

RVGS-JCGL eNews ~ June 2018



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**Library closed
on Monday
July 4th**

CLASSES & EVENTS

Jackson County Genealogy Library Classes & Events – Quick List

Registering in advance is requested for all events except public programs and Board meetings. To register in advance for classes and events:

- email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com,
- telephone: 541-512-2340,
- or stop by the library Mon-Sat, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesdays until 9 p.m.

Event prices:

- Public Programs are FREE to all
- Interest Groups are FREE to members; \$5-day use fee for non-members
- Classes and seminars are priced as listed with the description

Saturday, June 9, 10:30-12:30 p.m., How to Start your Genealogy Project

Denise Salthouse will teach this class for beginning genealogists on how to start your Genealogy project. This class is free for all. Register in advance.

Monday, June 11, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting

Members are welcome. Free to all.

Monday, June 11, 1-3 p.m., Advanced DNA Interest Group

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

Tuesday, June 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Family Tree Maker Interest Group for PC and MAC users

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

Tuesday, June 12, 3:30-5:00 p.m., German Interest Group

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

Saturday, June 16, 10:30-12:00 p.m., Beginning Irish

This class is being taught by Roz Owens. \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, Register in advance

Tuesday, June 19, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Public PROGRAM and General Membership Meeting

The program will be "Orphan Train" presented by Andrea Patterson. Free for everyone.

Tuesday, June 19, 5-6 and 7-8 p.m., Summer Tutorial Tuesdays

This is the first in a series of videos being shown on Tuesday evenings. The first video will be "Making the Most of Ancestry." See the full list of Summer Tutorial Tuesdays in the next article.

Wednesday, June 20, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

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

Monday, June 25, 1-3 p.m., Beginning DNA Interest Group

Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Tuesday, June 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Quilt and Genealogy Talk, PROGRAM

"The Signature Quilt Mystery." Anne Billeter will give us some answers to the mystery of why this quilt was made and how it found its way to Medford by identifying the forty-two signatures on this quilt. Free for everyone.

Tuesday, June 26, 5-6 and 7-8 p.m., Summer Tutorial Tuesdays

"Getting the Most from the Search Function on Family Search." See the full list of Summer Tutorial Tuesdays in the next article.

Tutorial Tuesdays

Do you wish you knew how to use our subscription websites? Come Tuesday evenings this summer to watch these webinars with other genealogy researchers, on our new Smart TV. Improve your research skills. Each webinar will be shown twice, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. giving you two opportunities to view the webinars and best suit your dining schedule.

- June 19 Making the Most of Ancestry. James Tanner. 48 min.
- June 26 Getting the Most from the Search Function on FamilySearch. Kathryn Grant. 48:28 min.
- July 3 Your Family History Online: Laying the Foundation. Anne Gillespie Mitchell. 52:52 min.
- July 10 Google for Genealogy: Search Tricks to Tease Out Information. Jessica Taylor. 45 min.
- July 17 Making the Most of Fold3. James Tanner. 49:09 min.
- July 24 How to use HistoryGeo, First Landowners Project - Map Viewer Essentials
- July 31 Making the Most of MyHeritage.com. James Tanner. 59:54 min.
- Aug 7 Finding the Females in Your Family Tree. Amy Johnson Crow 52:45 min
- Aug 14 Using AmericanAncestors.org. Andrew Hanson-Dvoracek 53:30 min
- Aug 21 1939 Register: The Perfect Place to Start Your British Family History. Alex Cox 29 min
- Aug 28 The Key to the Courthouse: Unlocking the Past. Jana Sloan Broglin, OGSF 57:28 min

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Friends of Jacksonville Historic Cemetery

Up-Coming Jacksonville Cemetery Programs

Saturday, June 9 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

History Saturday in the Cemetery

This month's topic will focus on the 175th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail.

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Cemetery Stroll

The subject of our stroll this month will be on "Untimely Passings"



Both events are free and no advance reservations are required. Meet your docents at the top of the Cemetery Road where you will find parking available. May we suggest comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sun screen. Join us on the second Tuesday and Saturday of the month through August for these special tours. Visit our website for complete details on these and all our events and activities at: friendsjvillecemetery.org



Grants Pass Genealogical Society's 50th Anniversary

Congratulations!

