

December 2019 eNews



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Special Notices

- **Family Tree Maker** - Are you just getting started or need some help using Family Tree Maker? A series of five classes covering the basics of each workspace will begin in January and will meet every other week through February; day and time to be finalized and posted in December.
- **Tutorial Tuesdays** - Tutorial Tuesdays will pause for the dark winter months. Look for them to resume in the spring.
- **Saturday, Dec. 14th JCGL will be CLOSED ALL DAY** so everyone may attend the Volunteer Holiday Luncheon and General Membership Meeting, Noon – 2:00 PM. Space is limited for the luncheon, so pre-registration is required. RVGS Officers for 2020 will be installed.
- **Dec. 16th through Dec. 25th JCGL WILL BE CLOSED** for inventory and observing the holidays.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 31st JCGL WILL BE CLOSED** at 4:00 PM through Wednesday JAN. 1, 2020.

DECEMBER



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;
- Stop by the library Mon-Sat 10 AM – 4 PM, Tues until 9 PM.

Event prices

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



Monday, Dec. 9th, 9:30 AM – 12 Noon: Board Meeting - Members are welcome.

Monday, Dec. 9th, 1 PM - 3 PM: Advanced DNA Interest Group AND Beginning DNA Class series (combined group meeting) FREE! Facilitator: Lorita Cushman. Come listen to success stories. We would love to hear about yours. Bring a dish or dessert to share for our Holiday Party.

Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 1:30 PM - 3 PM: Family Tree Maker Interest Group. Facilitator: Dave Hodson
The Family Tree Maker Interest Group meets to discuss, share, and answer questions about the FTM program. Sometimes we watch a short video about FTM and discuss Ancestry for those who sync with FTM. We discuss news about upcoming versions of FTM and try to answer all questions from beginners to advanced users. A laptop is not required but is helpful, as we use the screen so everyone learns the process and can follow along.

Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 3:15-4:45 PM: German Interest Group. Facilitator: Mary Robsman
Our German Interest Group (GIG) is an informal group with regular meetings. Members have an opportunity to share problems and successes with others doing specifically German research. Short presentations focus on topics of interest generated by the group and what's new in the field. Our GIG is a member of the International German Genealogy Partnership.

CANCELLED Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 10:30-12:00 PM: Genetic Genealogy Interest Group. Facilitator: Donna Rae Hays. Beginning in January the Genetic Genealogy Interest Group will meet on the 2nd Wednesday, 10:30 – 12:00 PM, instead of the 3rd Wednesday. The next meeting of this Interest Group will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1:30-3:00 PM: Irish Interest Group. Facilitator: Bruce McGarvey
The Emerald Isle has a rich and storied history that has intrigued and stumped many researchers. Our group meets to discuss these strategies, sorrows, and success stories and how we can better bring these stories to life. Join us as we pull back the mist of time to uncover Irish Genealogy.



Events



Now 'till Dec 6th: Toys for Tots

A Toys for Tots donation box is now available at JCGL. RVGS has participated for a number of years in this Marine Corps Reserve annual project to collect NEW UNWRAPPED toys to donate to local children. The box will be at JCGL **until Friday, Dec. 6.**

Local History Happenings - by Dorothy Cotton

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

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 7:00 PM: First Tuesday Pub Talk, “**Nuggets from the Archives**” Historian Mary Tsui will share her research of Jackson County at the Four Daughters Irish Pub, 126 West Main in Medford. **FREE.**

Wednesday, Dec. 4th 12-1 PM, Medford Library *and* **Wednesday, Dec. 11th** from Noon – 1:00 PM at the Ashland Library: **Windows in Time “The Amazing and All-Too-Short Career of Sheriff August Singler”** by Julie Dregson. **FREE**



