

# RVGS-JCGL Newsletter ~ August 2018



KEEP COOL AND DRINK  
LOTS OF WATER

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## CLASSES & EVENTS

### Jackson County Genealogy Library Classes & Events

**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](mailto: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 –there will be no public programs in July
- Interest Groups, FREE to members; \$5-day use fee for non-members
- Classes and seminars are priced as listed with the description

Saturday, August 4, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Brick Wall Roundtable  
Facilitators will help with questions and stumbling blocks, offering suggestions on how to break through the brick walls. Free to all. Register in advance.

Tuesday, August 7, 5-6 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., Tutorial Tuesday  
The Video for the evening will be “Finding the Females in Your Family Tree”  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Wednesday, August 8, 1:30-3:00 p.m., German Interest Group  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Thursday, August 9, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Irish Interest Group  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Monday, August 13, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting  
Members are welcome. Free to all.

Monday, August 13, 1-3 p.m., Advanced DNA Interest Group  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, August 14, 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, August 14, 5-6 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., Tutorial Tuesday  
The video for the evening will be "Using AmericanAncestors.org"  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Wednesday, August 15, 10:30-12:00 p.m., Genetic Genealogy Interest Group  
Come join us as we continue our educational exploration of how triangulation is used in genetic genealogy.  
We're diving deeper into what tools are available and how they can help further your research.  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

There will be no Public Meeting and Program in August.

Tuesday, August 21, 5-6 and 7-8 p.m., Tutorial Tuesday  
The video for the evening will be "The Perfect Place to Start Your British Family History"  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Monday, August 27, 1-3 p.m., Beginning DNA Interest Group  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members

There will be no Quilt and Genealogy Talk in August

Tuesday, August 28, 5-6 and 7-8 p.m., Tutorial Tuesday  
The video for the evening will be "The Key to the Courthouse: Unlocking the Past"  
Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

### **The September Faire Affaire**

Our September program will be the ever-popular September Faire Affaire, where various members will tell us of their ancestor-digging adventures. If you have a tale you would like to tell, contact Ann Baracker or ask for the sign-up sheet. You will have up to 10 minutes for your presentation and can use PowerPoint to project your visuals. And yes, there will be cake. September 18, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Questions? Please email Ann Baracker at [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com).

### **It's Coming! It's Coming!**

Genealogy Week will soon be upon us. Saturday, September 22 through Friday, September 28 will be a week chock full of classes free to all, including: How to Start Your Genealogy, Treasures of the Library, Organizing Your Work, Organizing Your Digital Files, Pitfalls of Autosomal DNA, Beginning Ancestry, Scandinavian Research, Newspapers, Family Tree Maker Software, Introduction to the Census, and more! Come join in the fun and bring a friend. Or two or three! Class sign-ups will be at the Front Desk.

## MyHeritage LIVE 2018 User Conference

MyHeritage LIVE, the first-ever international user conference, will take place on the weekend of 2–4 November 2018 in Oslo, Norway. It's open to anyone, from anywhere in the world, who would like to learn more about MyHeritage – including subscribers, DNA customers, those with free basic accounts, and those who haven't used MyHeritage yet but would like to find out more.

The conference will feature a keynote speech from MyHeritage Founder and CEO, Gilad Japhet, international guest speakers and lectures from senior MyHeritage staff members. There will be three tracks: genealogy, DNA, and hands-on workshops, designed to suit all levels of experience, plus plenty of opportunities to ask questions and meet other MyHeritage users.

Tickets include entry to the Friday night reception, keynote speeches, and all conference sessions. They also include lunch and coffee breaks on Saturday and Sunday and entry to the exclusive MyHeritage LIVE party on Saturday night. Space is limited so please reserve your spot ASAP, before the Early Bird discount ends! For more information visit [www.MyHeritage.com](http://www.MyHeritage.com)



## Family History Library Success! A True Story by Ann Baracker and Her Cousin Bonnie. Plan Now for March 3-10, 2019

So many genealogists dream about going to Salt Lake City and spending unlimited time researching at the Family History Library, but only a few make it there. Plan now to join fellow society members March 3 - 10, 2019 and become one of our group's success stories.

