

RVGS-JCGL eNews October 2018



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CLASSES & EVENTS

JCGL 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,
- 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, FREE to members; \$5-day use fee for non-members
- Classes and seminars are priced as listed with the description

Monday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Board Meeting

Members are welcome. Free to all

Monday, October 8, 1-3 p.m., Advanced DNA Interest Group

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

Tuesday, October 9, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Class: Ancestry DNA, Picking the Plums and Crumbs.

Determine the identity of our Ancestry DNA matches. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, October 9, 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.

Wednesday, October 10, 1:30-3:00 p.m., German Interest Group
Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Thursday, October 11, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Irish Interest Group
Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Saturday, October 13, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Brick Wall Roundtable
Break through our brick walls. Free to all.

Tuesday, October 16, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Member Meeting and Public Program: "Discovering Family through Artifacts" How we might get clues to our family history through the items they left behind. See below for more information. Free to all

Wednesday, October 17, 10:30-12:00 p.m., Genetic Genealogy Interest Group
Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Monday, October 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Beginning DNA Class. Learn a little bit about the 4 major DNA testing sites. The tools available, where to find shared cM and what you can expect from each site. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, October 23, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Google Earth Class
How to use Google Earth with our Genealogy search. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members

Tuesday, October 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Quilt and Genealogy Talk "My Mom, Verta Dodson" by Sue Steward. Verta's mother died when she was 15, the oldest daughter with six siblings. Later she was the mother of 12 and found time to make quilts. See below for more information. Free to all.

Tutorial Tuesdays Ride Again

Our summer Tuesday Tutorial series was so popular that we are bringing it back for a second run. Same time (Tuesday evenings), same start times (5 and 7 p.m.), but a whole new slew of videos and webinars! We should have a list of the upcoming videos at the Reception Desk soon. Our first one will be, "Resources for Pennsylvania Genealogy" and our next will be "What's In that Pile". Our first Showing will be on Oct. 2, and the series will continue through mid-November. Free to members, \$5 for non-members.

October's Member Meeting and Public Program

Our speaker this month, on Tuesday, October 16 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. is our own Trustee, Charlotte Wirfs. Her topic is "Discovering Family History Through Artefacts". You know all those items you have at home that have hidden stories to tell - a necklace that belonged to your great – grandmother, a hand-carved chest that came into the family during the Great Depression, a quilt or pillowcase made by "Great Aunt Suzy". Hear tales such as these, as well as hints on how to pull family history out of these treasured items.

DNA Beginning Class Series

Starting Monday, October 22, from 1-3 pm, JCGL will offer a DNA Beginning Class Series which will meet on the 4th Monday of the month from 1 – 3 pm, taught by Lorita Cushman. (Due to Holidays the December and May classes will be combined with the meetings of the Advanced DNA Interest Group, will meet on the 2nd Monday, and will be free.) This is a fee-based class series. The fee will be \$5.00 per class for RVGS members and \$10.00 per class for non-members. There will be a syllabus which will describe the specific topic for each month's class. There's a lot to learn...so the class will meet monthly through August, 2019, with July off. Come to the first class to find out more...and to begin your DNA journey of exploration. This class series replaces the Beginning DNA Interest Group.

October's Quilt and Genealogy Talk

On October 23, 2018 at 1:30 pm the RVGS Quilt Committee will present a program in their Quilts and Genealogy series. Sue Steward will discuss the Double Wedding Ring quilt her mother made for her when she married in 1957. Sue will also share the results of her genealogical research into life during the Depression in Oklahoma; the DNA research that cleared lineage issues in her grandfather's family and, that identified the father of her mother's first child. She will also tell us about the family's relationship to the "celebrity" who was Gene Autry's sidekick. Join us Tuesday for a look at a beautiful quilt and some successful family research.