Victorian Christmas in Jacksonville

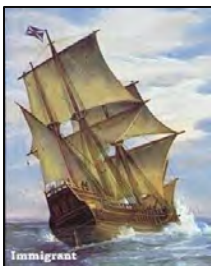
Experience a **Victorian Christmas** this holiday season at the historic **1873 Beekman House** Museum, located at 470 E. California Street in Jacksonville. Home to the town’s wealthiest and most prominent pioneer family, the house is decorated for a 19th Century holiday celebration. Find the good luck German pickle ornament on the Christmas tree. Steal a kiss under the mistletoe. Sample one of Mrs. Beekman’s sugar cookies. 1-hour tours begin every 15 minutes between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday from **November 30th through December 29th**. Victorian costumed docents will be sharing the origins of many popular Christmas traditions and observances along with stories of Beekman family holiday festivities in the late 1800s. **Tour admission is \$5**; no reservations are required. For additional information, visit www.historicjacksonville.org or contact Historic Jacksonville, Inc. at 541-245-3650, or send an e-mail to: info@historicjacksonville.org.

Step behind the counter of the oldest financial institution in the Pacific Northwest when Historic Jacksonville, Inc. opens the **1863 Beekman Bank Museum** for tours during Jacksonville’s Victorian Christmas celebration. “Banking hours” are 11am to 3 pm, every Saturday and Sunday from **November 30th through December 29th**. The Bank, located at 110 W. California Street in Jacksonville, saw over \$40 million in gold cross its counters during Jacksonville’s heyday in the late 1800s—the equivalent of over \$1 billion today. Interact with docents sharing stories of late 19th Century banking practices, gold shipping, and handshake deals; step behind the counter and poke in drawers containing old checks, stage schedules, and paperwork; enter the vault that stored all those millions in gold! **Admission is FREE** but donations are encouraged with all monies going towards the preservation and maintenance of this historic legacy! Visit www.historicjacksonville.org or send an email to info@historicjacksonville.org or simply call 541-245-3650 for additional information.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

New Members

Welcome to our newest members! Cindy Parke, Kathy Herod, Jeff Avila, Shirley Lawyer-Hellman, William Graham, Allison Cellars, Janet A. Curry, Sharon Ducharme, and Margarite Lazaro.



Spring Seminar on Immigration

This is a busy time of year, but you don't want to forget to register for the Spring Seminar. Dr. John Philip Colletta will be presenting 5 classes on **April 17 & 18, 2020**, with the theme of IMMIGRATION: "THEY CAME IN SHIPS." Dr. Colletta is a highly regarded national speaker offering a myriad of informative genealogical topics. With 2020 being the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower, you won't want to miss this year's seminar. **Sign up today!**

From the President: RVGS/JCGL Five-Year Strategic Plan 2020-2025

What is strategic planning? It is the process of evaluating our mission and vision, designing a broad set of achievable goals to strive for over a course of years, which, if achieved, will support the mission and vision. The Board created and adopted the RVGS/JCGL Five-Year Strategic Plan 2020-2025 at its November meeting. We were strongly guided by the feedback from the recent Membership Survey results and the "Brainstorming our Future" session.

The **mission** of RVGS is to inspire interest in genealogy, inform and educate the public, and maintain a growing, sustainable library with a strong online presence.

The **vision statement** for RVGS/JCGL will guide us into the future. In the next five years, we anticipate and aim to achieve these objectives:

- We will offer a robust course curriculum that meets the needs of all of our members from beginners to professional genealogists.
- We will be a recognized leader in the genealogy community in Oregon and beyond.
- We will have unique resources for Jackson County and southern Oregon and quality U.S. and international resources and make them easily available to our members.

The **strategies** for achieving our mission are:

- Gather and preserve genealogical resources
- Increase our online presence, offerings, and outreach
- Redefine our approach to learning and educational offerings
- Strengthen internal operations
- Continue marketing for strong community and regional outreach
- Maintain our membership growth and engagement and expand volunteer recruitment
- Maintain the library

The mission, vision and strategies are reflected in the goals and action plan stated in the Strategic Plan. The details will be developed by the appropriate committees and will include many of the excellent ideas and suggestions from our members. Some of those ideas are already being implemented. The Board will regularly review the progress and report to the membership. As always, we want our members' involvement and feedback.

