

February 2020 eNews



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Special Notices



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 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
- 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.



Classes

Wednesday, February 5, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, FREE CLASS: “Genealogy Jargon” Especially for beginning genealogists, terminology can be a challenge. Pat Jenkins will share her knowledge of some of those pesky words genealogists use, but newcomers have never heard of!



Thursday, February 6, 1:00-3:00 PM, CLASS: “Researching Jackson County People” Anne Billeter will show us how to 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.

Friday, February 14, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker CLASS Series: “Media Workspace” Instructor Vern Weaver will teach about how to use the Media workspace in the software program Family Tree Maker. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Thursday, February 20, 10:30-12:30 PM, CLASS: “Searching for Records in FamilySearch” by Rich Miles. Learn how to



search the records of the largest genealogy organization in the world. This class will explore how to search for records on FamilySearch.org. If you want to follow along on your laptop, be sure to create a FREE FamilySearch account prior to this class. Note, the class will focus on record searches, not the family tree functions. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Monday, February 24, 1:00-3:00 PM, Beginning DNA CLASS Series: “GEDmatch, I’ve joined, I see my Matches, NOW WHAT” Instructor Lorita Cushman will teach you about the different tools on GEDmatch and how to use them. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.



Thursday, February 27, 10:30-12:30 PM, CLASS: “Planning a Successful and Fun Family Reunion and Creating a Family Memory Book” Marilyn Ayres and Barbara Grimes will present strategies, themes, timeline, tips and, yes, pitfalls to avoid in creating a great family reunion. From initial contact to the clean up after, you can make it a low-stress and fun event for everyone.

They will show you how to put together important photos, stories, lore, and genealogical info into a beautiful memory book you can make yourself. Marilyn and Barbara have both planned fun and successful family reunions and created memory books for their families. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Thursday, March 5, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker CLASS Series: “Places Workspace” by Dorothy Cotton. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Friday, March 6, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, “How to use Ancestry.com” by Anne Billeter and Ruth Wade. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

FREE Events & Programs

Board Meeting, Monday, February 10, 9:30-12 Noon, Members are welcome.

Saturday, February 15, Brick Wall Round Table, 10:30 – 12:30 Facilitators: Marilyn Ayres and Denise Salthouse. Are you stuck? You've looked everywhere and can't push that ancestor back to the previous generation? Bring your information: who, when, and where your ancestor was, and what research resources you've searched. Join us as we brainstorm your and others' genealogy brick walls. **Free to all**



Tuesday, February 18, 1:30-3:00 PM, PROGRAM and Member Meeting: "The United Foundation Trust or Uftuddies" by SOU faculty member Maureen Battistella. What was the purpose of this secret society of women PhDs that was active at Southern Oregon University from 1953-1968? **Free to all.**

Tuesday, February 25, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilt and Genealogy TALK, "McKinnis Postage Stamp Quilt" Anne Billeter will talk about this interesting quilt made in the 1930's by Talent resident Mary Ann McKinnis for her oldest daughter, Lena Luella as a way to use up the tiniest scraps of fabric left over from sewing.

Interest Group Meetings

Advanced DNA Interest Group, Monday, February 10, 1:00-3:00 PM,
facilitator: Lorita Cushman

Family Tree Maker Interest Group, Tuesday, February 11, 1:30-3:00 PM,
facilitator: Dave Hodson

German Interest Group, Tuesday, February 11, 3:15-4:45 PM,
facilitator: Mary Robsman

Genetic Genealogy Interest Group, Wednesday, February 12, 10:30-12:00 Noon,
facilitator: Donna Rae Hays

Irish Interest Group, Thursday, February 13, 1:30-3:00 PM,
facilitator: Bruce McGarvey



LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS



Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 PM
“Archaeology in Western Alaska: Exploring Ancient Identities at the Nunalleq Site” at 4 Daughters Irish Pub, 126 W. Main, Medford. In the late 1600s, several decades before Euro-American contact, there was a thriving Yup'ik village on Alaska's southwestern coast. Known today as Nunalleq, this ancient village is currently the subject of a large archaeological research project of the University of Aberdeen in Scotland,

collaborating with the village of Quinhagak, whose Yup'ik residents are considered descendants of those who once inhabited Nunalleq. University of Oregon PhD student and project participant Anna C. Sloan will discuss her research.

