

## January 2020 eNews



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### Special Notices

**Wednesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – JCGL will be closed for New Year's Day.**

**eNews Submissions** - Members are invited and encouraged to write articles and/or submit photos for the eNews that are relevant to genealogy research, RVGS, and/or JCGL.

The eNews is published on the first of each month. The deadline for article submission is the 20th of the preceding month. Submissions should be by email to: [enews@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:enews@rvgslibrary.org) and be sent as a Word document in an attachment. Please use the 12-point Arial font for text. Photos must be your own or permission obtained from the original photographer.

**Tutorial Tuesdays** - Tutorial Tuesdays have paused until the Spring.

### 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](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com)
- Telephone: 541-512-2340;
- Stop by the library: Mon-Sat 10 AM – 4 PM, or Tuesdays until 9 PM.

#### Event prices:

- Public Programs - 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.



**Tuesday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, CLASS: Beginning Genealogy**, Barbara Northrop will help get you started doing your Genealogy. **Free to all.**



**Wednesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon, INTEREST GROUP: Genetic Genealogy**, Facilitator is Donna Rae Hays.

**Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, INTEREST GROUP: Irish**, Facilitator is Bruce McGarvey

**Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon, Board Meeting**, Members are welcome.

**Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM INTEREST GROUP: Advanced DNA**, Facilitator is Lorita Cushman

**Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, INTEREST GROUP: Family Tree Maker**, Facilitator is Dave Hodson

**Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:15 PM – 4:45 PM, INTEREST GROUP: German Genealogy**, Facilitator is Mary Robsman

**Thursday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, CLASS: Family Tree Maker (FTM) Series Part 1 “People Workspace”** This is the first in a series of 5 classes on using the FTM software. Barbara MacMillen will teach how to start building a family tree by entering people into FTM. **\$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Program and General Membership Meeting “Central Point, A Crossroads Through Time”** Presented by Alice Mullaly. The third largest city in Jackson County, Central Point has a rich history. This illustrated talk will introduce the audience to some of the people and events that made Central Point what it is today.

**Thursday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, CLASS: “Using Google Earth”** Rich Miles will present this class about using Google Earth to help map your family history. **\$10 for members, \$20 for Non-members.**

**Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, CLASS: Beginning DNA Series, “What Else Can I do with my Raw DNA? Uploading to GEDmatch, MyHeritage and More”** Lorita Cushman will talk about other sites you can upload your raw DNA to. You will learn how to upload to GEDmatch and MyHeritage. We will take time in class to do so. **\$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, PROGRAM: Quilt and Genealogy Talk, “Smith Family Quilts”**, Native American Tom Smith will talk about and share his family’s collection of quilts made by his mother and grandmother. With a wide variety of patterns these colorful quilts were made in Missouri between 1920 and 1980. **Free to all.**

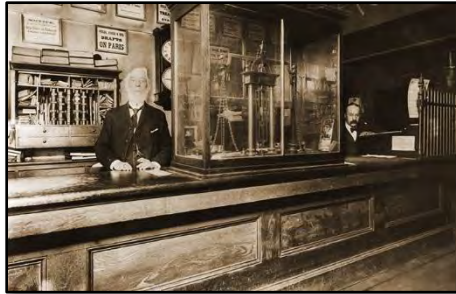
**Thursday, Jan. 30, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, CLASS: Family Tree Maker Series Part 2 “Sources Workspace”** This class, taught by Bruce McGarvey, will show how to develop and enter sources into FTM software. **\$5 for members, \$10 for Non-members.**

**Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, CLASS: “Researching Jackson County People”** by Anne Billeter. Harness the power of a site-specific Google search to find all of the information in the RVGS/JCGL indexes, PLUS learn about other websites and physical locations where additional Jackson (and some Josephine) County information can be found. \$10 members; \$20 non-members.

## HISTORIC HAPPENINGS AROUND THE VALLEY

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)

**Saturday, January 4, 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, & 7:00 PM “Secrets and Mysteries of the**



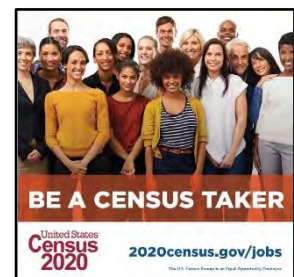
**Beekman Bank”** at Beekman Bank in Jacksonville. Regional historian Ben Truwe pursues the secrets of the bank and leads a 50-minute lantern light tour. Admission is **\$5 per person** with proceeds benefiting the preservation and maintenance of this regional landmark. Tours are limited to a maximum of 12 people and **reservations are required**. Reservations can be made by calling Historic Jacksonville, Inc. at 541-245-3650 or emailing [info@historicjacksonville.org](mailto:info@historicjacksonville.org).

**Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 PM “Tales of Rehabilitation”** at 4 Daughters Irish Pub, 126 W. Main, Medford. For nearly thirty years, George Kramer has been involved with hundreds of historic restorations in Southern Oregon, including the Ashland Springs Hotel, Standing Stone Brewing Company, the Medford Southern Pacific Depot, and the Holly Theatre. He’s crawled through basements, found long-hidden tile under carpet, painted signs under siding, found a cannon ball (or a shot put?) in an attic, and buried the occasional newspaper inside a wall. Come and hear *Tales from the Rehabilitation*, which promises to be free-range, occasionally amusing, talk about the front lines of historic preservation in our own backyard. Feel free to bring photos of your own projects and ask a question or two.

**Wednesday, January 8, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM “Fire History: Indigenous Burning to Recent Wildfires, What Have We Learned?”** at Ashland Library, 410 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, and **Wednesday, January 15, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM** at the Medford Library, 205 South Central Avenue, Medford. Chris Chambers will kick off the 11th year of Windows in Time local history presentations. The Medford lecture, regularly scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month, will take place January 15 due to the New Year holiday. Chris Chambers of Ashland Fire & Rescue will present a look at the state of wildfires and forests, exploring how we got here and what we need to learn from traditional ecological knowledge of indigenous tribes of the area along with recent science to help us chart a new path to resiliency in a changing climate.

**Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 PM: Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Meeting** at JCGL This will be a discussion about our revolutionary ancestors, how they made this country what it is today and how to generate new members. SAR = Sons of the American Revolution, a national organization founded in 1889, chartered by the Congress of the USA.

**The Census is hiring now!** Offering flexible hours and competitive wages paid weekly. Be a 2020 Census Taker and support your community by making sure everyone one is counted. Apply Now. Part time Jobs. Local Positions. Flexible Hours. Now Hiring. Apply online by [clicking here!](#)



# ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



## New Members

**Welcome to our newest members!** Becky & Charlie Versteeg, Bruce Bearg, Carla Hutchins, Cheryl Ricks, Ernest M. (Marty) Mingus, Hannah Monen, Jean Boice, Kathleen Rishel & Carol Richards, Laurel Prchal, Mike Early, Nancy Mach, Nancy Randolph, Patty Esparza, and Sandye Taylor!

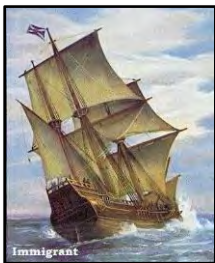
## December Board Action and Summary Reports

### Board Action:

- Approved 2020 contract with Tabulated Consulting LLC for bookkeeping services at the same rate.
- Voted to support the National Genealogical Society protest against raising the fees exorbitantly for documents from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

### Directors' and Committee Chairs' Summary Reports:

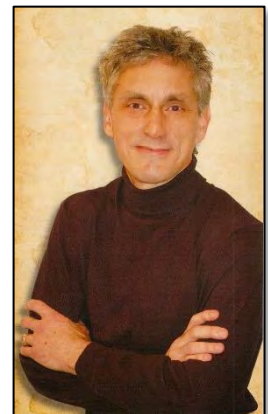
- Volunteer—Recognition of volunteers event to be held in April.
- Trustee—Maintains a spreadsheet of library usage and attendance by month for tracking purposes.
- Finance (Vacant)—We have more than six months of reserves for operating expenses for 2020. This objective is the recommended amount for stable nonprofits.
- Library—Inventory of cataloged items will take place during the holiday closing.
- Education—Fall seminar added to September schedule following Genealogy Week.
- Membership—Currently stands at 777.
- Public Relations (Vacant)
- Technology & Data Management—Contract with Project A for website development will be paid in full in December and new website will launch early in 2020.
- Facility/Maintenance—LED outdoor sign will be installed in January. Two strong volunteers needed to help with installation.



## 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 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 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower, you won't want to miss this year's seminar.

**Sign up today!**



## RVGS Family History Library Research Trip



RVGS members and friends are now finalizing their plans to research at the amazing SLC Family History Library this coming March 22 – 29. There are still a few dedicated rooms available for our attending members 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 Genealogical Society group rate.**

For more information contact Ann Baracker at [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com).

## Financial News



### Bottle Drop Give

By Nancy Roberts, BottleDrop Give Coordinator

Hello! A huge thank you to those of you who took up the challenge to qualify for the **Bottle Drop Give** holiday season match program! The challenge was to get at least \$100 of bottle and can deposits to earn a matching deposit for our organization. We came **'oh so close'** by contributing \$89.50 worth of deposits! There is always next year for the match and I'm certain we can easily meet the goal. Congratulations to all our great recyclers!

It is encouraging and exciting to have this new fundraiser up and running and getting great response early in the program. Please let family and friends know about this program.