A great big *Thank You* to our members for your input!

Financial News

Let Your Holiday Shopping Benefit RVGS!



AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked

"Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Just log in to smile.amazon.com select **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society** from the list of charities and start shopping!

Fred Meyer Rewards

Do you use a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Did you know you can "donate" to RVGS without it costing you a dime?

- Go to fredmeyer.com.
- In the top right corner, click the Sign In button. If you have not previously created an account, you can do it here, or you can sign in.
- After signing in, click in the same place, only now it displays your name, and choose My Account.
- Under My Account on the left side of the screen, click on Community Rewards.
- Here you can search for and choose your charity. We are listed as **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society**, organization number **PC623**.

New Recycle & Fund-Raising Program IS HERE!

The **BottleDrop Give** program, which offers all of us an additional opportunity to bring funds into the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society and Library, is **HERE!**

It's easy to participate! Just pick up a BottleDrop Blue Bag at the Jackson County Genealogy Library. The Blue Bags are the only bags that will be allowed in this program. Deposit your empty containers that have been purchased in Oregon in the special bag. The deposit containers can be a mix of plastic, metal, and glass; **rinsed and clean please**. Then, simply return the full bag to the library, or directly to the Bottle Drop Redemption Center. Pick up another empty and labeled Blue Bag at the library and start again! **The labeled Blue Bags are now available at the library!**

Need a Tax Deduction For 2019?

Your donation before the end of this year can serve us both...you receive a tax deduction just by donating to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Annual Fund Drive and we can continue to provide the programs and services you need to find your ancestors!

Contributions can be made in two ways,

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

2) you can drop off a donation or mail a donation to the library.



Thank you to all who have donated thus far in 2019!! Your contribution makes a difference!!

Anderson, Glen
Apple, Kathleen
Arnold, Vern & Marti
Asche, Karen
Austermann, Christy
Ayres, Marilyn & Albert
Baker, Sheila
Barker, Loretta
Beckett, Kathleen
Billeter, Anne
Brenner, Diane
Brewer, Patricia
Briggs, Glen
Brobst, Phillip
Brown, Charleen & Warren
Brown, Darlene
Buchta, Alan
Cabler, Wayne
Carlson, Edith & Charles
Casteel, A.W. & Darlene
Christman, Murray
Couey, Sheila
Craig, Carolyn
Culmer, Carita
D'Allura, Pam
Davidson, Barbara
Davis, Sandra
Davis-Jacobson, Cara
Dunham, Kathy
Eccleston, Chuck & Colleen
Everett, Judith
Ferrara, Kaye
Ferrell, John & Lorraine
Fischer, Terry
Freeburne, Sharon
Fulbright, Marie & Bryan
George-Strader, Donna
Goodnough, Thelma &
Richard
Haas, Cheryl
Hamby, Sharon
Haugse, Katie
Hawk, Robert
Hawley-Crum, Sharon
Henry, Char

Herzberg, Alice
Hildreth, Linda
Holst, Monty & Carol
Horton Family Foundation
Hunter, Judy & Phil
Jenkins, Patricia
Kelly, Elizabeth
Kelly, Patricia
Kemp, Florence
Kimball, Sheila
Kious, Steve
Leiberg, Nobert
Leissler, Lynn
Leppek, Katherine
Mallchok, Judith
Marcy, Patsy
Marion, Alan
Markham, Marsha
McCoy, Nathan
McGee, Vicky & John
Merz, Gayle
Middaugh, Barbara
Miles, Richard
Miller, Betty
Milsom, Alan
Mullaly, Alice & Larry
Noble, Helaine
Ordal, Kathie
Patterson, Andrea & Jack
Patterson, Betty
Perdue, Wanda
Peterson, Cynthia
Phelan, Dorcas
Riehl, Sallie
Roberts, Jeff
Ross, Barbara & Stephen
Russell, Sybil
Salthouse, Denise
Schulman, Nancy
Scott, Karen
Shrewsbury, Barbara
Sloan, Katherine
Stafford, Darrell
Sternola, Chloe
Stewart, Janie

