian. I suspect this will be a shock to her system, since she was a school librarian for many years prior to her years as one of our librarians!

A number of librarians have resigned this year, including Janie's librarian partner Mary Ann Byrne, Shane Loveland, and Karen Pendergast.

Several of our members have passed away this year, perhaps most notably Jean Maack, who served as President of the Society. She also donated her considerable body of research to our Library. We also lost Ellen Brannick, who was a librarian for many years. Her research materials are also now being added to the JCGL collection. Patricia Shute and Gene Brewer are two more members who have passed on. Our sympathy goes to their family and friends.



During the General Meeting Ruth Wade installed our newly elected officers for 2018: Anne Billeter, President; Karen Asche, Vice President; Sheila Kimball, Secretary; Barbara Shrewsbury, Treasurer; Charlotte Wirfs, Trustee. (right to left.)

This was followed by each of the Board members describing their responsibilities. Some of them also described their need for some volunteers:

Denise Salthouse, Education Director, is recruiting a Hospitality Committee to prepare the meeting room and refreshments for the Program and General

Membership Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in January through June and September through November.

Terrie McCoy, new Library Director, is recruiting Librarians, especially to cover Saturday hours, but also various shifts throughout the week. Librarians are expected to commit to two shifts each month. No experience is required and training is provided. The main responsibilities include staffing the reception desk and assisting patrons in using the library and the subscription databases.

Pam Sasseen, Public Relations Director, is recruiting a Marketing Committee to brainstorm and implement marketing ideas.

Anne Billeter, President, is recruiting a new eNews editor. This person creates our monthly newsletter from items submitted by Board members and others. Mary Robsman, who served as our eNews editor for just over a year, resigned in part so she could help fill our Saturday librarian shifts and continue facilitating the German Interest Group.

Mary also resigned from being our representative to THREE Chamber of Commerce Greeters groups: If you would like to find out more about the many small businesses and nonprofits in either Ashland, Medford, or Phoenix, attending the Greeters' meetings periodically and sharing our upcoming events with the Greeters is a fun way to contribute. Dorothy Cotton has already agreed to represent us at the Phoenix Greeters, but we would really benefit from Ashland and Medford representation. Please talk to Mary and let Anne Billeter know if this might be of interest.

We also need a VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, someone who can recruit volunteers and communicate our needs. For example, we need a volunteer to routinely stock our brochures in the Visitors Centers and public libraries. The Volunteer Coordinator can be a Board position, but does not have to be. Contact Anne Billeter if you are interested.

HELP US KEEP RVGS and JCGL strong and vibrant, so we can ALL continue to search for our ANCESTORS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE.





## RVGS Financial News



### Introducing Our New Monthly Givers Club!

Every year, in place of a multitude of garage sales and baked goods sales, the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society holds an Annual Fund Drive. Members are encouraged to donate to support the programs and services that are provided through the Jackson County Genealogy Library.

It has come to our attention that some members feel they cannot afford to make a large donation, but would like to give something. Every little bit helps and adds up quickly!

For those who are interested in making small donations over time, we are launching our Monthly Givers Club. Whether you donate \$5.00 a month or \$20 a month (pick the amount you are comfortable with), club members' small donations will add up to a big difference at the end of the year.

There are no forms to fill out, just start giving! Contributions can be made in two ways:

- 1) Go to [www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html](http://www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html) to donate online using your credit card through PayPal or click on the **Donate Now** link on our Facebook page to reach PayPal.
- 2) You can drop off a donation or mail a donation to the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford, OR 97501. If you use the convenience of PayPal, you can have your donation sent to us automatically every month!

**Stay tuned next month for a list of ALL our 2017 Annual Fund Drive donors!**

## December Board Report

The database portion of our new website is being tested (prior to launching it in 2018, date not yet set) by Terrie McCoy and Dorothy Cotton. Their familiarity with our indexes of Jackson County resources including obituaries, death certificates, marriage certificates, etc. makes them excellent "testers."

Barbara MacMillen, our grant writer, reported that we have received a \$1,800 grant from the Jackson County Cultural Coalition for the April 2018 Rick and Pam Sayre Seminar and Workshop. This grant helps us reduce the cost of the Seminar and Workshop to our members and makes these nationally known presenters more affordable.

The Board voted to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and Barbara MacMillen has already received confirmation of a grant reducing the price to \$952.96. The deadline for using this grant is January 14. Member donations specifically for this purpose would be appreciated.