Just a reminder that all deposits must have been purchased in Oregon only. Knowingly returning containers purchased outside Oregon will jeopardize this fundraiser for our organization. Bottle caps must be removed.

The **labeled Blue Bags** are stocked in the library and you can obtain them by asking at the Reception Desk. Then, all you need to do is fill the bags. The deposit containers can be a mix of **clean** metal cans, plastic and glass bottles. Please keep the weight of one bag under the allowed 20-pound limit.

You can take them to the **Bottle Drop Redemption Center, 1179 Stowe Ave. Medford** (outside deposit site on North side of building), scan the label and let them slide into the building with a happy heart! OR you may bring your filled bags back to the library and they will be picked up and deposited for you. Also done with a happy heart!

Thank you again for your contribution to this program. Let's make 2020 a spectacular year for this new program and our organization. May the joys of the holiday season be yours throughout this New Year.

## Saying Goodbye to Ron Brown - by Anne Billeter



It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of a special Rogue Valley person, well-known for his 30-year career as a reporter and anchor emeritus on local KDRV ABC Channel 12. Many of us at RVGS knew him also through his interest and involvement in the Cemetery Project headed by Roger Roberts and Chuck Eccleston. Ron joined and then featured several successful RVGS cemetery-finding expeditions, adding his genuine interest, enthusiasm, and love of local history to create memorable stories. He came by his interest in genealogy through his mother, Frances, who was a long-time member of RVGS and whose genealogy collection Ron donated, after her death, to enhance the Jackson County Genealogy Library. He will be greatly missed.

Ronald Bryce Brown was born in Klamath Falls October 29, 1946 to Byron and Frances (Ayriss) Brown. They moved to the Rogue Valley when Ron was five. Ron attended Gold Hill schools through eighth grade and graduated from Crater High School, then went to Brigham Young University where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Radio and Television in 1972. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Judee, their three children, Celecia, Ryan, and Tiffany, and 7 grandchildren.



## We Mourn Ann Horton – by Anne Billeter



Ann Horton's beautiful voice is gone. A few years ago, she sang Christmas carols at the RVGS Holiday Luncheon. She and her husband Larry were enthusiastic participants and supporters of RVGS. They attended a number of our public programs, submitted their genealogical research for our files ([Horton Genealogy](#)) and graced us with their presence at RVGS Holiday Luncheons. We miss them both.

Julia Ann Butler was born 26 July 1930 to Arnel and Elsie (Lawrence) Butler. She was employed as a 40% owner of Lawrence's Jewelers from 1943-2009. Lawrence's Jewelers was started by her grandfather John F. Lawrence in 1908. She brought two sons, Charles and Jerry, to her 1965 marriage to widower Larry Horton, who brought three sons, Craig, Lawrence, and Steven, to their marriage. Ann and Larry celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. Larry died last year on 14 September 2018, and Ann joined him on 19 December 2019.

Besides her family, Ann's passion was reading nonfiction, politics, Zonta, PEO, Gold Diggers, Family History, and interior and exterior design.

# JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS



## Thank You 2019 Volunteers!

by Terrie McCoy, Volunteer Director

This is my thank you to the volunteers of 2019 and the expectations for the good things we will do in the coming 2020.

There have been some changes with retirements, people who have moved on and those who have passed on. There are new faces, and I would like to encourage each volunteer to help keep communication open. Ask questions, smile, serve the patrons, introduce yourself, be excited, and show your enthusiasm.

I am researching when each person started volunteering. If each volunteer could either place a note in my box, call the library, email me at [tmccoy42231@gmail.com](mailto:tmccoy42231@gmail.com), or contact me at the library on almost any Tuesday from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM to let me know when they started. This is a very special project for a special event in April, another way to show appreciation for years of service. Thank you so much for what you do!

## 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 (9:45 AM - 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:15 PM) and six-hour shifts available (9:45 AM - 4:15 PM), as well as five-hour Tuesday evening shifts (4:00 PM – 9:00 PM). Contact Library Director Anne Billeter at [annebilleteroregon@gmail.com](mailto:annebilleteroregon@gmail.com) for additional information.

## Colonial Occupations

By George G. Morgan, *Internet Genealogy* and *Your Genealogy Today* author

Was your great-grandfather a fossetmaker? Was your great-grandmother a poynter? Or was one of your ancestors a brownsmith? Do any of these sound familiar?

Research in colonial American records can sometimes uncover the occupations of your ancestors. Some of these - butcher, baker, blacksmith and others - are familiar. Names for other occupations may be completely alien to us, especially if the occupation no longer exists. In addition, we often see occupations listed on census records that are unfamiliar.