Stuelpnagel, Shirley
Thurman, Kimberly
Turcke, Elaine
Turner, Linda & Robert
Ulrich, Cathy
Ulrich, Marita
Vega, Maureen
Walker, Bill
Ward, Sharon
Weaver, Vernon & Evelyn
Wobbe, Leona
Woodburn, Serita Sue
Zerr, Phillis



RVGS FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RESEARCH TRIP UPDATE

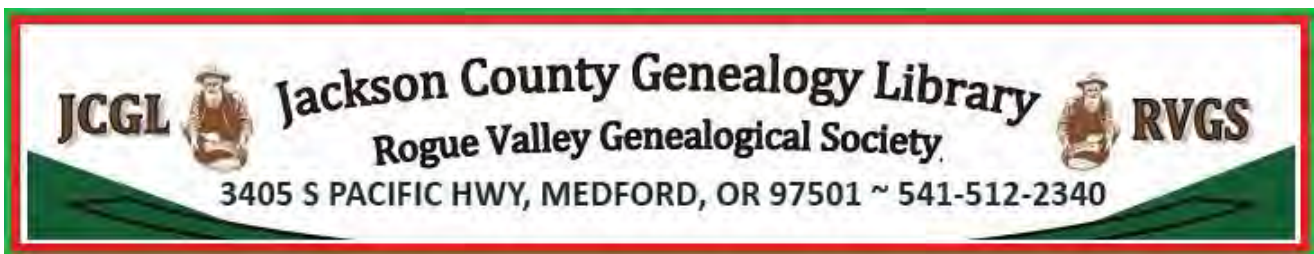
March 22 to March 29, 2020



RVGS members and friends are now finalizing their plans to research at the amazing SLC Family History Library this coming **March 22 to 29, 2020**. There are still a few dedicated rooms for our attending members available at the conveniently located Plaza Hotel. Now is the time to reserve your room. Just call the hotel at 1-800-366-3684 **before** February 15. **Be sure to ask for your Rogue Valley Genealogy Society group rate.**

Great News! It looks like we have enough people going to Salt Lake to take advantage of a free seminar offered through the Plaza Hotel. The list of topic choices will be emailed to all those listed in the library's trip binder on December 15. All those attending should review it and send their top three seminar choices to abaracker@gmail.com **before January 1st**.

Add your name and contact information to the Salt Lake City Trip Binder at the Library front desk. For more information: contact Ann Baracker at abaracker@gmail.com.



JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

Volunteer Librarians Needed

Learn more about the Genealogy Library's hidden treasures by volunteering to be a librarian. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. There are three hour (9:45AM–1PM and 1PM–4:15PM) and six hour shifts are available (9:45AM–4:15PM), plus five hour Tuesday evening shifts (4PM–9PM) Contact Library Director Anne Billeter at annebilleteroregon@gmail.com for additional information.

INVENTORY: An opportunity to volunteer for a short-term project

It's time to take our annual inventory of the library collection. This is an opportunity to discover treasures in the library...and help with an essential task. We will start on Monday, Dec 16, continue through Friday, Dec 20, and again on Mon, Dec 23. If we haven't finished, we will continue on Dec. 26 through the 27th, and possibly the 30th. Inventory is done by teams of two people working together, so if you have a friend you would like to spend time with, sign up together. If you don't, we'll pair you with a new friend! Training is provided...no previous experience is necessary. Email reception.jcgl@gmail.com or call 541-512-2340 or come to the Reception Desk to sign up. Questions? Email annebilleteroregon@gmail.com

Volunteer Profile by Terrie McCoy, Volunteer Director

This month our featured volunteer is James Williams!

James is from Los Gatos, California, yet spent most of his time in San Jose. Lucky for us, his two brothers lived here, so in 1981 he decided to move to be near them.

He went to work for Jackson County Educational Service District, (ESD) as a Courier. For five years he delivered materials to all the Jackson County Schools. That meant starting in Ashland early in the morning and ending his route at Butte Falls and Prospect.