Wednesday, February 5, 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM
“Southern Oregon University: Its History and Significance” at Medford Library, 205 South Central Avenue, Medford and **Wednesday, February 12, 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM** at Ashland Library, 410 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland. Dr. Saigo will review the history of Southern Oregon University from 1872 to 2016, focusing on the impact and significance of its presence in the Rogue Valley. He then will share some of the environmental, fiscal, social, institutional, and cultural challenges he and his staff faced from 2014 to 2016.



Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 PM “Louise Downing and Soup Sensation” at Talent Historical Society Museum, 105 N. Market St, Talent.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome 2020 RVGS Officers



Our 2020 RVGS Officers were unanimously elected at the November 19 membership meeting and were installed at the December 14 membership meeting, which took place during our annual volunteer recognition Holiday Luncheon. The [November 2019 eNews](#) has brief biographical information about President, Katie Hauge and Vice President, Kim

Thurman. Information about our Secretary, Loretta Barker; Treasurer, Barbara Shrewsberry; Trustee, Char Wirfs; and Past President, Karen Asche, can be found in the [November 2018 eNews](#).

The Holiday Luncheon was an opportunity to thank and celebrate our **101** volunteers, who volunteered 12,839 hours in 2019. They perform a myriad of tasks that keep our Jackson County Genealogy Library open 41 hours a week, our Society flourishing, and our 777 members busy with research, interest groups, classes, programs, and the upcoming April Dr. John Philip Colletta “Immigration: They Came in Ships” Workshop and Seminar.



New Members

Welcome to our newest members!

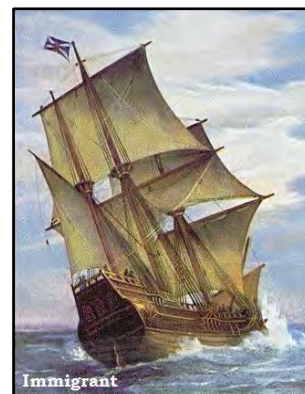
Jan Baker, Darla Case, Sheri Stewart, Dale & Toby Rosenberg, Julia Ryden, Sherry McMahan

Spring Seminar on Immigration

Have you registered yet for our Spring Seminar? If not, you better hurry as registration is now open to the general public. This year is the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower and to celebrate we’ve invited Dr.



John Phillip Colletta to present on the theme of **Immigration: “They Came in Ships.”** Dr. Colletta is a highly regarded national speaker and will present five classes on April 17th & 18th to help us find our ancestors across the water.



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.



Financial News

2019 Annual Fund Drive

Our 2019 Annual Fund Drive was a success!! Thank you to all our donors! We could not run the library without your generous contributions.



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Christman, Murray	Holst, Monty & Carol	Scott, Karen
Couey, Sheila	Horton Family Foundation	Shrewsbury, Barbara
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Davidson, Barbara	Kelly, Patricia	Stewart, Janie
Davis, Sandra	Kemp, Florence	Stuelpnagel, Shirley
Davis-Jacobson, Cara	Kimball, Sheila	Thurman, Kimberly
Dunham, Kathy	Kious, Steve	Tsui, Mary
	Leiberg, Nobert	Turcke, Elaine
	Leissler, Lynn	Turner, Linda & Robert
	Leppek, Katherine	Ulrich, Cathy
	MacMillen, Barbara	Ulrich, Marita
	Mallchok, Judith	Vega, Maureen
	Marcy, Patsy	Wade, Ruth
	Marion, Alan	Walker, Bill
	Markham, Marsha	Ward, Sharon
	McCoy, Nathan	Weaver, Vernon & Evelyn
	McGarvey, Bruce & Judy	Wobbe, Leona
	McGee, Vicky & John	Woodburn, Serita Sue
		Zerr, Phillis

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 (9:45 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 for additional information.