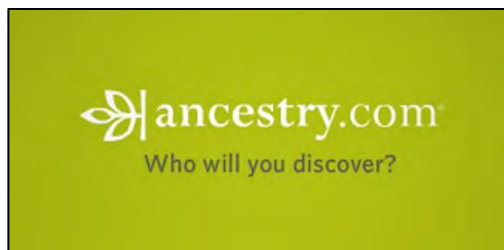
An excellent website that lists old-time occupations can be found at [www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/ocupaton.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/ocupaton.html). Here you will find hundreds of common and obscure occupational titles and a brief description of each one. This information can help you understand what your ancestor may have done for a living, and you can follow up and learn more about the vocation through research in a library or archive, or on the Internet.

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## New Records Added to our Subscription Websites

### Ancestry

- Finland, Pre-Confirmation Books, 1670-1918 (5,650,639 records) (in Finnish)
- Finland, Communion Books, 1670-1917 (13,887,919 records) (in Finnish)
- Germany, Limbach-Oberfrohna, Births 1876-1904; Deaths 1876-1952; Marriages 1876-1922, School Lists 1835-1920 (in German)
- Germany, Moers, Births 1798-1907; Deaths 1803-1986; Marriages 1798-1935 (in German)
- Norway, 1801 and 1865 census (in Norwegian)
- United States, Navy and Marines, Awards and Decorations, 1942-1994
- Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Births 1839-1911; Deaths 1854-1911; Marriages 1838-1911



### FindMyPast

- United Kingdom Deaths, 2007-2017
- Scotland, Dundee & Forfarshire (Angus)
  - Parish Records, 1562-1855
    - Births and Baptisms (more than 197,000 records)
    - Marriages (over 153,000)
    - Deaths and Burials (over 56,000)
  - Valuation Rolls 1823-1938
  - Electoral Registers 1857-1939
  - Photographic Collection (over 5,000, back to 1840's)
- Scotland, Renfrewshire Death and Burial Records (over 26,000 records)
- Scotland, Stirlingshire and Perthshire Burials, 1755-2019 (more than 83,000)
- Cornwall Burials (over 76,000 new additions)
- Canada, Ontario, PERSI (PERiodical Source Index) has thousands of new images from the Ontario Genealogical Society publications



### New Books Added to JCGL in December

41 items were added to JCGL, including 18 Virginia books (975.5), four of which are about Washington County (975.5725). It is always worth perusing the list, there might be a treasure that will solve a genealogy question. [Click here for the complete list.](#)



## New Periodicals Received

Circ 929.05 AmS, v.153 (6), November/December 2019

*American Spirit*, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Historic ski lodges; the Frances Willard House Museum, Evanston, IL; Scottish prisoners of 1650; Abel Buell map of the US, 1784; William Penn's 'Holy Experiment.'



Circ 929.05 NGSM v.45 (2), April-June 2019 [recently received]

*NGS Magazine*, National Genealogical Society.

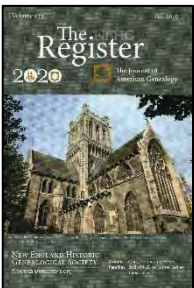
"Lineage Societies": about lineage societies, changes in DAR documentation requirements, using society (on-line) resources, and some society DNA projects. Also: mining city directories for between census gaps, and strategies to resolve conflicting direct evidence.



Circ 929.1 Int v.14(5), December/January 2020

*Internet Genealogy*.

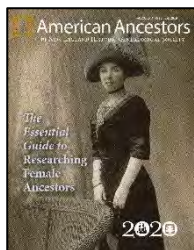
Memphis yellow fever epidemic of 1878; Evaluating website reliability; architectural databases that might include your family home, church or community; Taking better tombstone photos; Researching Métis ancestry in Scottish family history (Hudson's Bay Company/First Nations); Military records of African American ancestors; and Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



974 G242 NEHGS v.173, Fall 2019

*The NEHG Register*, Journal of American Genealogy.

John Holmes, Gentleman, Messenger of the Plymouth Court; Alice, wife of Thomas Derehaugh of Badingham, Suffolk; Rebecca Dike Sadler Tainer (MA); Daniel Clark (CT); William Terrett (CT); Beckwiths in the records at Lyme, CT; and annual index to surnames in volume 173.



Circ 974 P273 AA v.20(3), Fall 2019

*American Ancestors*, New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Researching female ancestors (and searching archival collections), Elizabeth Clapp Withington (Dorchester, MA), Dr. Joseph Warren (Boston), Catalina Trico (NY), Grietje Reyniers of New Amsterdam.

Circ 978.8 P273 Col v.80(4), November 2019

*Colorado Genealogist*, Colorado Genealogical Society.

If you have ancestors from Wetmore, Custer County, Colorado, you are in luck! Here is a transcription and augmentation of records from the New Hope Baptist Church, 1871-1926.

This issue also includes an annual surname index for v. 80.