RVGS at OLLI

This is the month we teach our popular Genealogy course through the OLLI adult education program. If you would like to help out next year, with organization and/or advertising, instruction or communicating with SOU, now is the time to sign up and get on board! Please contact Denise Salthouse or Marilyn Ayres.



Salt Lake City March 3-10, 2019 Plaza Hotel 855-213-0582 Special Rates if Booked by Feb 1

Discount even if staying less than a week
Ask for RV Genealogical Society discount room rate
Free airport shuttle
Flights to Salt Lake City on

Delta and Alaska Airlines. Book your room and flight today!
Then call the library at (541) 512-2340 to add your name to the participants' list. Contact Ann Baracker at 541-261-4874 or abaracker@gmail.com



Early Registration for April 2019 DNA Workshop

We are so pleased to welcome Professional genealogist Blaine Bettinger, PhD., J.D. as the guest speaker at our April 2019 DNA Workshop and Seminar. Blaine specializes in DNA evidence and is the author of one of the earliest blogs on this subject, [The Genetic Genealogist](https://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com) <https://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com> . He has also authored and co-authored a number of books, including *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*. (JCGL owns both. Find them on the shelf at 929.1 Bet)

DNA is a hot topic, and we expect the workshop and seminar to fill up rapidly! However, early registration is one of the benefits you enjoy as a RVGS member -- member registration begins November 1, 2018. Visit www.rvgsociety.org to learn more about the DNA Workshop & Seminar and to retrieve your registration form.

April 19 & 20, 2019 * DNA Spring Workshop and Seminar
Smullin Center, 2825 E. Barnett Rd, Medford, OR
Member Registration Begins November 1, 2018

Persist Cemetery. By Roger Roberts



In the hills of the upper Elk Creek drainage there was a small community called Persist. The Persist post office operated from 1902 until 1935. The map here indicates that Persist was located about six miles west of Prospect.

In 1902, Robert Harvey Lewis received a Homestead Entry patent deed for 160 acres, located in Township 32 South, Range 2 East, in Section 21. Information available indicates that the land had been occupied at an earlier time by Robert's parents, his father being Edwin Harvey Lewis. At the time of his death, Edwin was living on

the homestead with Robert's family. His death certificate indicates that he was born in 1832, and died in 1917, and he was buried at Persist.

In October, 2017, Chuck Eccleston and I drove to the Persist area in an attempt to locate the Lewis homestead, and possibly locate the burial site. Upon arriving in the area, we came across a couple of longtime residents, brothers Don and Ed McWhorter. They were very accommodating, and told us that they could take us to the burial site. We were surprised to find that the only thing visible there was an old wire fence built in a 4 ft. by 8 ft. rectangle, held up with steel fence posts. There are 4 small cedar trees growing within the enclosure. I made use of two dowsing rods to check the fenced area, but there was no indication of a burial there.

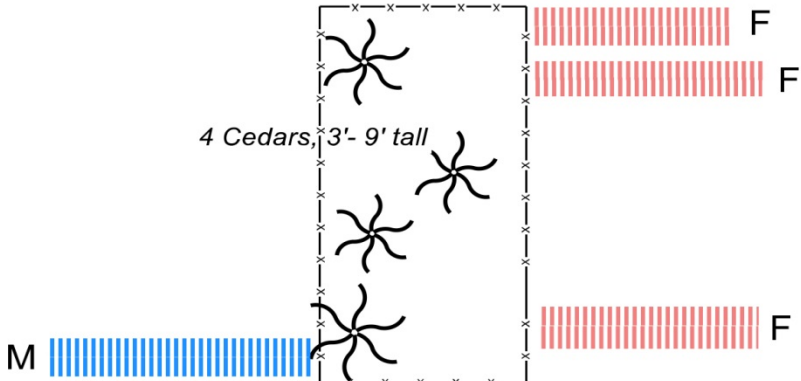
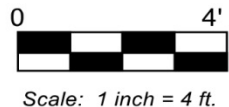
I then proceeded to dowse the area in the vicinity of the enclosure. I did detect five possible burials. They are shown on the map below.