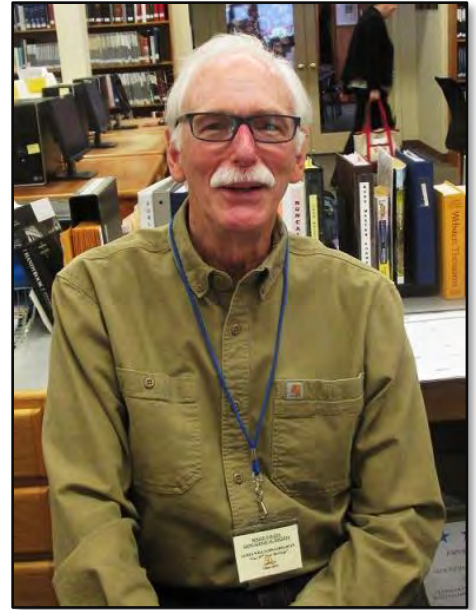
James moved to Iowa in 1986, living there for 3 years before moving back to Ashland in 1989. In 1992, he took a job with the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County. James worked in the Archives gathering profile information for trials, looking up records and making copies as requested. That meant going to what he calls "the hernia books," the huge, heavy books containing court records as they were entered by hand through the history of the county. In 1993, there was a grant to have the books microfilmed; then they were destined for the landfill. The Southern Oregon Historical Society had no room for the books and ledgers, so a call was made to Jackson County Genealogy Library. Room was made at the library for as many as possible. They are located on the lower shelves, the records gradually being digitized by our volunteers.

Meanwhile, James was waiting to retire with what he says were three things on his bucket list; take OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) classes, help with the Holly Theater Restoration, and join RVGS/JCGL.

Once again, there was contact with Chuck Eccleston, then RVGS Volunteer Director, who spent time at the courthouse in the archives with James getting copies of records requested by our patrons. Chuck kept recruiting and when James retired in 2013, he joined OLLI, joined the group saving the Holly Theatre, and joined our RVGS where he volunteered to be a librarian.

You can find James every other Monday morning or so, two or three times a month, doing his part at the reception desk and as a research librarian.

When asked what he enjoys most, James relates to the work he did for more than 21 years: helping people, working with the public, and searching for the interesting answers.



Holiday Gifts that **keep on giving** - available at JCGL

RVGS MEMBERSHIP

- \$30 for one year, \$45 for two in a household for one year
- \$500 for Lifetime Membership
- \$5000 for Life Benefactor Membership

GUEST PASS PACKET

- \$5 for a day pass at JCGL
- \$10 for three-day passes (a \$15 value.) Bring your family or friends
- for a Research Day.

GIFT CERTIFICATE

- \$15 for one hour of RESEARCH
- \$15 for one hour of MENTORING
- \$15 for one hour of SCANNING documents or photos. Our scanner can scan larger-size items!
- \$15 for one hour of PHOTO RESTORATION, repair & enhance.
- \$10 for a class for members, \$20 for a class for nonmembers.



TICKETS TO SPRING WORKSHOP & SEMINAR:

Immigration to America, Colonial Times to WWII by Dr. John Philip Colletta, April 17, 2020, 1:30-3:30 PM, at JCGL

- \$35 for Workshop for RVGS member, \$45 for Workshop for nonmember

They Came in Ships by Dr. John Philip Colletta, April 18, 2020, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at JCGL

- \$50 for Seminar for RVGS member, \$60 for Seminar for nonmember

GENEALOGY BOOKS (on display in the library marked BOOKS FOR SALE)

- Prices are individually marked.

FAMILY ANCESTRY CHARTS

- \$4 for a 15-generation chart
- \$4 for a 12-generation chart
- \$2 for a decorative *Our Family Tree*

PIONEER AND EARLY SETTLER CERTIFICATES if descended from a Jackson County pioneer or early settler

- \$10 for each certificate

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE “GIANT DAHLIA” QUILT

- \$1 EACH; 6 FOR \$5; 30 FOR \$20. Winner will be drawn June 23, 2020.