Happy 50th to the Grants Pass Genealogical Society! In 1968 a group of 18 family historians formed a genealogy club in Grants Pass. On May 8, 2018 a celebration 50th anniversary luncheon was enjoyed by a large group of past and present members, including Kathleen Parsons, one of the original founders. The two other living founders reside too distant to travel (Prineville and Nebraska). A number of members, including several former Club Presidents, shared memories, and guest speaker Joan Momsen of the Josephine County Historical Society shared a performance of her Mother's eventful and memorable life. Also in attendance was the Club's first ever Scholarship winner, Kaya Dooleage of Illinois Valley High School. The entire event was beautifully orchestrated by Celeste Guillory, President and Newsletter editor, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. "Educating Family Historians for More than 50 Years" is their entirely appropriate anniversary theme.

Historic Jacksonville News

Beginning June 2, Jacksonville's 1873 Beekman House Museum will be open to the public every Saturday through the end of September with a combination of tour options. New this year are Historic Jacksonville's Beekman Family Life tours—half-hour tours beginning every 20 minutes between 11am and 3pm on the first, second, and fifth Saturdays of each month. These tours offer highlights of the house, the family, and the Victorian Era. They are ideal when other tours are not an option or when individuals have limited time.

Beekman Family Life tours will augment Historic Jacksonville's Victorian Days tours on the third Saturday of each month through October and its 1932 Living History tours on the fourth Saturday of each month through September.

IT'S STARTED—
A full season of Jacksonville history!

1873 Beekman House Museum
Choose from a variety of tours every Saturday through September—Victorian Days, Beekman Family Life, and 1932 Living History.

1863 Beekman Bank Museum
Step behind the counter of the oldest bank in the Pacific Northwest four days each week through Labor Day.

Jacksonville Haunted History
Encounter restless spirits on two different 1-hour walks the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month through September.

Don't miss out!
Details at www.historicjacksonville.org



Victorian Days provide an opportunity to explore a different aspect of 19th Century life each month through the lens of Jacksonville and the Beekman family. 1932 Living History tours encourage visitors to interact with Beekman family members and friends as they close up the family home, comment on the Great Depression and its effects on Jacksonville and reminisce about life in the late 1800s.

Located at 470 E. California Street, the C.C. Beekman House Museum was home to Jacksonville's

wealthiest and most prominent pioneer family and remains completely furnished with family artifacts—your opportunity to “step back in time!”

Beekman Family Life tours are \$3 per person. Victorian Days tours are offered every 15 minutes between 11am and 3pm on third Saturdays. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. 1932 Living History tours are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.

Living History tours are offered three times on the fourth Saturday of each month at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. More information at <mailto:info@historicjacksonville.org> or call 541-245-3650.

Haunted Jacksonville Tours

Beginning Friday, June 1, ghosts and spirits from Jacksonville's pioneer past will again be the subjects of Historic Jacksonville's Haunted History walking tours. They've proven so popular that Historic Jacksonville, Inc. is now offering tours on both the first and third Fridays of each month from June through September with special tours in October. Two completely different tours will be offered each evening—a Courthouse route at 7:00 and a Britt Hill route at 7:30 p.m.—with costumed guides sharing notable tales of woe, sorrow, and regret.

These approximately one-hour walks, which leave from the Jacksonville Visitors Center at the corner of North Oregon and C streets, have limited space and reservations are strongly encouraged. “Walk ups” will be accommodated based on space available. The cost is \$5 per person, with profits going to historic preservation efforts.

Two different tour routes will be offered each night. “Both tours include several haunted houses,” Kingsnorth reassures, “but each tour has a different theme and content. Our 7:00 p.m. Courthouse route features brothels, epidemics, and hangings. The 7:30 p.m. Britt Hill tour shares tales of arson,

saloons, and Oregon's first Chinatown. This tour is a little strenuous since it does require our tour guide and guests to huff and puff their way up Britt Hill—but the stories are worth it!