This past trip was Ann Baracker's first time at the Library. What a surprise when she found so much help and information about her Norwegian roots! Not only did she reconnect with one of the Minnesota cousins, but they also had experienced Norwegian mentors guiding them through their research.

Cousin Bonnie spent two days combing through the Digital Archives of Norway ([digitalarkivet.no/en](http://digitalarkivet.no/en)). With help, she was able to piece together birth, marriage, and death records for many of the family. She was also able to track the family's chain migration to Minnesota, even finding a picture of the ship many of them sailed on. What a treasure for all of the Ellendson descendants.



When Bonnie could no longer see straight she asked Ann to break away from her German family research and delve into Norway for a while. With a different genealogy mentor and armed with the

ancestral parish, Leikanger, Sogn og Fjordane, the research assistant said “I think I might have something to help.” He walked back into the book stack and returned with the two volume Leikanger Bygdebok, the farm book of Leikanger parish. Cross referencing the church records and the farm book, Ann and Bonnie were able to trace ancestors back to Tor who walked onto the farm in 1654. They chronicled his descendants as they moved from farm to farm and those who eventually left for America.

Ann’s amazing success was due to the seasoned genealogy research mentors who can personally walk you through what only the Family History Library has to offer. Come with us on our March 3-10, 2019 trip to the RVGS Salt Lake City Family History Library. You never know what family nuggets might be hiding in the books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications.

For more information and to register: add your name & contact info to the Salt Lake City Trip Binder at the Library Front Desk or contact Ann Baracker at 541-261-4874 and [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com)

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

### Windows in Time

NewsWatch 5: Rogue Valley TV News from the 1960s, Ben Truwe

August 1, Medford Public Library, 12 noon and August 8, Ashland Public Library, 12 noon

### Talent Historical Society’s Tuesday Evenings at the Museum

Downtown Talent walking tour with Jan Wright on August 28, 2018. Meet at the Talent Historical Society at 6 p.m.

### Ashland’s Railroad District Walking Tour with Terry Skibby

Fridays at 10:00 a.m. through September 28, 2018. Meet at the Railroad Park Gazebo on A Street.

### Friends of Jacksonville Historic Cemetery



#### **Don’t forget these Jacksonville Cemetery Programs**

Saturday, August 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

History Saturday in the Cemetery

Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Cemetery Stroll

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](http://friendsjvillecemetery.org)

## Heritage Cemetery Walking Guides Available

Free historic walking guides are available for seven heritage cemeteries in Jackson County thanks to 2016 Oregon Heritage Commission funding to Southern Oregon University. The guides include descriptions of the cemeteries, photos of some individuals interred in the cemeteries and stories about those who are featured. Thanks to Chuck Lewman, Judi Boyd, Dorothy Cotton, Talent Historical Society and others for their contributions, photos and fact checking. Walking guides are available on request at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library for these cemeteries: Antioch, Hargadine, Hill Dunn, Logtown, Missouri Flat, Phoenix and Stearns.

## Historic Jacksonville News

### Beekman House Museum Family Life Tours

Jacksonville's 1873 Beekman House Museum is 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 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. 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 are \$3 per person. Victorian Days tours are offered every 15 minutes between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. 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 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