SILENT AUCTION (on display at JCGL)

- Collectibles: Department 56 *Snow Village* houses. Bids close Dec. 14, 2019.

FAMILY NAMES COLLAGE (suitable for framing)

- Black-and-white or color. Styles vary. Prices begin at \$15.

Tech Update



If you have been to the library lately, you may have noticed some changes. We have now upgraded all our patron computers to Windows 10. In the case of some stations, this meant a new computer; on other stations we were able to upgrade the software without changing the computer. This upgrade was critical as Microsoft is discontinuing support of Windows 7. Change isn't always easy, but when it comes to technology it's necessary, and we want you to be able to search quickly and efficiently for your ancestors.

New Records added to our Subscription Websites



Ancestry

- 📦 Nova Scotia, Canada, Petitions in Favor of Female Suffrage, 1918
- 📦 Finland, Communion Books, 1670-1917 (in Finnish)
- 📦 Finland, Pre-Confirmation Books, 1670-1918 (in Finnish)
- 📦 Denmark, Church Records, 1812-1918 (in Danish)
- 📦 Illinois, Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield Sacramental Records, 1853-1975



Find My Past

- ★ Norfolk British Armed Forces, First World War Soldiers' Medical Records. Over 36,000 new additions from *The National Archives in Kew*.
- ★ Norfolk: 501,000 baptisms; 522,000 Bonds and Marriages; 423,000 burials.
- ★ United States, Massachusetts: Index of Casualties, World War II. More than 9,000 records.
- ★ United States, Official Army Register 1861-1865.
- ★ PERSI: PERiodical Source Index Update. Over 6,000 new images have

been added this month. [PERSI is no longer just an index!]

- ★ 1801 Lancashire, Liverpool Census. Over 13,000 early census records.
- ★ Cornwall Burials. Over 75,000 new records covering 52 parishes across the Cornish peninsula.
- ★ Kent Burials. 12,000 new records of the Swanscombe municipal cemetery.
- ★ New Zealand, Women's Suffrage Petitions. [1892 and 1893]
- ★ Scotland, Forfarshire (Angus), nine Dundee Trade and Postal Directories, 1783-1842.



New Additions to JCGL for December 2019

New Books Added in November

Click here for the complete list: <http://rvgslibrary.org/Documents/NewBooks/>

16 items were added to JCGL, including 15 Kentucky books (976.9), most for Hancock County, KY (976.9862) and Daviess County, KY (976.9864), AND a “computer file” on 4 flash drives containing the **Oregon Divorce Index** for 1925 through 1945 (979.5 M177 Sta 1925-1945). This expands JCGL’s access to the Oregon Divorce Index. The other portions of the Oregon Divorce Index are in different formats at JCGL:

1946-1960 on 2 rolls of microfilm (979.5 D395 Ore)

1961-2006 on microfiche (Microfiche Book 9)(on top of the microfilm cabinet)

NOTE: Ancestry.com only has 1961-1985 of the Oregon Divorce Index and familysearch.org has 1981-1990 only on microfiche at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and 1991-2008, which shows as digitized but was “Not available at this time” when access was attempted on November 26, 2019.

Magazines Recently Received – Located in the Newsletter rack

Circ 929.05 NGSM v. 45 (3), July-September 2019

NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society.

This issue deals with **Digital Genealogy**. Determining FamilySearch collection and index coverage, Best practices for data entry in family trees, Managing research with Zotero, Solutions for stress-free web browsing, A case for autobiography, Ancestors in Quebec who qualify for DAR and SAR. (Our copy damaged in the mail. A replacement has been requested.)

Circ 929.05 NGSQ v. 107 (3), September 2019

National Genealogical Society Quarterly

Merging identities by mapping activities and linking participants, Parents of Abigail Grant Risley (Canton, NY), Parents of Anderson Boon (TN), and Parents of John C Ahern aka John Lockren (CA).