Volunteer Profile

This month meet Barbara MacMillen. She is another of our volunteers that does multiple, valuable works to keep our library current and running smoothly.

Barbara grew up in Southern California where she lived with her great-grandparents while her mother went to school and earned her RN after a divorce. Barbara earned an AA degree and put her ex-husband through graduate school while working at UCLA. She then became an administrative assistant, which led to a research assistant position at UC Irvine where she worked on a NOAA project along the California coast. The project involved banding, counting, and monitoring birds and their nests. She also

worked on another bird project in Alaska.

Barbara married Dick MacMillen in 1990 and lived at the White Mountain Research Station. They have spent a lot of time in Australia researching arid zone birds and small animals and spend two months each summer in Idaho. Barbara and Dick moved to the Rogue Valley in 1996 with Ian, the youngest of their three sons. They raised sheep for a few years on their four-acre property outside Talent. In 2002 she went to SOU and earned her B.S. in Geography.

Carl Shauger, a neighbor and member of RVGS, encouraged Barbara to check out the genealogy library on Houston Road in Phoenix. She joined RVGS in 2009 and Chuck Eccleston recruited Barbara to be a librarian in 2010. She became Education Director and a member of the board in 2012. That same year, Charleen Brown persuaded her to become the Finance Director. That was the year the new building was purchased. Barbara was a part of the volunteer crew that renovated the building, tearing out the old structures, painting, attaching bookshelves to walls, and turning donated desks into usable computer workstations.

Barbara put together a mortgage advisory committee to assist in generating campaigns to pay off the mortgage, which was accomplished in four years.

In 2015 Barbara withdrew as Finance Director but continues as our grant writer. She led the Family Tree Maker for Mac interest group until the two Family Tree Maker groups merged. She is currently a Librarian two days a month, serves on the Education and Quilt committees, teaches classes, mentors Mac users, and does odd jobs around the library. We are very lucky to have Barbara MacMillen as a volunteer.

Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixteen

That's the number of cataloged items in the Jackson County Genealogy Library. How do we know? Because in December we take inventory, verifying and counting each item on the shelves. In 2019, thanks to the efforts of our two catalogers, Sharon Freeburne and Diane Brenner, **804** items were added to the collection. (Our previous high was 500.) Here's the breakdown of our 20,716 items:

- 11,245 books
- 7,274 periodicals
- 138 CDs
- 6 Videos
- 4 Flashdrives
- 361 microfilm rolls
- 1,571 microfiche
- 100 maps
- 17 quilts



Many thanks to the inventory volunteers for their 130 hours total: Anne Billeter, Karen Hinderer, Patty Bunch, Martin Lenz, Dorothy Cotton, Ruth Wade, Julie Goodwine, Mary Robsman, Bruce McGarvey, Jeanne Hoadley, Loretta Barker, Pat Jenkins, Dave Horton, Katie Hauge, Thelma Goodnough, Mary Davis, Linda Lund, Lee Jackson, and Gordon Hull.

We can all be proud that we have the largest genealogy library between Portland and Sacramento, but even more important, we have valuable research resources at our fingertips, full of information that is NOT on the Internet, discoveries just waiting for us to find them!



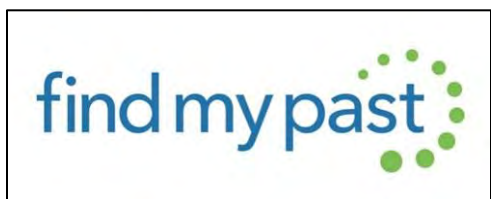
New Records Added to our Subscription Websites



MyHeritage

MyHeritage has just published two historical record collections from Germany: the Hesse Birth Index (1874–1911) and Hesse Marriage Index (1849–1931). These collections, totaling 8.5 million historical records, are now

indexed and searchable on MyHeritage. In a shift from traditional church recordkeeping, in the mid-19th century, the German Empire began requiring the civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths for the entire population. These new collections are rich in detail, often providing biographical information that is far superior to that covered by church records. This makes them an excellent resource for German genealogical research.