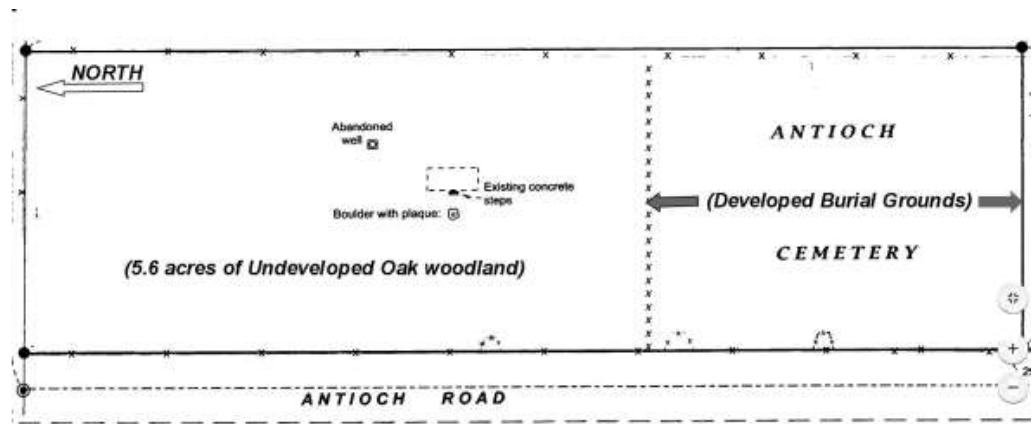
### Haunted Jacksonville Tours

Ghosts and spirits from Jacksonville's pioneer past are the subjects of Historic Jacksonville's Haunted History walking tours on both the first and third Fridays of each month 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. For more information email [info@historicjacksonville.org](mailto:info@historicjacksonville.org) or call 541-245-3650.

## Antioch Cemetery: Found Unmarked Graves

By Roger Roberts

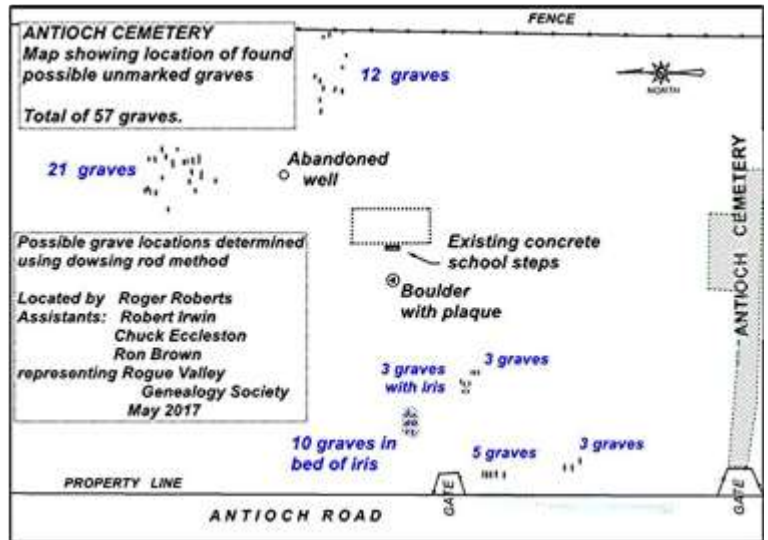
The Antioch Cemetery lies alongside Antioch Road in Sams Valley. As shown in the map below, only the most southerly portion of the property is an active cemetery. The north 5.6 acres consists of undeveloped oak woodland.



This was the location of the Antioch School, with only the concrete school steps still remaining. The Federal government acquired this land and surrounding lands to develop Camp White in the 1940's, and the building was removed at that time. The school and cemetery land were acquired by the Antioch Cemetery Association after Camp White was closed.

There have been rumors over the years of there being graves behind where the school building stood. Knowing that I am involved in searching for and locating unmarked graves, the Association asked if I had ever tried to locate them. I told him that I hadn't, but it might be interesting to have a look around.

I made numerous visits to the undeveloped portion of the cemetery land. Using my dowsing rods, and with the assistance of Chuck Eccleston, Ron Brown and Robert Irwin, we discovered unmarked graves. Not only behind the school, but in scattered areas among very large oak trees. The map to the right represents our findings. The final count was 57 possible graves found.