RVGS Membership is now 814! Renewal reminder letters in 2018 will include volunteer opportunity forms.

NOTICE: The RVGS Board meets regularly on the second Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the JCGL meeting room. The March 2018 Board meeting has been moved to March 5, the first Monday of the month, as some of the Board members will be in Salt Lake City at the Family Research Library the following week.



## JCGL NEWS

### SOS: Save Our Saturdays!



**OPPORTUNITY IS HERE AND NOW:** YOU have the ability to save the Jackson County Genealogy Library's Saturday hours! Due to a critical shortage of librarian volunteers, the RVGS Board is considering eliminating the Jackson County Genealogy Library's SATURDAY hours (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

#### WHY should you volunteer?

- Because you can make a DIFFERENCE!
- Because you will BENEFIT directly: you will have access to all of the Genealogy Library's resources: SIX subscription websites (American Ancestors; Ancestry; FindMyPast; Fold3; HistoryGeo; My Heritage); and more than 19,000 cataloged books.
- Because being at the library on a regular basis will IMPROVE your research skills and help you work on your genealogy with greater frequency
- Because it is FUN to help others use the library and its resources
- TRAINING will be provided. NO EXPERIENCE is necessary
- Two librarians are always scheduled to work together, so you are never alone. You will make new friends (and possibly discover new relations!)
- Half day shifts are available (9:45 am - 1 pm and 1 pm - 4:15 pm.) Can't volunteer Saturdays? Other librarian shifts are available!

Volunteer by contacting Terrie McCoy, incoming Library Director, cell 541-973-0423 or by calling JCGL during open hours: Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Tuesdays until 9 pm at 541-512-2340; or email to Terrie McCoy - [tmccoy42231@gmail.com](mailto:tmccoy42231@gmail.com).

NOTE: JCGL will be closed December 16 – December 25, so volunteer NOW.

### We Are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

RVGS has been a Family Affiliate Library with familysearch.org for quite a few years. Until this September, this status entitled our members to rent microfilm from the vast collection at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and have it sent here for viewing and printing. The microfilm rental program was discontinued in September, because the entire collection of microfilm will be digitized by 2020 and because the program was expensive to operate.



NOW, by registering for a free account with familysearch.org, you can view many digitized records from any computer, but not ALL records. Some digitized records may only be viewed at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. SOME records may be viewed at a Family History Center (there is one in Central Point, one in Grants Pass, and one in Medford). SOME may be viewed at either a Family History Center OR a Family Affiliate Library, like JCGL.

So, if you are accessing familysearch.org at home, and you receive a message that the image you wish to view may only be viewed at a FamilySearch affiliate library or a family history center, remember, JCGL IS A FAMILYSEARCH AFFILIATE LIBRARY and we are open 41 hours a week.



## Spotlight on Historic Cemetery Preservation

Volunteers of the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) became aware that records of many unknown or forgotten burial sites were not represented in the library's massive cemetery records collection. Efforts are now underway to add to the records collection. This is the second article in a series describing newly discovered cemeteries and burial sites throughout the county.

### Satterfield Cemetery

Located on a small knoll, surrounded on three sides by a wheat field, is a small group of headstones marking the last resting place of several early settlers. The large oak trees and rich bed of vinca vines were easily recognized by searchers Roger Roberts and Chuck Eccleston as yet another early pioneer cemetery. As seen in the photo, this cemetery has long been neglected. Most of the headstones were hidden in the vinca, scrub brush, and under huge limbs that had fallen from the overhead canopy of mature oaks. Many volunteers over recent years have helped to clean and restore the cemetery grounds and maintain this historic site. Volunteer vehicles are permitted access across the field only after the crop is harvested.

Eight headstones were found, representing the Clark, Morrison, Raimy, Satterfield, and Scott families. A particularly poignant marker for eight-day old Freddie Raimy was uncovered during one of the clearing and cleaning sessions