"The two routes give participants the opportunity to come back for more and give us the opportunity to share more of Jacksonville's storied history," she notes. Private tours for groups of 10 or more are also available for \$10 per person on non-public tour nights.

In October, Historic Jacksonville will offer the Britt Hill tour on October 12 and the Courthouse tour on October 13 with tours beginning at 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. each night. "They will be part of a month-long celebration of the 'spirits of Jacksonville' with the Friends of Jacksonville's

Historic Cemetery offering "Meet the Pioneers' tours the first weekend; our Haunted History tours the second weekend; Beekman House Museum "Victorian Mourning Customs" the third weekend; and the Chamber of Commerce's 'Haunted Trolley' tours the fourth weekend."

A black poster with yellow text and a full moon in the background. The text reads: "HISTORIC JACKSONVILLE HAUNTED HISTORY TOURS", "JUNE 1ST & 15TH", "Brothels, epidemics & hangings 7:00 PM", "Chinatown, arson & saloons 7:30 PM", "1-hour walks leave from corner of Oregon & C streets.", "Not your ordinary 'ghost tours'! These are history tours about real hauntings resulting from past events!", "\$5 per person—Tour size limited! Reservations at 541-245-3650 or info@historicjacksonville.org".

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ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

New Members

Welcome to our newest members:

Sharry Warren, Carroe Wittenberg, Robert D. Jones, Kim Webb, Kathleen Moline, Patricia Patty Bunch, Michael Emmens, Christine Lachner, Debra Berendsen, David & Nancy Russell, Judy Evans, Edward Stockdill, John Hamilton.



Financial News - Annual Fund Drive Launch

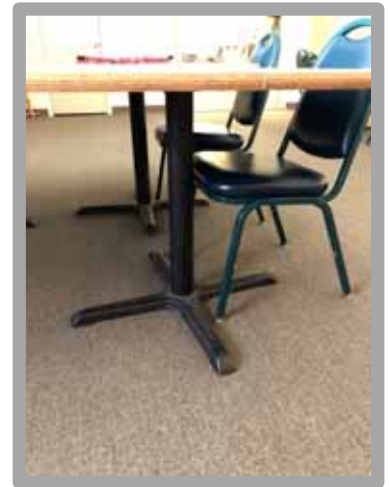
Financial News - Annual Fund Drive Launch

By now you should have received a copy of the 2018 Annual Fund Drive letter in the mail. If not, you can view a copy on our website. Please consider giving any amount, every dollar counts. As an all volunteer organization, 100% of your gift goes to keeping our library and programs running. Membership dues only cover about one third of our costs. We rely on the generous gifts of our members, patrons, and supporters for the remaining operating funds. RVGS/JCGL does not receive any government funding. Stay tuned next month for a list of our early givers! Thank you!

For Sale – To Benefit RVGS



Four 3 ft. square pedestal tables. \$25 each. Inquire at the library.



Free

A nearly complete series of the Oregon Historical Quarterly from the mid/late-1980s through the present, about 4-5 linear feet of shelf space. Email archandhistoryservices@gmail.com

JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

Old Stage Road Cemetery

By Roger Roberts



I had been working on a property boundary survey all day. The weather was warm, so after packing my equipment into the truck, I sat down on the rear bumper, took my cap off and wiped the sweat off my brow, and took a long drink of cool water. Ezra, my client, saw me there and came over to talk.

We talked about the weather, his family, my family, etc. Being one who is always on the lookout for evidence of graves and burial sites, I gradually brought the conversation

around to that subject. I told Ezra about the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society's cemeteries project, and that I am on a committee of three to do the field searches for possible grave sites. Then I asked Ezra if he knew of, or heard rumors of, any graves in the area. He said he didn't know of any.



