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### CLASSES & EVENTS at Jackson County Genealogy Library

**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;
- Stop by the library: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, and Tuesdays until 9pm.

#### 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.



**PLEASE NOTE:** A Quilt and Genealogy Talk will **not** be held this month. Also, the **Public Program and Membership Meeting** will **not** be held this month. Both will resume in September.

**Thursday, August 8, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group**

**Monday, August 12, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting** - Members are welcome.

**Tuesday, August 13, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

**Tuesday, August 13, 3:15-4:45 PM, German Interest Group** [Note NEW meeting day and time]  
By popular request our monthly meeting DAY and TIME has changed!! This schedule would enable interested persons in the Family Tree Maker group to stay after for GIG, and/or stay after GIG for Tutorial Tuesday videos. It is seemingly an efficient arrangement for attending several interest groups. See you Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>!

**Wednesday, August 21, 10:30-12:00 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group** – The meeting will feature a short presentation on **Understanding and Using your 23andMe “Relatives List” (match list)** in addition to our regular open discussion.

**Monday, August 26, 1:00-3:00 PM, Beginning DNA Class Series: “Am I ready for the Advanced DNA Interest Group?”** We will be looking at how far along each person is and if they are ready for the Advanced DNA Interest Group. **This class is Free.**

### Tutorial Tuesdays for August 2019, 5-6pm

Tutorial Tuesdays are **free for members** and \$5 (day-use fee) for non-members. Please register in advance.



**Tuesday, Aug 6:**

“Documenting Parentage” 31.31. min. Barefoot Genealogist  
Crista Cowen/Ancestry

“Using City Directories in Your Research” 30.53 min.  
Ancestry/YouTube

**Tuesday, Aug 13:**

“Using American Ancestors” 53 min. YouTube

**Tuesday, Aug 20:**

“Ask a Genealogist” 43.18 min. My Heritage

**Tuesday, Aug 27:**

“Basic DNA, Genealogy Day 2019 FPLD, Session 1” 62 min. YouTube



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Genealogy Library will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 2**, for Labor Day.



## LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Is something missing from this section? If so, please let Dorothy Cotton know! You can email her directly at [dorothy@mind.net](mailto:dorothy@mind.net)

### May through August History Hunt

The **History Hunt** is ongoing through the end of August. Just visit any or all museums and JCGL until the end of August and receive a chance to win a basket worth over \$200. When you visit a museum in the valley you will receive one free ticket. Answer a simple question at the museum and receive another ticket. Receive more tickets by visiting more museums as well as JCGL. The drawing will be held in September; you do not have to be present to win.

### Historic Happenings in our Area in August

#### Aug 6<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm - First Tuesday Pub Talk at Four Daughters Irish Pub: “Sarah Ann: A Jackson County Mystery”

Anne Billeter, Past President of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, shares her storytelling talents and research skills at the August 6th First Tuesdays Pub Talk, “**Sarah Ann: A Jackson County Mystery.**” There are no names on a gravestone in the Jacksonville Cemetery, just the single word, "Mother." Who was she? Could she have been Sarah Ann? If so, what was her story? Why did she keep disappearing, or did she? Join Anne at the Four Daughters Irish Pub in Medford; Anne will take you on the research trail for the story of Sarah Ann, a Jackson County 1850's pioneer.



“**Windows in Time**” Aug 7<sup>th</sup>: 12:00 Noon (Medford Library) and Aug 14<sup>th</sup>: 12:00 Noon (Ashland Library) - “**The Chinook Salmon Migration to the Upper Klamath River**” with John Hamilton. **Free to all.**

#### Jacksonville Tours

The following tours run through Labor Day weekend. For additional information or interviews with tour guides, please contact 541-245-3650, [info@historicjacksonville.org](mailto:info@historicjacksonville.org), or visit [www.historicjacksonville.org](http://www.historicjacksonville.org).

**Friday through Monday, “Behind the Counter”** tours of the Beekman Bank, *the oldest bank in the Pacific Northwest*, that saw over \$40 million in gold cross its counters in the late 1800s (equivalent to over \$1 billion today). Located at 110 West California Street in Jacksonville, "banking hours" are 11a.m. to 4p.m. Visitors can step behind the counters, look in drawers, enter the vault, open the safe, and learn about "handshake banking" in the late 1800s. **Tours are free**, and guests can spend as little or as much time as they like!