I have learned from experience to watch for certain plants growing where they wouldn't be expected to be. They are often used as markers for otherwise unmarked graves. For example, we have found graves marked with domestic plants such as iris and daffodils. Below are two photos of a large, well established bed of iris that we found on this project. A thorough scan with the dowsing rods yielded 10 graves. The Antioch Cemetery Association is now planning to mark the location of each of the 57 graves. A marker will consist of a rectangular concrete slab branded with the word "PIONEER" or "UNKNOWN", or perhaps "UNKNOWN PIONEER".



## ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

### Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for officers for 2019. Term are for one year and officers may serve more than one term if re-nominated and re-elected. The Board meets once a month on the second Monday at 9:30 a.m. Position descriptions are available at the library.

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society has five elected positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee. The current Vice-President, Karen Asche, Treasurer, Barbara Shrewsberry, and Trustee, Charlotte Wirfs, have expressed interest in running for re-election in their current positions. President Anne Billeter and Secretary Sheila Kimball are stepping down.

The slate of candidates must be presented to the Board at the October meeting. The Society has grown the last two-three years and we know there is a lot of hidden talent out there. If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members: Marilyn Ayres (541-488-9547), Dave Hodson (541-512-8950) or Chloe Sternola (541-482-2184).

### Education Committee Needs You

The Education Committee is getting ready to start its yearly cycle, so if you ever thought about helping plan and implement the programs we have here at RVGS, now is a good time to join. Contact Denise Salthouse if you are interested or leave a note in her box at the library. We'd love to have you with us.

### New Members

Welcome to our newest members: Greg & Connie Gritsch, Brandan Hull, Iris Metz, Kay Teeters, Mario Gonzalez, Jziona Gonzalez, Peggy L Gilmour, Ronald Cole, Debbie Powell, Jerri Yamasaki



### Financial News – Annual Fund Drive

Our Annual Fund Drive is off to a great start. Thank you to all who have already contributed and for those who are about to contribute! EVERY contribution no matter how big or small makes a difference. A little bit every month adds up to a whole lot at the end of the year!

It's not too late! Contributions can be made in two ways,

- 1) go to <http://www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html> to donate 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.

### A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL FUND DRIVE CONTRIBUTORS THUS FAR IN 2018!

Alison, Sandie	Cogle, June	Henry, Gene & Char
Apple, Kathleen	Craig, Carolyn	Herzberg, Alice
Arnold, Vern & Marti	Culmer, Carita	Holst, Monty & Carol
Asche, Karen	D'Allura, Pam	Horton Family Foundation
Austermann, Christy	D'Antonio, Gracie	Hunter, Judy & Phil
Ayres, Marilyn & Albert	Davis, Sandra	Kelley, Kenneth
Billeter, Anne	Drake, Holly	Kelly, Patricia
Blankenship, Otis	Eccleston, Chuck & Colleen	Kimball, Sheila
Bosbach, Crystal & Stephen	Etienne, Robert	Kious, Steve
Brewer, Patricia	Ferrell, John & Lorraine	Lehman, J. Lynn
Brobst, Phillip	Forbes, Sarah	Leiberg, Norbert
Brown, Charleen & Warren	Foster, Houston S	Levingston, Dianne
Brown, Darlene	Freeburne, Sharon	Maize, Jim
Bryan, Jennifer	Fulbright, Marie & Bryan	Marney, Mavis
Bryden, Vicki	George-Strader, Donna	McGee, Vicky & John
Buchta, Alan	Guillory, Celeste	Middaugh, Barbara
Byrne, Mary Ann	Haas, Cheryl	Milburn, Susan
Carlson, Edith & Charles	Hale, Robert	Miles, Richard
Carlson, Wm & Mary	Halvorsen, Barbara	Mullaly, Alice & Larry
Carter, Annette	Hawk, Robert	Noble, Helaine
Collins, William & Marion	Hawley-Crum, Sharon	Patterson, Andrea & Jack
Couey, Sheila	Helm, Linda	Perdue, Wanda