I then explained how we go about searching for burial sites, and that we have found enough of them that we are beginning to see a pattern. I said to Ezra, "We now watch for a small rounded hilltop, kind of like that one over there behind your house. And with a large tree, usually an oak, on top of it. Kind of like that hill behind your house". Then I stopped to think about what I just said and what I was pointing to. I looked at Ezra, he looked at me, and

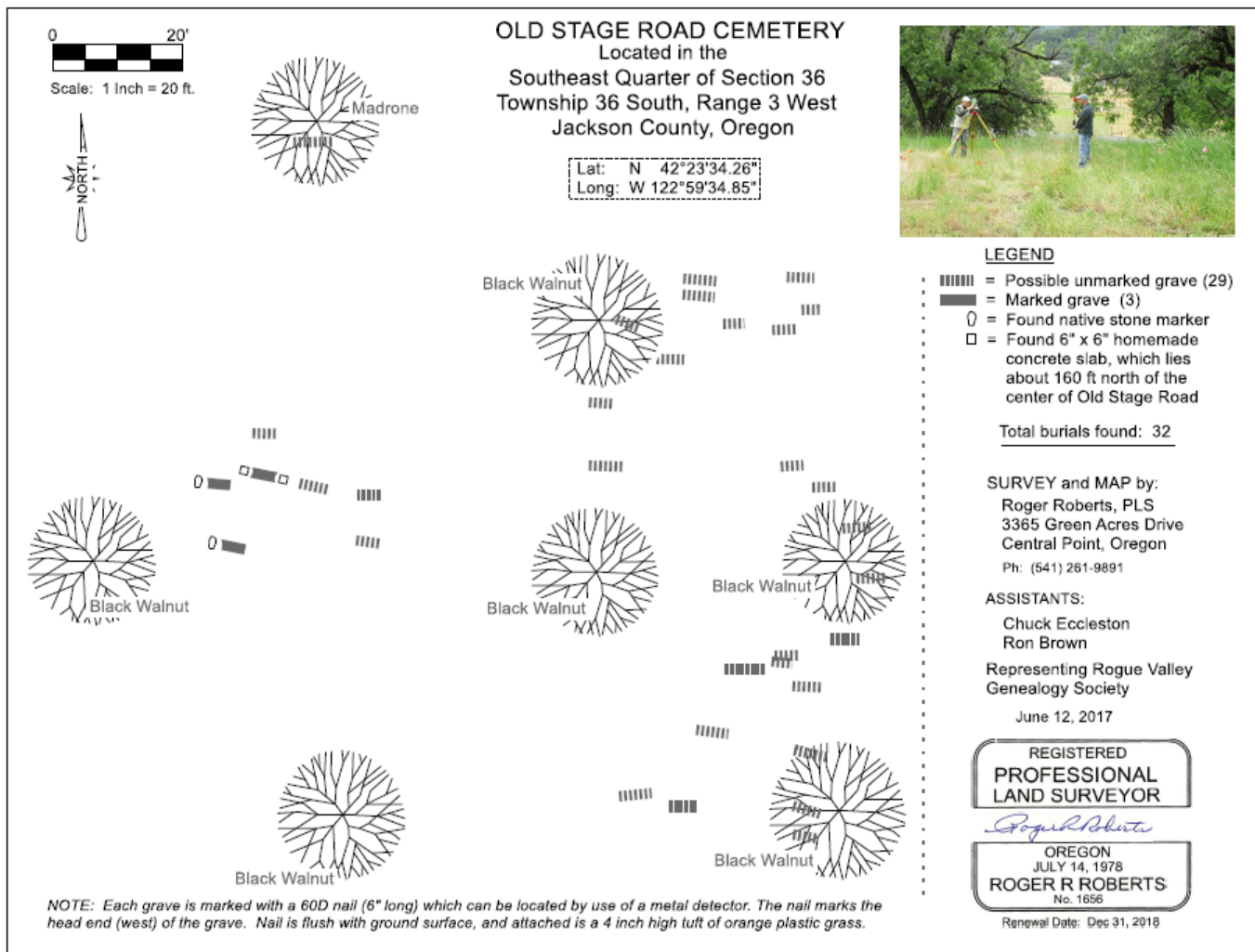
said "Do you want to go over there and look?" I responded "Yes, I think I will".