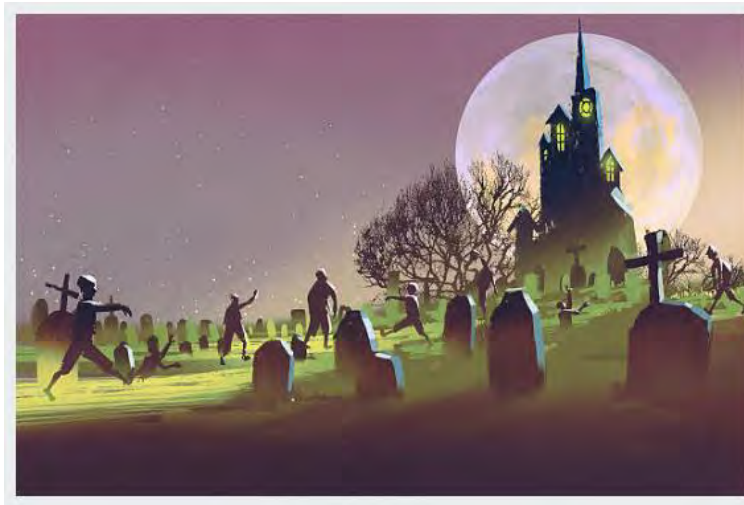
**Saturday mornings, 10:00 a.m.**, take a 1-hour walking tour of Jacksonville's Historic Landmark District with a Walk Through History guide. “**Walk through History**” visits government and commercial buildings, fraternal lodges, and homes that capture the stories of

Jacksonville's National Historic Landmark District and the people who transformed a gold rush town into Southern Oregon's 19th Century social, governmental, and commercial hub. The tour leaves from Jacksonville's "Courthouse Square" ("New City Hall") on North 5<sup>th</sup> Street between West C and D streets. **Tours are free.**

**Saturday mornings** you can explore "**19th Century Family Life**" at the 1873 Beekman House, home to Jacksonville's wealthiest and most prominent pioneer family. Tours highlight upper class 19th Century lifestyle, changes brought about by the Industrial Revolution, and Victorian architectural and design innovations, providing insights into upper class Jacksonville lifestyle during the late 1800s. These half hour tours begin every 20 minutes between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. with costumed docents adapting the tours to guests' areas of interest. The Beekman House is located at 470 E. California Street in Jacksonville. The \$3 admission goes to the on-going maintenance of this historic landmark.

### **Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery Activities:**

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. - History Saturday in the Cemetery** Join the Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery for a talk and walking tour in Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery. Our August topic will focus on "Courageous Women, Ahead of Their Time."



**Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30p.m. - Tuesday Evening Cemetery Stroll** at the Jacksonville cemetery. Take an after-dinner stroll with the Friends of Jacksonville and learn some of the history of this Pioneer Cemetery. The August Stroll will be in the Masonic Section of the Cemetery.

*Both **History Saturday** and the **Tuesday Evening Strolls** are **free with no advance reservations required**. Meet your docents at the top of the Cemetery Road where parking is available. We suggest wearing comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Donations are always appreciated and help support our restoration work in the cemetery. Please visit our web site for complete details on these and all our other events and activities at: [friendsjvillecemetery.org](http://friendsjvillecemetery.org).*

# ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

## New Members

Welcome to our newest members: Andrew Cherry, Richard Cunningham, Tana Domecq-Davis, Lonni Fernald, Nancy Keeley, Marilyn Krell, W. Michael Myers, Susan Nolan-Olson, and Elaine Parsons.

## Why Become an RVGS Officer? - by Anne Billeter

When I was asked a few years ago to run for Vice President, with the understanding that I would run for President the following year, I was reluctant. I liked (and still do) being Library Director, which is an appointed Board position. It fits my experience and skill-set better, I believe, and doesn't carry quite the level of responsibility. BUT, as I considered the other Board members and potential Board members at that time, I realized that I might be better prepared and able to take on that responsibility than some. I care a great deal about the future of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. I believe that we are a strong and thriving organization, financially secure, with a sound organizational structure, a happy membership, and that we have a cadre of 100+ volunteers, and a library which provides valuable genealogical research resources. I decided, if reluctantly, that if I could recruit a Library Director replacement, I would go ahead. I was Vice President, then President for two years, and am currently both Past President and Library Director (appointed by our current President.)



