

March 2020 eNews



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NEW RVGS/JCGL Website!!



If all goes as planned, RVGS will be launching our new website this Wednesday, March 4! It has been in the works a long time, but it's finally here!

The new site will not only offer a new clean, updated look, but improved functionality. Instead of scrolling through a long list of names to find your ancestor, you will be able to search the JCGL records just as you would on

Ancestry or FamilySearch! In addition, drop-down menus make the new site easy to navigate.

Another big change is that we will now have only one website rather than two. The official address has not changed, rvgslibrary.org, but rvgsociety.org will take you there as well.

Because we have over 50 years of data to move over to the new site, we are launching with a more limited data set. If you can't find what you're looking for, there will be a link on the homepage that will take you to our archived old site, which will no longer be updated.

To assist you in the transition to the new site, two **FREE website orientation classes** have been scheduled. The first will be **Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 – 7:00 PM** at the library. The second will be on **Friday, March 13, 10:30 – 11:30 AM** at the library. Come learn how to surf our new site!

JCGL CLASSES & EVENTS

Registering in advance is requested for all events except public programs and Board meetings. To register for classes and events:

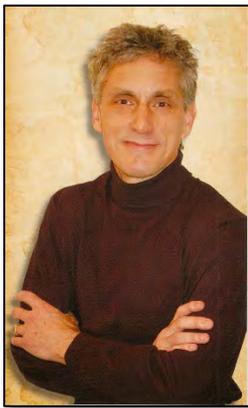
- Email: reception@rvgslibrary.org
- Telephone: 541-512-2340
- Stop by the library: Mon-Sat 10 AM – 4 PM, or Tues. until 9 PM.

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.



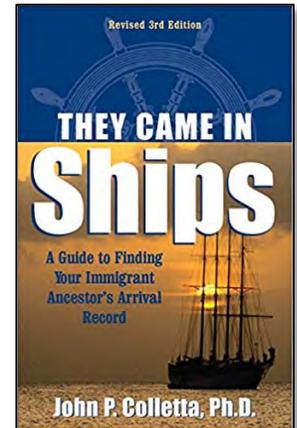
RVGS Spring Seminar: “Immigration: They Came in Ships”



The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society hosts its 2020 Spring Seminar on April 17th and 18th, at the Jackson County Genealogy Library in Medford. We are pleased to welcome our guest speaker, renowned author and genealogical lecturer, Dr. John Philip Colletta. A Washington, DC, resident, Dr. Colletta lectures nationally, teaches at local schools, and conducts programs for the Smithsonian Institution’s Resident Associate Program. He is also a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (University of Georgia, Athens) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. He shares his expertise and knowledge with us at our April 17 and 18 Spring Seminar, entitled “**Immigration: They Came in Ships.**”

The RVGS extends a special thank you to the Jackson County Cultural Coalition and Oregon Cultural Trust for their support and sponsorship.

To learn more about the seminar and to register, go to www.rvgslibrary.org; call 541-512-2340; or email reception@rvgslibrary.org. April 17, one-half day; April 18, full day. Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 So. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR.



Tutorial Tuesdays Are Back!!

Tuesday, April 7, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, “The Ultimate Genealogical Brick Wall Buster,” 1 hr. and 9 min. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Classes

Thursday, March 5th, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Series: “Places Workspace”
Dorothy Cotton will demonstrate how to enter locations on our family trees and view maps and immigration routes for our ancestors. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Friday, March 6th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, “How to use Ancestry.com” Anne Billeter and Ruth Wade will show some of the tips and tricks for researching on Ancestry.com. They will demonstrate basic strategies and show some of the special resources of this massive subscription website. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

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Saturday, March 14th, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, “Researching Women’s Genealogy” Barbara Northrop will be teaching this class about finding our female ancestor. Where is she hiding? Who are her parents? Which record groups provide clues to find our missing female ancestor. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Wednesday, March 18th, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, “FindAGrave.com” Rich Miles will teach this class on both using and contributing information to the Findagrave.com. Rich will also highlight the new search tools available. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Friday, March 20th, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Series “Publishing Workspace” Dave Hodson will demonstrate how to use FTM to create numerous reports and stories. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members

Monday, March 23rd, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Beginning DNA Series, “Color Clustering Plus” Lorita Cushman will teach what color clustering is and how to do it. You will see tools she has developed to enhance color clustering. There will be time in class to work on yours. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Tuesday, April 7th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, “Beginning Genealogy” Barbara Northrop will teach this **FREE** class on getting started with your Genealogy.



Interest Group Meetings

All interest groups are free for members and \$5 (day-use fee) for non-members. Please register in advance.

Advanced DNA Interest Group: Monday, March 9th, 1:00 -3:00 PM, facilitator: Lorita Cushman.

Family Tree Maker Interest Group: Tuesday, March 10th, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, facilitator: Dave Hodson.