I drove my Trooper over to the base of the hill and parked, got out my dowsing rods (I never leave home without them), and proceeded to the top of the hill. Within 10 minutes, using the dowsing rods, I found what I thought might be an unmarked grave, amongst a grove of black walnut trees. Then I found several more. Hmm, time to bring in reinforcements. Which means I brought the rest of the cemetery search committee, being Chuck Eccleston and Ron Brown, to the site a few days later to help me work the area. When we were done, we had found and flagged 29 possible unmarked graves, two more graves had a native stone marker at the head of the grave, and yet another one had a hand molded cement 8 inch square marker at both the head and foot of the grave.

In order to preserve the location of each grave, we placed a 6 inch nail in the ground with a tuft of bright red plastic imitation grass at the head of each grave. They can now be located in the future with the use of a metal detector.

We named the burial site as the "Old Stage Road Cemetery", due to its proximity to that county road. In the photo on the right you can see vehicle traffic on Old Stage Road.

Below is the map that was prepared and is now on file in the Cemetery Records at the Jackson County Genealogy Library.



Traverse PC

Volunteer Opportunities



We are proud to be all-volunteer organization. We would not exist without the time and energy our volunteers give each month. If you want to help share the responsibilities, give of your time to help us continue to provide our many services to our members.

If you are interested in any of the positions below, please Email Anne Billeter at president.rvgs@gmail.com for more information and/or to volunteer.

Summer Video Hosts Needed

The Education Committee is now setting up the Summer “Tutorial Tuesdays,” where each Tuesday evening during the summer we will run a tutorial/interest video from one of the websites we carry at the library. If you are interested in being the host for one of these evenings (run the video and answer questions afterward), please email [Denise Salthouse](mailto:Denise.Salthouse) or let one of the Education Committee members know!

Magazine Reviewer

Be the first to see our genealogy magazines! List them for the next issue of the *eNews* and highlight interesting articles. See recent back issues of the *eNews* for examples.

Ashland Chamber of Commerce Greeter

Share the JCGL story with the Ashland business community: Share what we have to offer and what upcoming events we have. The Ashland Chamber Greeters meet every Friday at 8:00 a.m. at a different member business each week. We need someone to represent RVGS at least monthly to share our story. Volunteer for a few hours each month and make a difference for RVGS.

RVGS Historian

Help! Our RVGS history is being neglected. Do you enjoy gathering information and presenting it in a creative and informative way? This may be the perfect volunteer position for you.



Hospitality Helpers

Help make the magic of our wonderful programs happen. We are looking for Hospitality Helpers, providing set up of coffee and refreshments, as well as clean up at our third Tuesday at 1:30 programs. If you can help please email [Denise Salthouse](mailto:Denise.Salthouse).



NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION

325 Pas

Passengers Listed in the Allgemeine Auswanderungs-Zeitung, 1848-1869

GENEALOGY HOW TO

929.1 Bei

Beidler, James M.

Family Tree Historical Newspapers Guide: How to find Your Ancestors in Archived Newspapers

929.1 His

Hispanic American genealogical sourcebook

929.195 Asi

Asian American Genealogical Sourcebook

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Boucher

Burkhardt, Franklin A.

Boucher Family (Bowsher, Bauscher, Bausher, Bousher)... Descendants of Daniel Boucher

929.2 Gilchrist

Gilchrist Family: Charles Cotesworth Gilchrist and his descendants; a Jackson County, Oregon family

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

970.004 A101 Nat

Native American Genealogical Sourcebook

CANADA

971.6 G242 Bel v. 1 A-M

Bell, Winthrop Pickard

Register of the Foreign Protestants of Nova Scotia (ca. 1749-1770), volume 1

MASSACHUSETTS

Atlas 974.4 A841 Atl 1909

Atlas of Massachusetts

Atlas 974.47 A841 Atl

Atlas of the town of Milton, Norfolk County, Mass

INDIANA

977.2 G242 Pio

Pioneer Founders of Indiana

WYOMING

978.7 H388 Mil

Miller, Donald C.

Ghost towns of Wyoming

OREGON

979.5 S227 Ore

Golden Jubilee 50th Reunion Memory Book, Oregon State University class of '53, June 6-8, 2003

979.527 H388 Heg

Hegne, Barbara

Butte Creek Mill: early mills and trading posts

979.527 S227 Med

Medford Senior High School Class of 1944: 50th Reunion, 1944-1994