Yes, being President was more work, but it was all do-able. Our organizational structure, our Bylaws, Standing Rules, and helpful Board members and many other hard-working volunteers, all made those two years fly by. Being Vice President was easy: the responsibilities are light, and the opportunity to observe and assist the President was great preparation for the following year(s) as President. RVGS is very much a group enterprise. If someone needs help, someone else steps up.

Please consider taking a bigger role in **RVGS**. Whether you have ideas for improvements, changes, or new programs and services, or whether you simply want to ensure the continuation of a vibrant genealogical society, YOU can make a difference. Please ask about the position responsibilities, from the Nominating Committee members, from the current President, Karen Asche, or from any of the Past Presidents (our photos are all on the wall above the accordion door in the Meeting Room and Reading Room.)



# JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY

## Library Volunteers Needed

My name is Terrie. I am the RVGS Volunteer Director. I would like to interest our members in any of the many tasks that make our library great. Chances are you know and can do more than you ever thought. If you have any time to give, the people here are kind, helpful, and caring; a great group to work with. I am here as a librarian every Tuesday and would like very much to visit with anyone interested in knowing more. Come join us!

## Newspapers.com: No thanks, not at that price! - by Anne Billeter

Consensus of the 5 members who responded to the request for input, plus the RVGS Board, was NOT to purchase a one-year subscription at the offered (slightly reduced) annual price of \$3,218.40. It became clear from the input that further explanations would be appreciated:

- Pricing is completely different for individuals versus libraries. Libraries may not purchase a personal subscription and make it available to library users. That is a violation of the terms of the subscription.
- Pricing for libraries appears to be “one-size-fits-all,” although, since subscription prices are not posted openly, that is somewhat difficult to ascertain.
- Several members indicated that they had found Newspapers.com difficult to use. As with almost every website, there are tips and tricks that can improve the success of your search, but if Newspapers.com does not have newspapers for the place and time you are researching, you will not have success. (If the name you are searching is common or has *other meanings* in addition to its use as a surname (such as street, baker, miller), you may not have success, unless you can narrow your search by date and place.)
- Several members did not appear to recognize the potential value of successful newspaper searches. We invite them to come to the **free class** during Genealogy Week, (**September 21-27**) about Internet Newspaper Research (Sep. 25, 1:00-2:30.) Sometimes a newspaper is the ONLY source for a vital record, and sometimes newspapers can reveal an aspect of an ancestor that was completely unexpected. (My Dad won a speech contest in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade!), so, newspapers do NOT only report bad news!





## Magazines Recently Received - by Diane Brenner

Circ 929.05 AmS v. 153 (4), July/Aug 2019

### **American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution**

Cleveland, Front porches, the Bigelow House Museum (Olympia WA), following in the Lafayette's footsteps, painter Charles Willson Peale, the Old Dartmouth Purchase, the year without summer (1815), and Joseph Plumb Martin.

Circ 974 P273 AA v. 20 #1, Spring 2019

### **American Ancestors, New England Historic Genealogical Society**

"All about American Ancestrees" (a new feature), Pirate Joseph Bradish, research for *The Cowkeeper's Wish* (Ellen Evans), Nicholas Munger and Sarah Hull/Hall, new resources and annual business of the Society.

Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ v. 120 #2, Summer 2019

### **Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society**

"They came for the harvest: the Bracero program in Jackson County, Oregon, 1951-1955." (No genealogical info, but a clear description of how the program worked in the Valley.) "What's in a name? The University of Oregon de-naming controversies." and "Oregon's pioneer Chinese law students and their untold stories." (Six short biographies.)



## New BOOKS – by Anne Billeter

### **Additions to the Genealogy Library collection:**

Our catalogers have done it again: they've cataloged so many books in the last month (53), that the list is too long to publish in the eNews! [Click here for the list of books](#) with 8 family histories (929.2), several Ireland, Great Britain (1 from Wales!) 17 New York, 9 Michigan and a scattering of other states! The books will be on the New Books shelf until they have to be shelved in their Dewey location to make room for **more** new books! Thank our catalogers: Sharon Freeburne and Diane Brenner, and thank the Book Committee: Chloe Sternola, Anne Billeter, and Marilyn Ayres.