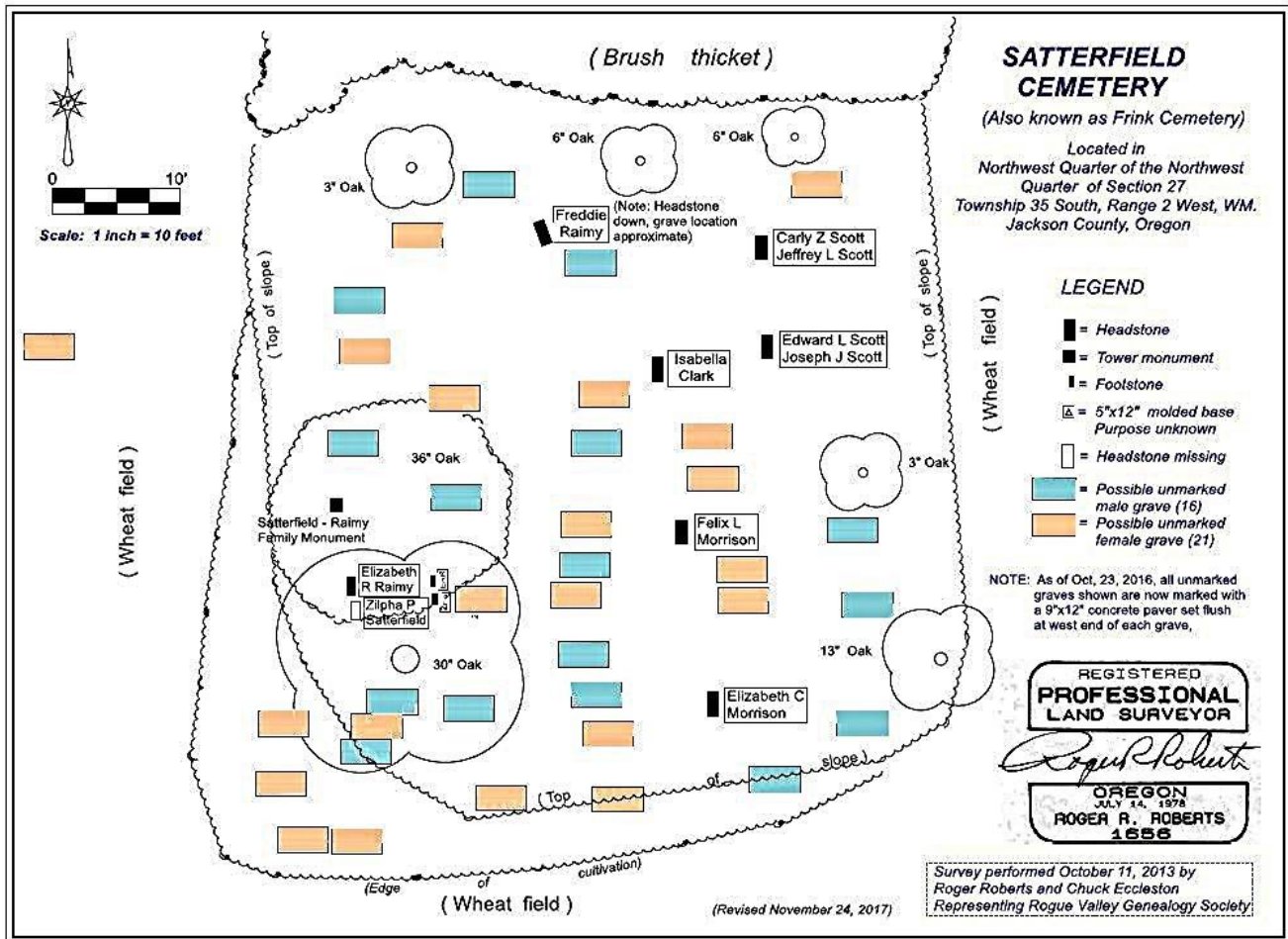
These families lived and farmed in the vicinity of the forgotten community of Beagle. The most prominent stone in this small unfenced cemetery is a memorial to Zilpha Peele Satterfield, wife of Joseph W. Satterfield. This stone was in

imminent danger of collapse when Jacksonville Cemetery volunteer Dirk Siedlecki and his brother Lee volunteered to repair the large eight-foot tall stone. Other stone repair work was done by Roger Roberts, Ron Brown, and Chuck Eccleston.

After the cemetery grounds were cleared of brush, a search was made using the dowsing rod method to locate unmarked graves. This resulted in the finding of 37 unmarked graves. Each of those graves is now marked with a 9-inch x 12-inch x 2-inch concrete paver stone, set at the west end of each grave.

The map on the next page shows the location of both the marked graves and the 37 found unmarked graves. The map is on file in the cemetery records at the Jackson County Genealogy Library.





## Ireland DNA Interest Article

The First Genetic Map of Ireland may unlock some challenges with regards to your ancestors. The article has a genetic map, discusses genetic clusters and explanation of the study done by researchers. It is worth reading for those interested in genetic genealogy with ancestry in Ireland.