Perham, Susan  
Peterson, Cynthia  
Poppe, Bill  
Reising, Darlyne  
Richardson, Norman & Karen  
Riehl, Sallie  
Ritchey, Anita  
Roberts, Roger & Nancy

Ross, Donald & Dorothy  
Ross, Elizabeth & John  
Salthouse, Denise  
Shrewsbury, Barbara  
Stancel, Pat & Paul  
Sternola, Chloe  
Stuelpnagel, Shirley  
Turcke, Elaine

Turner, Linda & Robert  
Vaughn, Judith  
Wade, Ruth  
Walker, Bill  
Weaver, Vernon & Evelyn  
Widener, May  
Williams, James  
Wolf, Carol

## RVGS at OLLI

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society was represented at the annual Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) annual open house on July 25, 2018 at the Stevenson Union Building on the campus of Southern Oregon University. The smoke didn't prevent a good turnout for this popular event and many interested people stopped by to talk or inquire into what our society and library offer.

In the photos, Denise Salthouse and Andrea Patterson are shown staffing the table. Anne Billeter and Pat Jenkins also staffed the table during the event, where attendees had a chance to talk with instructors and learn more about OLLI classes and lectures and to interact with other community organizations.

RVGS will teach an "Introduction to Genealogy" course in the fall term for OLLI. This course is open to OLLI members and is taught at our Jackson County Genealogy Library."



## JCGL Featured in Oregon Library Association Quarterly



Cara Davis-Jacobson and Anne Billeter teamed up to write, "[The Jackson County Genealogy Library: Over a Half-Century of Helping People Find Their Roots](#)" for the summer issue of the OLA Quarterly, "The Specialness of Special Libraries." The article is an history of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and the Jackson County Genealogy Library.

Also of interest in the same issue is Dawn M. Carlile's "[Genealogical Society Libraries: A Treasure Trove of Family Histories.](#)"



## Missed One of the RVGS History and Quilt Programs?

The monthly RVGS history and quilt programs are videotaped and are published to the Stories of Southern Oregon Collection on YouTube and the [Southern Oregon Digital Archives](#) at Southern Oregon University. Want to know when an episode is published? Subscribe to [the Stories channel on YouTube](#). For more information contact Maureen Flanagan Battistella at [battistem@sou.edu](mailto:battistem@sou.edu)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Will You Volunteer?

As you know, we are an all-volunteer organization. Our volunteer members keep our doors open and our library humming. We cannot exist without their time and energy. Please join us in that endeavor.

We have a variety of specific positions available at this time. We also have areas that you can be matched with, based on your interests. If you can spare a few hours here and there as a librarian or for projects or special interests, please complete the [Volunteer Application](#) and drop it at the library or scan and email it to [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com).

Please consider volunteering for the following positions.

### Librarians

As the summer kicks into high gear our library needs to be staffed 41 hours per week. We need additional volunteer librarians to cover some of our 3 or 6 hour shifts. Can you help out so we can continue to offer our extensive hours? This is a great way to help your fellow researchers and also become more proficient in what your library provides. If you can help, please complete our volunteer application and email or drop it by the library next time you are in. If you have any questions, please contact Terrie McCoy.

### 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. If you can help, please email [Anne Billeter](mailto:Anne.Billeter).

### 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 p.m. programs. If you can help, please email [Denise Salthouse](mailto:Denise.Salthouse).



**VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!**





## JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

### NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

The Book Committee appreciates receiving recommendations from RVGS members (although our budget is limited.)

#### **FAMILY HISTORIES**

929.2 Clark

Smith, Walter Burges II

*Edward Clark Genealogy, 1676-1988*

929.2 Dillard

Dillard, Carlton M.