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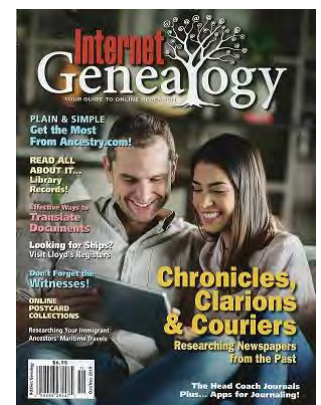
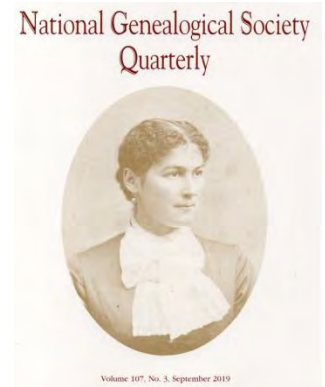
Internet Genealogy, October/November 2019

Early newspapers, Search for ships at Lloyd’s Registers, Better use of Ancestry.com, Library records, “Don’t forget the witnesses”, Translation strategies, Online postcard collections, Maritime travel writing to enhance your immigrant ancestors journey, and Overlooked African-American resources.

Circ 979.421 P273 Hei v.44(1), October 2019

Heir Lines, Genealogical society of Siskiyou County.

Excerpts from newspapers about Yreka area residents (1873-1899) including a report on the lynching of four men in Yreka, August 1895.





Murphy's law of genealogy: After solving a dead-end ancestor mystery that consumed your entire adult life, your sister reports, *"I could have told you that!"*

More Surplus Books for Sale

The Surplus Book Sale continues as new books are added monthly. 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 offerings.

- *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* Revised edition \$6.00
- *State Census Records* by Ann S. Lainhart \$6.50
- *Evidence Explained* by Elizabeth Shown Mills c.2007 \$15.00
- *Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815* by William Dollarhide \$30.00
- *Land & Property in the United States* by E. Wade Hone \$18.00
- *American Experienced: Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Accounts of Swiss Immigrants to the United States* \$30.00
- *Women and the Law of Property in Early America* by Marylynn Salmon \$5.00
- *Carmack's Guide to Copyright and Contracts: A Primer for Genealogists, Writers & Researchers* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack \$4.50
- *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives of the U.S.* \$24.00
- *How to Use Evernote for Genealogy* by Kerry Scott \$3.00
- *Polish Parish Records of the Roman Catholic Church* by Gerald A. Ortell \$30.00
- *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual* \$3.00



Free Digitized Newspapers

In addition to the Library of Congress' excellent and extensive collection of digitized newspapers, [Chronicling America](#), there is an online list with hyperlinks, by state and Canadian province, of other FREE digitized newspapers:

https://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html#.Xa_ss-hKjmZ

Many thanks to Ben Truwe and Dorothy Cotton for bringing this site to our attention. (Did you know Halfway, Oregon has digitized newspapers?!)



Volunteer Luncheon

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society would like to say "Thank You" to our dedicated volunteers for their many contributions to our organization's ongoing success. Please attend our Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon this coming December 14th, starting at noon.

This year we would like our volunteers to join the fun and share special memories or traditions from their Holidays Past. Please drop off a photo or family holiday item to share with fellow society members by, December 3. Be sure to mark your name on the back or bottom so we can get it back to you at the end of the luncheon. No memory is insignificant. A photo of you and your siblings with Macy's Santa tells a story. Have you ever spent Christmas in Hawaii or skiing at Lake Tahoe? Break out the surfing Santa. Do you set out a special nutcracker handed down from you grandparents? This annual luncheon is a time to share those fun items and times.

Volunteers - Please **RSVP** by emailing reception.jcgl@gmail.com, calling our library at 541-512-2340, or signing up on the clipboard at the library front desk **no later than December 3rd**. We also will need to know if you will be bringing a guest, and their name. We have many honored guests and volunteers to celebrate and our space is limited to 85 so all volunteers should contact the library as soon as possible.

We hope to see all our volunteers at the annual luncheon. It has been another terrific year!