FindMyPast

- British Armed Forces, First World War Soldiers' Medical Records: More than 21,000 records have been added to this record set.

- 1939 Register update: Over 85,000 'closed records' have been opened and are now available to search.

- Middlesex Monumental Inscriptions: Explore new additions from Hillingdon in Greater London.
- Sussex Monumental Inscriptions: Records covering the parishes of Alciston, St Andrew's in Alfriston and St Mary the Virgin in Willingdon.

New Books Added to JCGL in December

68 items were added to JCGL, including Danish and Polish dictionaries, 10 family histories, 18 Virginia books (975.5), six of which are about Frederick County (975.599). There are books about 14 other states, plus Italy (945), Russia (947), the Mayflower (929.3), the American Revolution (973.3) and World War II (940.53). It is always worth perusing the list, there might be a treasure that will solve a genealogy question or give you more background about your ancestors' lives. [Click here for the complete list.](#)

New Periodicals Received

Circ 929.05 AmS v.154 (1), Jan-Feb 2020

American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Historic bridges; the Lee-Fendall House in Alexandria, VA; the American College of Building Arts in Charleston, SC; Robert Mills, America's first architect; James Hoban, White House architect; and America's maroons (escaped slaves and free blacks).



Circ 929.05 NGSM v.45 (4), Oct-Dec 2019

NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society.

This issue emphasis is the Works Projects Administration: the Historical Records survey, Federal Writers' Project, slave narratives, and finding resources and personnel records.

Circ 929.05 NGSQ v.107 (4), Dec 2019
National Genealogical Society quarterly.

David Truman of Fayette County, PA; Richard Bedell of Hempstead, Queens County, NY; Thomas James Allen of Lyme Handley, Cheshire County, England; Dr. Peter Trisler of KY and IN; and a full index to names and topics in volume 107.



Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ v. 120 (4), Winter 2019
Oregon Historical Quarterly.

Special issue: "White supremacy and resistance." Editors for this 250+ page issue say, "The primary goal of this issue is to help readers understand White supremacy – what it means, what it has meant, and how it has presented itself in Oregon history." It also includes an index for all of volume 120.

New to the Surplus Book Sale

Each month we will add books to the Surplus Book Sale, offering them locally (for less) before our internet book sale volunteers list them on Amazon. We want our members to have first chance! Books priced @ \$1.00 will not be listed. Come in to see what's on the shelf. Here are the books added in January:

- *Early Ohio Tax Records* compiled by Esther Weygandt Powell. \$26.00
- *Cemetery Inscriptions from Green County Wisconsin, v. III.* \$25.00
- *Clark County Washington Marriages, v I.* \$15.00
- *Index to Marriage Records, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma Territory, 1889-1907,* \$21.50
- *Genetic Genealogy in Practice,* by Bettinger and Wayne, 2016. \$27.00
- *Essex County, Virginia Wills & Deeds, 1711-1717.* \$8.00
- *1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements, 1987,* \$11.00
- *Early Virginia Families Along the James River, Virginia, Vol II.* \$20.00
- *The Kentucky Land Grants, Parts 1 and 2,* \$150.00
- *Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1790,* \$18.00
- *Albemarle County in Virginia* by Edgar Woods, \$29.00
- *Handwriting of American Records for a Period of 300 Years* by E. Kay Kirkham \$15.00
- *Danish Genealogical Helper, vol. 1, #1* \$18.00
- *Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1660* by Peter Wilson Coldham
- *Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists Who Came to New England Between 1623 and 1650* by Frederick Lewis Weis, 5th ed. \$7.50
- *Origins of Some Anglo-Norman Families* by Lewis C. Loyd \$4.50
- *Tracing Your British Roots: A Guide to Genealogical Sources* by Gerald Hamilton-Edwards \$3.00
- *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* by Noyes, Libby, and Davis \$15.00