*Fielding Dillard (1771-1818) of Spotsylvania County, Virginia and Oglethorpe County, Georgia and descendants*

929.2 Halbert

Moore, Karen Halbert

*Halbert-Holbert History, vol. 1*

929.2 Hathaway

*Hathaways 1200-1980; A Supplement to the 1970 edition Hathaways of America*

929.2 Starbuck

McConnell, George Edward

*Our family's Starbuck ancestry*

#### **SCANDINAVIA**

Circ 948 H388 Jon

Jones, Gwyn

*History of the Vikings*

#### **VIRGINIA**

975.57 H388 Keg

Kegley, Mary B.

*Early Adventurers on the Western Waters: The New River of Virginia in Pioneer Days, 1745-1800. v. 1 v. 2*

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

975.662 L142 Bai

Bailey, Elizabeth "Pat" Shaw

*Guilford County, North Carolina Land Grants, 1778-1934*

975.662 M177 Ing

v. 1 A-F

Ingmire, Frances T.

*North Carolina Marriage Records: Guilford County, North Carolina Marriage Records, 1771-1868, volume one, A-F*

975.6782 H388 She

Sherrill, William L.

*Annals of Lincoln County, North Carolina: Containing Interesting and Authentic facts of Lincoln County history through the years 1749-1937*

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

975.7 G242 Fou

*Founding Families of the State of South Carolina*

975.7 M343 Sal

Salley, Alexander S. compiler

*South Carolina Provincial Troops Named in Papers of the First Council of Safety in The Revolutionary Party in South Carolina, June–November, 1775*

975.731 L142 Abs

*Abstracts of Laurens County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts*

*[Books A-D], 1785-1793 (1769-1793), Vol. 1 [Books E-F], 1793-1800 (1767-1800), Vol. 2*

975.735 M177 7500

*7500 Marriages from Ninety-Six and Abbeville District, S. C., 1774-1890*

975.737 W344 Woo

Wooley, James E.

*Edgefield County, South Carolina, Wills, 1787-1836*

## **GEORGIA**

975.8 W344 Bro

Brooke, Ted O.

*Georgia Stray Wills 1733-1900*

## **ARKANSAS**

976.733 B352 Joh

*Johnson County, Arkansas: Biographical and Historical Memoirs*

## **TENNESSEE**

976.8434 B352 Ten

*Tennessee History & Biographies: Hickman County*

976.851 H388 Tay

Tayse, Moldon Jenkins

*Jackson County Tennessee*

## **MISSOURI**

977.84 H388 McV

McVey, W. A.

*Sweet and the Sour of West Central Missouri, 1541-1900*

## **THE WEST**

Circ 978 H388 Gow

Gowans, Fred R.

*Rocky Mountain Rendezvous: A History of the Fur Trade Rendezvous, 1825-1840*

## **WYOMING**

978.7 A441 Rob

Roberts, Phil

*Wyoming Almanac*

Circ 978.7 H388 Gou

Gould, Lewis L.

*Wyoming from Territory to Statehood Centennial ed.*

## **CALIFORNIA**

979.478 H388 Ang

Angel, Myron

*History of San Luis Obispo County, California*

## **OREGON – JACKSON COUNTY**

979.527 S227 Cub 1978

*Cub, The, 1977-78 [Yearbook of Ashland Junior High, Ashland, OR]*

979.527 S227 Rogue 1916

*Rogue 1916, The [yearbook of Ashland High School, Ashland, Oregon]*

1931, 1954, 1955, 1956

979.527 S227 Rogue 1956

*Ashland High School Class of '56 The Grizzlies, 50 Year Reunion*

Drawer 4 Map 979.527 Map

*Map of Jacksonville [1871]*

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*Plat of the town of Jacksonville [1852]*

## **OREGON – DOUGLAS COUNTY**

Circ 979.529 H388 Dia

Dias, Tricia

*Visit Sutherlin through time*