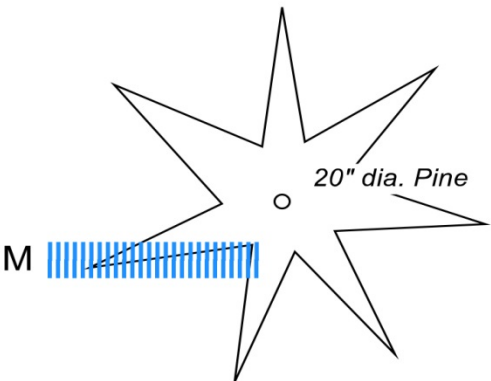
Gravesite of Edwin Harvey Lewis and others

Located in the
 Southeast quarter of Section 21
 Township 32 South, Range 2 East
 Jackson County, Oregon

Lat 42°46'36.9"
 Long 122°35'44.5"



Survey by: Roger Roberts, PLS
 Chuck Eccleston
 Representing: Rogue Valley
 Genealogy Society
 October 9, 2017
 Revised March 4, 2018



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Roger Roberts

OREGON
 JULY 14, 1978
ROGER R. ROBERTS
 1656

LEGEND
 -x-x-x-x-x- = 4 ft. tall woven wire fence (poor condition) with metal corner posts
 F ||||| = Unmarked grave, possibly female
 M ||||| = Unmarked grave, possibly male
 Unmarked graves located by divining rod method.
 No graves detected within the fenced enclosure.



LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS



Friends of Jacksonville Historic Cemetery

Meet the Pioneers in the Silent City on the Hill

Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday Oct. 6. Tickets on sale beginning Wednesday, Sept. 5. Get your tickets quickly as this event sells out early every year.

friendsjvillecemetery.org

Phoenix Museum will be celebrating Veterans Day November 7 through November 14. There will be a special display and refreshments will be served. Anyone wishing to have an item, photo, artifact, etc. displayed during this time please contact Dorothy at 541-261-5118.

Gold Hill Museum will be having their yearly "Haunted House and Graveyard" Friday and Saturday October 20, 21, 26, 27, and Wednesday October 31. Hours are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission: 13 & over: \$5, 6-12: \$3, 2 & under: e. For information call: 541-855-1182.

Upper Rogue Historical Society, Trail Museum will be hosting David Christian in concert on October 6, at 3:30 PM. Admission is free.

Wood House Harvest Festival 2018 October 6, at 9:00 AM

Come to the house, join the fun and see SOHS' 1946 fire engine. 12988 OR-62, Eagle Point

Scarecrow Festival at Hanley Farm

Saturday, October 6, 2018 (All day) to Sunday, October 7, 2018 (All day)

Hanley Farm, 1053 Hanley Road, Central Point OR. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7. Admission is free! Activities will include making your own scarecrow (complete kits cost \$15/\$10 for SOHS members), hayrides, children's activities and games, farm fresh food for purchase, and tours of the historic Hanley House. \$3 for SOHS members, \$5 for non-members.

Haunted Field Drama: "The Lady in Black"

Location: Hanley Farm October 14, October 20 and 21; Gates open at 6 p.m. Sign up for a performance time between 7 and 9 p.m.

Underground History: Fire! Chelsea Rose and Mark Tveskov, a live broadcast with Jefferson Public Radio's Geoffrey Riley. Monday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at Common Block Brewing Company, Medford.

Ben Truw's Pub Night – monthly starting November 5th at 7:00 p.m. at 4 Daughters Irish Pub, 126 West Main Street in Medford. Landscapes of War: The Mythology and Archaeology of the Rogue River War of Southern Oregon.



ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Quilt Documentation Day at Jackson County Genealogy Library

In 2014 we began the JCGL Quilt Registry Project based on the Oregon Quilt Project (OQP) training and forms. We have documented 68 quilts in southern Oregon and that information will be entered into the OQP archives. Now we have the opportunity to work with quilt historian, Mary Bywater Cross, and a team of trained volunteers from OQP to document additional quilts that live in Oregon.

The objective is to focus on not only historic quilts but quilts that tell about Oregon and its people and



have interesting stories and histories connected to them, for example signature quilts, themed quilts made by a group. Quilt tops that have not been quilted, “summer quilts” (with a backing but no quilt padding), tied quilts and quilted garments may also be documented.

If you have such a quilt that has not been previously documented by JCGL or OQP, please contact Karen Asche at kfasche@gmail.com or 541-301-4874 for an appointment. Owners must complete a quilt history form for each item and return it to Karen before October 20. The form is

available at <http://oregonquiltproject.org> or you can ask Karen to mail it to you. The documentation fee is \$10, and the owner will receive a registration number with the OQP archives, a Physical Documentation Form and photograph.

JCGL volunteers will team with and learn from quilt historians, enthusiasts and quilt makers so that we can continue our own quilt registry project. Please contact Karen if you would like to assist the OQP team while they are here October 28 and 29.

Surplus Books for Sale to Benefit RVGS

The Surplus Book Sale continues as new books are added monthly. Here are October's offerings. Most are donations of books already in the collection. A few are discards from the collection. Each book is priced separately at less than the current list price on selected Internet sites. Sale books priced at \$1.00 are not listed. Check the Book Sale Bookcase for the newest titles.

- *Immigrant Ancestors, a List of 2,500 Immigrants to America Before 1750* edited by Frederick A. Virkus \$13.00
- *Walter Goodwin Davis: A Scholar's Unique Contribution to New England Genealogy* by Danny Smith #13.00
- *Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut, 2 volumes* by Frederic G. Mather \$30.00
- *Black's Law Dictionary, 4th edition, 1968* \$30.00
- *Black's Law Dictionary, 5th edition, 1979* \$9.00
- *New York in 1800 (An Index to the Federal Census)* \$14.00
- *New York Census 1790* \$12.00
- *Directory of Massachusetts Place Names Current and Obsolete* \$15.00
- *Schenectady Reformed Church Baptisms 1694-1811* \$50.00
- *Liberty March: The Battle of Oriskany* by Allan D. Foote \$12.00
- *Dutch Colonists in the Americas 1615-1815* by David Dobson \$13.00
- *Michigan Genealogy: Sources and Resources* by Carol McGinnis \$3.00
- *John Cotton* by Everett H. Emerson \$3.00
- *10,000 Vital Records of Central New York, 1818-1850* by Fred Q. Bowman \$12.00
- *10,000 Vital Records of Eastern New York, 1777-1834* by Fred Q. Bowman \$12.00
- *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* Translated and Edited by Michael Swanton \$9.00
- *Staten Island Church Records.* Edited by Tobias Alexander Wright \$24.00



Financial News – Annual Fund Drive

Look at the nice long list of Annual Fund Drive donors we have! Thank you to each one of you! We can't run the library without your financial assistance.

Contributions can be made in two ways, 1) go to 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.

Will we see your name on the list next month?

Alison, Sandie	Brown, Darlene	Culmer, Carita
Apple, Kathleen	Bryan, Jennifer	D'Allura, Pam
Arnold, Vern & Marti	Bryden, Vicki	D'Antonio, Gracie
Asche, Karen	Buchta, Alan	Davis, Sandra
Austermann, Christy	Byrne, Mary Ann	Drake, Holly
Ayres, Marilyn & Albert	Carlson, Edith & Charles	Eccleston, Chuck & Colleen
Billeter, Anne	Carlson, Wm & Mary	Etienne, Robert
Blankenship, Otis	Carter, Annette	Ferrell, John & Lorraine
Bosbach, Crystal & Stephen	Collins, William & Marion	Forbes, Sarah
Brewer, Patricia	Couey, Sheila	Foster, Houston S
Brobst, Phillip	Cogle, June	Freeburne, Sharon
Brown, Charleen & Warren	Craig, Carolyn	Fulbright, Marie & Bryan