German Interest Group: Tuesday, March 10th, 3:15 - 4:45 PM, facilitator: Mary Robsman.

Genetic Genealogy Interest Group: Wednesday, March 11th, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, facilitator: Donna Rae Hays.

Irish Interest Group: Thursday, March 12th, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, facilitator: Bruce McGarvey.

Programs – Free for All

Tuesday, March 17, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, “Researching in Ireland” Jennifer Bryan will share information about researching both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, including the National Library of Ireland and the National Archives, plus newly digitized information and free websites.

Tuesday, March 31 (a week later than usual), 1:30-2:30 p.m. Quilt and Genealogy Talk, “Fay’s Royal Dresden Plate” Karen Asche will present the 1930’s quilt created by Fay Eva James. Karen will trace Fay’s history, revealing stories that were sort of accurate, but had significant factual differences.

Board Meeting

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



LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:00 PM, 4 Daughters Pub on Main Street, Medford
First Tuesday Pub Talks: “The Station Master's Wife: A Scandalous Life Exposed.” 1887, Ashland, Oregon: Alice, the daughter of a prominent Oregon pioneer family, witnessed the historic completion of the Oregon & California Railroad when the final golden spike was finally laid. **Free for all.**

Windows In Time: Selections From As It Was, Celebrating Women’s History Month -
March 4th, 12:00 NOON, Medford Library; March 11th, 12:00 NOON, Ashland Library
Shirley Patton, the narrator of As It Was Stories for SOHS and Jefferson Public Radio, and Amy Blossom, will present selected stories from the As It Was series, begun by Carol Barrett for JPR. **Free for all.**

Saturday, March 7th, 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and 7:00 PM, Jacksonville “Secrets & Mysteries of the Beekman Bank”, Historic Jacksonville, Inc. opens the oldest financial institution in the Pacific Northwest for evening lantern light tours. Over \$40 million in gold crossed the counters of this 1863 bank during Jacksonville’s heyday in the 1800s, equivalent to over \$1 billion in today’s currency! Regional historian Ben Truwe pursues secrets lost with the last Beekman in 50-minute tours. **\$5 for tour. Call 541-245-3650 for reservations.**

Tuesday, March 24th, 6:30 PM, Talent Historical Society “Honoring Education in Talent Throughout History”. Talk given at the museum, 105 N. Market St. **Free to all.**

THE 24-HOUR GENEALOGY WEBINAR MARATHON

Join Us in Making History

**24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon
Thursday March 12, 2:00 PM – Friday, March 13, 2:00 PM (PDT)**

MyHeritage and Legacy Family Tree Webinars has just announced The 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon. You will learn how to trace your ancestors from the world's top genealogists and educators. From advanced Googling to DNA, from The Great Lakes to Australia and Germany, there's something for everyone in every time zone. And thanks to FamilyTreeWebinars.com and MyHeritage, **the entire event is free!** Pop in for a session or two, or stick around for the full 24 hours — it's completely up to you. There will even be time for Q&A and door prizes. [Click here to register and learn about topics and presenters.](#)



ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



New Members - Welcome to our newest members: Barbara Partridge, Christy Martin, Colleen Archibald, Janice Dawn, Jennifer & William Marical, Joseph Manning, Karen McQueen, Laurie Neff, Linda A. Lucas, Linda Gheysen, Lois VanAken, Marilyn Moore, Mark & Susan Howard, Mary Barton, Rachel Owings, Richard & Alexandria French, and William Taft!

Hurrah, We're Going to America! - by Mary Robsman
All our ancestors shared the experiences of leaving what was familiar to them, journeying to a new world, and arriving with expectations. I want to know these people, my people. Why would they emigrate? War, religious oppression, and poverty forced some to leave. Promises of a better life, jobs, and land, made by agents in the immigrant business, lured others to America. How did they get out of the old country? My German families came to the United States during the Age of Sailing Ships, perhaps merchant ships not built for human cargo. As I place each family in historical context and find documentation, I can imagine what they went through to settle in the USA.



I look forward to our RVGS seminar ***They Came in Ships*** with Dr. John P. Colletta on April 17 & 18 and more information on immigration. Perhaps in the weeks and months after the seminar, we attendees can gather for a follow up session to compare notes and share our immigration research.

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.



Looking for Rogue Digger Contributors

Have you found a technique or resource that has helped you in your research or that might help others? Have you discovered something interesting in local history or genealogy that you would be **willing to write about and share with our membership**? If so, our publication, *The Rogue Digger*, needs you! *The Rogue Digger* is a genealogical periodical that reports information helpful to members and researchers by sharing the results of genealogical investigations, especially those related to the Rogue Valley or to our membership. Submissions can be a mere page long or up to 10 pages long, with or without photos or illustrations. If you have an idea but don't quite know how to pull it together, our editor can advise and help; contact her at caradavisjacobson@gmail.com.



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.