Google *Scientific Reports Ireland* or click here:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-17124-4>



## Volunteer Opportunity

Now is the time that we are gearing up for the April Seminar, one of our biggest events of the year. Not only do we get to enjoy a marvelous speaking team, we also attract visitors from other areas and folks new to the library and our society. This is a large event to host, as well as exciting and fun to plan and organize. If you would like to help with the seminar "behind-the-scenes", please contact Andrea Patterson or Denise Salthouse. Thank you!





## WRITING

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Stanek, Lou Willett  
*Writing Your Life: Putting Your Past on Paper*

## GENEALOGY HOW TO

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929.1 Cha  
Chamberlin, David C.  
*Conceptual approach to genealogy: essential methodology for organizing and compiling genealogical records*

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Croom, Emily Anne  
*Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for more successful family history research*

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*200 Years of U.S. Census Taking: Population and Housing Questions, 1790-1990*

## VERMONT

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974.3 A101 Wal  
Walker, Fran Carter  
*Vermont Research Tips*

## MASSACHUSETTS

974.4 I522 Pap v.15  
*Papers of the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts, vol. xv: Biographical Sketches of the Contributors; Index*

## WEST VIRGINIA

Atlas 975.4 A841 Wes  
*West Virginia Atlas & Gazetteer*

975.452 H388 Edd  
Eddy, Betty A.  
*Scotts Run Images [Monongalia County, West Virginia]*

## VIRGINIA

975.5 G242 VMHG  
*Genealogies of Virginia Families from the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*  
*Volume I, Adams-Chiles*  
*Volume II, Claiborne-Fitzhugh*  
*Volume III, Fleet-Hayes*  
*Volume IV, Healy-Pryor*  
*Volume V, Randolph-Zouch*

## MISSOURI

977.861 H388 Gas v. 1  
*Gasconade County History, Owensville Missouri, Volume One*

## THE WEST

979 I521 How  
Howe, Carrol B.  
*Ancient Modocs of California and Oregon*





## Surplus Book Sale:

### Additions to the Book Sale Bookcase

Each month we will add books to the Surplus Book Sale Bookcase (near the Mentoring Printer), offering them locally (for less) before our Internet book sale volunteers list them on Amazon or eBay. We want our members to have first chance!

Books priced @ \$1.00 will not be listed in the eNews: come in to see what is on the shelf. Here are the books priced more-than-\$1.00 that were added in December:

## BOOK SALE



- *The Jess M. Thompson Pike County History, as printed in installments in The Pike County Republican, Pittsfield, Illinois, 1935-1939.* \$70.00
- *“Memoing” My Memories: A Simple Technique for Writing Your Family Stories.* \$3.00
- *The Night the Mountain Fell: The story of the Montana-Yellowstone Earthquake.”* \$2.00
- *The Lives and Times of Our English Ancestors* by Frank Smith. \$4.00
- *A Genealogical Gazetteer of Scotland* by Frank Smith. \$4.00
- *Personal Recollections of Harrison Burns as written in 1907.* \$2.00
- *Robert Dale Owen’s Travel Journal 1827.* \$2.50
- *Journal of a Trapper [1834-1843]* by Osborne Russell. \$2.50
- *The Young Jefferson, 1743-1789* by Claude G. Bowers. \$2.50
- *Chicago and Cook County: A Guide to Research* by Loretto Dennis Szucs. \$2.00
- *Kentucky Court and Other Records, vol. 2.* \$7.00
- *Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812.* \$15.00
- *Newspaper Gleanings of Andrew County and Surrounding Area (Missouri).* \$50.00
- *De Kalb County Missouri Death Notices (from Area Newspapers) 1868-1903.* \$7.00
- *Kansas Pioneers.* \$9.00
- *Old Oroville Cemetery (California).* \$22.00
- *Sonoma County Death Records (California), 1873-1905.* \$22.00
- *Sonoma County California Death Records, 1873-1905, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.* \$32.50
- *History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri (1883) [with 1971 index].* \$85.00
- *History of Southeast Missouri* [reprint of Goodspeed, 1888]. \$55.00
- *Missouri Birth and Death Records, Volume One* by Sherida K. Eddlemon. \$15.00
- *Missouri Taxpayers, 1819-1826* by Lois Stanley, George F. Wilson, Maryhelen Wilson. \$18.00
- *Nevada Guide to Genealogical Records* by Diane E. Greene. \$11.00