George-Strader, Donna
 Guillory, Celeste
 Haas, Cheryl
 Hale, Robert
 Halvorsen, Barbara
 Hawk, Robert
 Hawley-Crum, Sharon
 Helm, Linda
 Henry, Gene & Char
 Herzberg, Alice
 Holst, Monty & Carol
 Horton Family Foundation
 Hunter, Judy & Phil
 Kelley, Kenneth
 Kelly, Patricia
 Kimball, Sheila
 Kious, Steve
 Lehman, J. Lynn
 Leiberg, Norbert

Levingston, Dianne
 Maize, Jim
 Marney, Mavis
 McGee, Vicky & John
 Middaugh, Barbara
 Milburn, Susan
 Miles, Richard
 Mullaly, Alice & Larry
 Noble, Helaine
 Patterson, Andrea & Jack
 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
 Russell, Sybil
 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



JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

Larry Horton Has Died

Longtime RVGS member, Larry Horton, passed away on Friday, September 14, 2018. A member since 1980, Larry served as RVGS President in 1985, Honorary Board Member, and member of the ad hoc Finance Advisory Committee that developed the Leave a Legacy campaign to pay off the mortgage on the new RVGS building, Larry was a major financial contributor and strong advocate of RVGS and JCGL and will be greatly missed.

Larry was born in Kansas, earned an electrical engineering degree from Oregon State College and moved from Portland to Medford in 1955. He worked as an



Larry Horton and his wife, Ann in 2015

electrical engineer for California Oregon Power Company, Pacific Power and Light and Marquess and

Associates. Larry developed retirement facilities including Horton Plaza, Fountain Plaza and Twin Creeks.

Larry married Ann Butler on Aug. 14, 1965 in Medford. They have five children, Craig of Medford, Stan of Portland, Chuck of Medford, Steve of West Linn, and Jerry of Gold Hill; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Larry and Ann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 15, 2015, with an afternoon open house reception hosted by their children and grandchildren at Horton Plaza. Approximately 200 people attended the celebration.

To learn more about Larry and Ann, JCGL has circulating and reference copies (921 Horton) of the recent biographical novel, *Last Lot With a View: The Life of Larry and Ann Horton* by Kristopher Horton.

First German Settlement, 1683. By Mary Robsman

In 1983 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6 to be German-American Day in the United States. This commemorated the 300th anniversary of the first German settlement in the colonies. Thirteen Mennonite families from Kresfeld near the Rhine landed near Philadelphia in 1683 and established a German town, aptly named Germantown, now in the state of Pennsylvania. Other German immigrants were in the colonies previous to 1683 but they came to the English and the Dutch (Netherlands) settlements. Each year since 1983, U. S. Presidents proclaim German-American Day to be October 6 and call upon all Americans to celebrate the day with "appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs." Prosit!



Magazines Recently Received

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 stacks

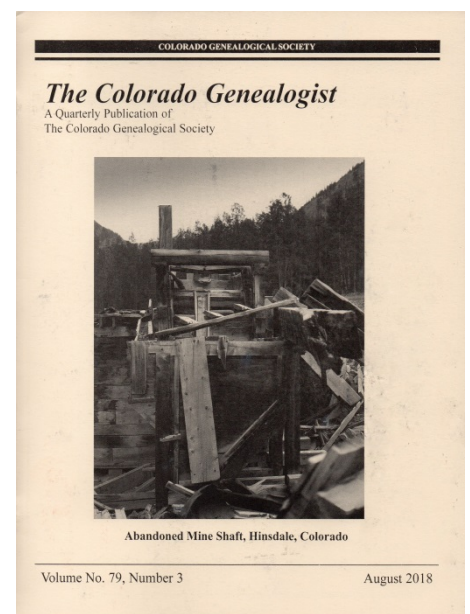
Circ 974 P273 AA

American Ancestors, New England Historic Genealogical Society, v. 19, #2, Summer 2018. George H Osborne (1868 ME, from Scotland), Osborn Hand (1810-1886 travel letters), Mahlon Bickel's grand bicycle adventure (1899 PA), 2017 annual report of the society.