All articles should be composed in MS Word using the 12-point Arial font and sent as an email attachment to: enews@rvgslibrary.org. Photos must be your own or permission obtained from the original photographer.

HELP WANTED: One-time Paint Job

Our new electronic sign is here, and we could use some help! Prior to it being installed we need to paint the uprights and framing. If anyone would like to volunteer please email president@rvgslibrary.org or call the library and leave their name and phone number for Katie Haugse.



“JUST A NOTE” Recently Received

Just a note to let you know that I won't be renewing my membership. I want to thank everyone so much for all the help. I found out information on my Mom's family that she knew nothing about and was able to put it into a binder and give it to her for her 90th birthday. She was thrilled. Sadly, she passed away 4 months later, but my timing joining JCGL was perfect. Thanks again, Angelo DeCicco

New Records Added to our Subscription Websites (Partial List)



Ancestry.com

Australia, Victoria

Divorce Records, 1860-1940

Coroner Inquest Deposition Files, 1840-1925

Germany (in German)

Troisdorf: Births, 1811-1908; Marriages, 1858-1937; Deaths, 1811-1968

Bad Doberan, Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1876-1981

Virginia, African-American Funeral Programs, 1935-2009



FindMyPast

England: Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials for
Surry, Yorkshire, Kent, Durham

Scotland: burgh of Perth burials, 1794-1855

Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials for Dundee &
Forfarshire (Angus), 1562-1855

Poor Law & Poor Lists

Lanarkshire School Registers & Records

British in India: 7,000 new records

Texas: 18 million marriage records



MyHeritage

Sweden Household Examination Books, 1840-1947 (21 million records)

France Death Index, 1970-2019 (24.7 million records)

New York State Births, 1881-1942 (4.5 million records; this mostly excludes New York City)





Where?

By Anne Billeter

New bookcases, built by Jack Patterson, Maintenance Coordinator, have been added to JCGL to hold our expanding library collection. In addition to the backlog of donated books being cataloged by our two catalogers, Sharon Freeburne and Diane Brenner, we recently purchased 900 books for \$900 from the

Genealogical Society of Douglas County, which also need to be cataloged before they can be placed in the library in Dewey Decimal System order.

Result? Almost all the books will eventually be shifted...some only moderately, a few shelves away from where they were; others will be further from where you have found them in the past. They will continue to be shelved by their Dewey numbers.

How Can You Find a Book? By using the [online catalog](#). It is searchable by keyword, author, title, and subject. Once you find a book in the catalog, you will have the call number...which is your key to finding the book on the shelves in the library.

Note: The shifting will be a gradual months-long process. The Surplus Book Sale bookcase has already been moved to the foyer. The New Books are also being moved to a new location. Ask a librarian, if you can't find what you are looking for.



New Books Added to JCGL in February:

Fifty-three items were added to JCGL and this month what is notable are the number of less usual subjects, countries, and states, from church calendars (242) to Huguenots (284.5), from *Germans to America* (325 Ger v.35 and v.36) to gazetteers, from timelines, to Daughters of American Colonists, and that's just the beginning:

British peerage (929.7), Wales (942.9), Austria (943.6), Portugal (946.9), the Netherlands (949.2) ; Acadians (971.5), and 6 books about Alabama (976.1), 3 books about Idaho (979.6), and 1 each for North Dakota, Colorado, and Arizona. For exact titles and call numbers, look at the list...and look at the list for other places and subjects not included here. Don't forget to look at the New Books when you come to the Genealogy Library. You never know what treasure you may find! [Click here for the complete list \(Link active after March 4\)](#).

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 at \$1.00 will not be listed. Come in to see what's on the shelf. Here are the books added in February:



- *Official roster of the soldiers of the American Revolution buried in the state of Ohio [and] who lived in the state of Ohio.* 1973 reprint. **\$45.00**
- *Directly from China export goods for the American market, 1784-1930* by Christina H. Nelson. **\$5.00**
- *In search of your Canadian roots* by Angus Baxter. **\$25.00**
- *Harrap's Concise French and English Dictionary.* **\$3.00**
- *One hundred and fiftieth anniversary battle of Saratoga and surrender of Burgoyne.* **\$18.00**
- *Descendants of James H. Smith & Hannah Van Wagoner.* **\$22.00**
- *Ship passenger lists New York and New Jersey.* **\$12.00**
- *Campbell chronicles and family sketches.* By Ruth Hairston Early. **\$30.00**
- *10,000 vital records of western New York 1809-1850.* By Fred Q. Bowman. **\$7.50**
- *State Papers of Vermont, vol. VIII, New York land patents 1688-1786.* **\$27.00**
- *Land and property research in the United States.* By E. Wade Hone. **\$5.00**
- *Ancestral Lines: 144 Families in England, Germany, New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.* By Carl Boyer. **\$14.00**



Jackson County Library Display

If you're in the Medford branch of the Jackson County Library, check out the wonderful display for our upcoming Spring Seminar!