## More surplus Books for Sale to Benefit RVGS

The Surplus Book Sale continues as more books are added monthly. Most are donations of books already in the collection. A few are discards. 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. Come check out our Book Sale Bookcase for the newest offerings.

- *Missouri Birth and Death Records, Vol. 1*, by Sherida K. Eddlemon, 1995. **\$6.00**
- *Missouri Birth and Death Records, Vol. 2*, by Sherida K. Eddlemon, 1999. **\$4.50**
- *Missouri Birth and Death Records, Vol. 3*, by Sherida K. Eddlemon, 2001. **\$21.00**
- *Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, 1840 and Beyond, Vol. 2*, by Sherida K. Eddlemon, 2007. **\$3.00**
- *Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, 1840 and Beyond, Vol. 5*, by Sherida K. Eddlemon, 2009. **\$9.00**
- *Missouri Marriages Before 1840*, Compiled by Susan Ormesher, Orig. 1982; reprint 2001. **\$9.00**
- *Death Records from Missouri Newspapers: The Civil War Years: Jan. 1861 – Dec. 1865*, by Stanley, Wilson, and Wilson, 1990. **\$10.00**
- *Early Ohio Settlers*, by Ellen T. and David A. Berry, 1986. **\$15.00**
- *Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Olden Days*, by Harrison D. Taylor, Orig. 1926; reprint 1989. **\$18.00**
- *Kentucky Marriages, 1797 – 1865, Compiled by G. Glenn Clift, 1987. \$10.00*
- *Abstract of Early Kentucky Wills and Inventories*, by J. Estelle Stewart King, Orig. 1933; reprint 2008. **\$9.00**
- *Kentucky Genealogy and Biography, Vol. 1*, reprinted from *KENTUCKY: A HISTORY OF THE STATE*, by Battle, Perrin, and Kniffin, 1885; Edited by Thomas W. Westerfield, 1970. **\$15.00**
- *Kentucky Genealogy and Biography, Vol. 3, reprinted from KENTUCKY; A HISTORY OF THE STATE*, by Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. 1885; Edited by Thomas W. Westerfield, 1971. **\$10.00**
- *Kentucky Genealogy and Biography, Vol. 3*, by Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, 1885, Edited by Thomas W. Westerfield, 1971. **\$15.00**
- *Hopkins County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Vol. 1*, by Hopkins County Genealogical Soc., Orig. pub: 1970; 3<sup>rd</sup> Reprint: 1982 *An Historical Atlas of Kentucky and Her Counties*, By Wendell H. Rone, Sr., 1965. **\$24.00**
- *Land & Property Research in the United States*, by E. Wade Hone, 1963. **\$4.00**
- *The Library of Congress: A Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research*, by James C. Neagles, 1990. **\$3.00**
- *Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Genealogical Records*, Edited by Kory L. Meyerink, 1998. **\$2.00**
- *War of 1812 Genealogy*, by George K. Schweitzer, 1988. **\$3.00**
- *New England [and] New York Ancestors Before 1850*, by *Seattle Genealogical Society*, 1984. **\$6.00**
- *Land Ownership Maps*, Compiled by Richard W. Stephenson, 1967. **\$3.00**
- *Royal Heraldry: Beasts and Badges of Britain*, by J. P. Brooke-Little, (no date). **\$3.00**
- *National Park Service Guide to the Historic Places of the American Revolution*, by James V. Murfin, 1974. **\$6.00**
- *Decisions on the Hudson: The Saratoga Campaign of 1777*, by John Luzader, 1975. **\$4.50**
- *Frederick County, Virginia, Marriages: 1771 – 1825*, Compiled & Edited by Eliza Timberlake Davis, Orig. 1941; Reprint 2003. **\$4.00**
- *It Happened in Old Santa Barbara*, by Walker A. Tompkins, 1976? **\$9.00**
- *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, by Val D. Greenwood, Orig. 2000; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. **\$4.00**
- *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy, Edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs & Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, Orig. 1996; Revised Edition 1997. \$4.00*