Circ 929.05 AmS

American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution, v. 152, #5, October 2018. The Boston Light, Purchasing historic property, Revolutionary War printer Charles Cist, Laird and company (America's oldest distillery, NJ)

Circ 978.8 P273 Col



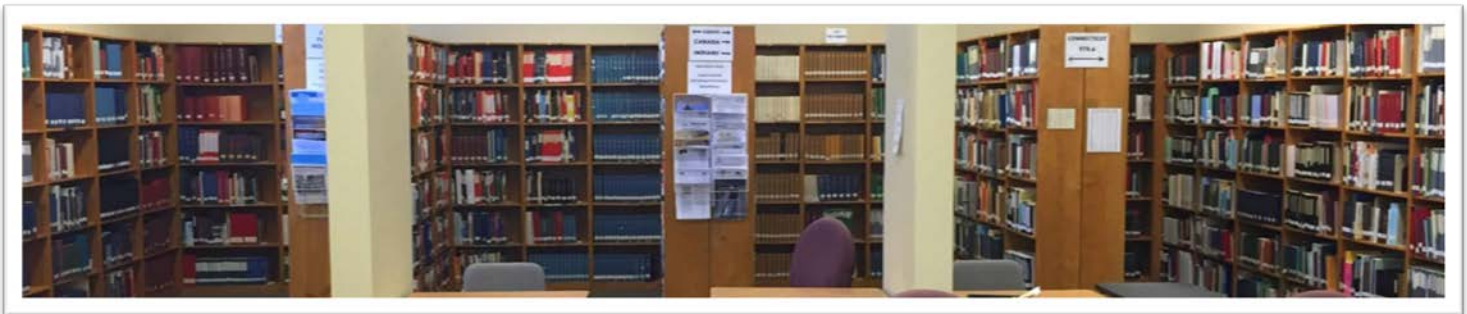
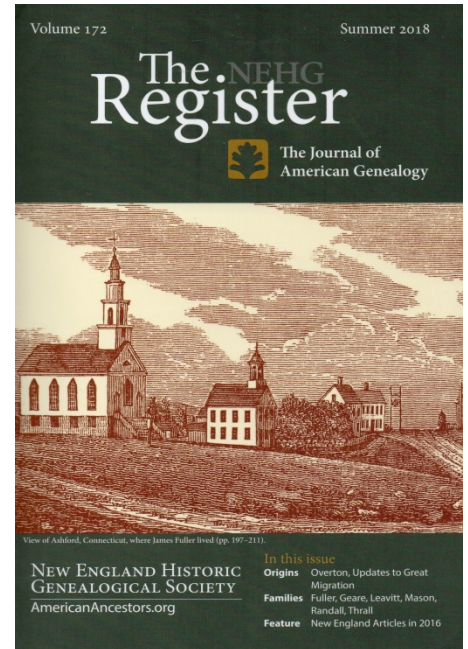
The Colorado Genealogist, Colorado Genealogical Society, v. 79, #3, August 2018. Bible records in the Denver Public Library Collection (a continuing transcription project including) Jarvis, Newhouse, Collins, and Mabary families. Pioneer* Obituary Clipping File, Wi-Z.
(*Colorado arrivals before 1900).

Circ 929.01 NGSM

NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society, v.44, #2, April-June 2018. Enemy alien registrations during WWI (records that survive), Resources for tracing impressed American seamen, Gold star mother pilgrimages of the 1930s, German families in CompGen's databases, Overcoming language barriers (translation processes), Broadening (brick wall strategies), Records of Irish dissenting churches, part 3.

974 G242 NEHGS

The Register, Journal of American Genealogy, New England Historic Genealogical Society. v. 172, Summer 2018. James Fuller (1713 CT), Joseph Mason (1800 MA), Valentine Overton (Colonial New England), Joshua Randall (1742 CT), Joel S Thrall (1827 VT, Que, OH), John Geare (1700 NH, ME), John Leavitt (1712 NH), and Index to New England articles in Genealogical Journals in 2016.



NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

October 2018 brings these new resources to the collection. Find them at the library.

GENEALOGY HOW TO

929.194 Kin

King, Echo. *Finding answers in British Isles Census records*

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Carpenter

Usher, James. *Genealogical and historical record of the Carpenter family...*

929.2 Chamberlain

Chamberlain, George W. *One branch of the descendants of Thomas Chamberlain of Woburn, 1644*

929.2 Eames

Eames, Moses. *Genealogy of the branch of the descendants of the Thomas Eames' family, who came from England about 1630 and first settled at Dedham, Mass., in 1640*

929.2 Morris

Morris family of Pennsylvania

929.2 Phillips

Ames, Azel. *Family and Vicissitudes of John Phillips, Senior of Duxbury and Marshfield; A Vexatious Snarl in the Genealogy of an Old Colony Progenitor disentangled*

GREAT BRITAIN

Circ 942 A101 Foo

Foot, William. *Maps for family history: A guide to the records of the Tithe, Valuation Office, and National Farm Surveys of England and Wales, 1836-1943*

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

970.004 A101 Car

Carpenter, Cecelia Svinth. *How to research American Indian blood lines: A manual on Indian genealogical research*

Circ 970.004 B352 Ald

Alderman, Pat. *Nancy Ward, Cherokee Chieftainess, her cry was all for peace [and] Dragging Canoe, Cherokee-Chickamauga War Chief, We are not yet conquered*

MASSACHUSETTS

974.4 H388 Jou

Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth: Mourt's Relation; the 1622 text edited and with an introduction by Dwight B. Heath

MARYLAND

975.26 D372 Bal 1796

Baltimore town and Fell's Point Directory of 1796, from the original by Thompson and Walker; Supplement contains Baltimore naturalizations 1796-1803, by Robert Barnes

975.26 D372 Bal 1799 *Baltimore Directory of 1799, containing the names, occupations and places of abode of the citizens*

SOUTH CAROLINA

975.7 B314 Cot

Cote, Richard N. *Local and family history in South Carolina: A Bibliography*

Circ 975.7 H388 Bri

Brinsfield, John Wesley. *Religion and politics in colonial South Carolina*

Circ 975.71 B352 Bai Bailey, J. D., Rev. *Some heroes of the American Revolution (In the South Carolina Upper Country)*

975.745 H388 Pet Pettus, Louise. *Waxhaws [Lancaster County, South Carolina]*

Circ 976.8 H388 Ald

Alderman, Pat. *Overmountain Men; Battle of King's Mountain; Cumberland Decade; State of Franklin; Southwest Territory*

TENNESSEE

976.863 L142 Par

Partlow, Thomas E. *Franklin County, Tennessee: Wills, 1808-1876 & Deeds 1801-1840*

976.8924 G242 Fam *Families of Jefferson County Tennessee 200 Years*

976.8924 G242 Hol

Holdaway, Boyd J. *Land Deeds of Jefferson County, Tennessee, 1792-1814*

976.8924 G242 Jef

Jefferson County Tennessee Families and History 1792-1996

OHIO

977.184 H388 Har

Harris, Frank Raymond. *Hometown Chronicles, based on the Chronicles of Greenfield and the County McArthur, 1870-1949 with Addenda to 1955*

OREGON

979.5 H388 Web

Webber, Bert, ed. *Gold mining in Oregon*