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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. is to inspire interest in genealogy, inform and educate the public, and maintain a growing sustainable library with a strong online presence.

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LIBRARY HOURS

The Jackson County Genealogy Library is temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

The RVGS eNews



Jackson County Genealogy Library Reopening Soon!

The Library Reopening Task Force has targeted Monday, July 12, for reopening the Jackson County Genealogy Library to in-person research with limited hours, Mon - Sat, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. While the date may seem quite distant, there are a number of items that need to be completed prior to turning on the lights and opening the doors. The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring the safety and comfort of both our members and volunteers. Due to a smaller pool of volunteer librarians, we anticipate beginning operations with reduced hours from our pre-pandemic schedule. State and county risk level guidelines will be followed, if in place at the time of opening. Oregon Health Authority requirements are quite fluid as COVID-19 cases decrease and vaccination numbers increase, and the Library Reopening Task Force will continue to monitor changes. Reopening guidelines will be announced on our website as we near July 12th.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you in advance for your patience and support. We are looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces again soon!

Kim Thurman
President, Rogue Valley Genealogical Society

CLASSES & EVENTS

The following RVGS classes and events are all offered via Zoom.

- Most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Programs & Classes** menu on our [website](#). **Registration closes for most events the day before the event** unless capacity is reached before then.
- New members to Interest Groups will need to register by [clicking here](#) to find the interest group of your choice.
- For more details, [click here](#) to view our website calendar.
- [Click here to find Zoom help](#) on our website.
- All times listed are Pacific Time Zone.

Registration Now Open!

NOTE: During the months of July and August, the Program and Member Meeting as well as the Heirloom Genealogy talk will not be presented.

Thursday, July 8, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Class: "Using FindMyPast for Research"



You may be aware that *FindMyPast* is the go-to source for British and Irish research, but it has much to offer even the non-UK descendant. If you haven't visited this dynamic

site, join us as Kim Thurman reviews the collections of *FindMyPast*, and demonstrates how to use the search engine to effectively locate those valuable records for your research.

Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members

Monday, July 12, 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, Board Meeting

This meeting will be in person at JCGL. All members are welcome to attend. The library is closed in the mornings, so come to the side door and ring the bell. If not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask to the meeting. Proof of vaccination is required for the first visit.

Cost: Free to all

Tuesday, July 13, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, German Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Mary Robsman.

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for non-members

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

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using *Family Tree Maker* software.

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Wednesday, July 14, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Jeff Roberts.

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Saturday, July 17, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, "Brick Wall Roundtable"

This discussion is open to all. Bring your questions, your puzzles, your brick walls, and we will put our heads together to see if we can find a way to get you closer to your goal. You don't even have to have a "wall" to join us. We welcome you anyway and who knows? You may have a nugget that would help someone else.

Cost: Free for all

Coming Soon!

Friday, August 6, 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon, Class: "The DAR Genealogical Research System"



Take a guided tour of the multi-faceted Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System (GRS). The GRS is available to everyone. It offers a variety of publications, indexes, and original documents, many of which cannot be found

elsewhere. Carla S. Cegielski, guest speaker, is a full-time genealogical researcher, lecturer and writer who speaks frequently to societies and at conferences. She writes the Tech Tips column in the quarterly *NGS Magazine*.

Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members

Tuesday, August 17, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, "Let's Talk Genealogy Roundtable" with Pat Jenkins

Cost: Free to all

Wednesday, August 25, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, Class: "Ready to Research on Site? Homework Before You Go"

Instructor - Deb Shell

Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members

Saturday, September 25, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Seminar: "North American Migration: In, Out and Across" Instructor - Tricia Oberndorf. [Click here for details.](#)

Cost: \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members.

**Thursday, October 14, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Class:
"Building Your Family Tree on Ancestry"**

Instructor - Rich Miles

Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members

**Registration is now open for Virtual RVGS
Fall Seminar**

**NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION: IN, OUT, and
ACROSS**

Saturday, September 25, 2021, 10:00 - 4:00 PDT

Tricia Oberndorf, Genealogist

\$45 Members; \$55 non-Members

North American trails and their expanding development over the years put researchers in a position to examine new strategies and resources to discover more about our ancestors. You won't want to miss our seminar in September covering how to explore colonial migration to North America and travels



westward.

Sessions include:

- Getting Started: Who, What, When, Where and Why of Migration
- Colonial Migration to North America
- Expansion of a New Nation
- Fulfilling Manifest Destiny
- Migration Research and Resources

To register, go to www.rvgslibrary.org > Programs & Classes > About Our Seminars. [Click here for a printable flyer.](#) [Click here to read Tricia's bio.](#)

Local Happenings

**Wednesday, July 7, Noon – 1:00 PM, Windows in
Time: "Over Here: Jackson Co. and World War I"**



Join Kevin Keating as he explores what it was like in Southern Oregon during World War I. Using information from news sources and the National Archives, Kevin will touch

upon war supporters and anti-war individuals as well as problems like prostitution and intimidation that occurred in the Rogue Valley while the war was "over there." Presented via zoom by Southern Oregon Historical Society and Jackson County Library Services. [Click here for more information and to register](#) for this FREE event.

Virtual Opportunities

**Saturday, 31 July 2021, 10:00 AM ET (7:00 AM PT),
A Summer of DNA Virtual Conference**

Join in an engaging virtual conference where the



emphasis is on interactivity and learning about genetic genealogy! You'll SEE the difference in this conference as your presenters will open the live chat throughout their sessions and turn on their

cameras! Speakers will be talking about the following:

- DNA Ethnicity in 2021: More Inclusive, Specific, Accurate and Meaningful (Diahna Southard)
- Jewish DNA: Strategies to Analyze Endogamy (Alec Ferretti)
- DNA Strategies for African American Genealogy Research (Shannon Christmas)
- Leveraging DNA to Research Your Irish Ancestry (Maurice Gleeson)

As with past events there will be a 5th hour panel discussion where you can ask questions about any of the topics or even anything else related to genealogy and research. Early bird registration is only \$19.99 until July 17th. The regular registration price is \$24.99. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

**Virtual Nordic Genealogy Conference Available
Through September 2021**

All sessions of the National Nordic Museum's Virtual Nordic Genealogy Conference are now available to watch on demand. The 2020 conference videos provide resources about family history and lineage taught by internationally renowned experts. The September 2020 virtual conference's keynote

lectures and workshops will be available to view through September 2021. Professional genealogists and subject matter experts from North America and the Nordic countries share insights about family history research. Let them guide you in tracing heritage origins through a wide range of resources including folk literature, immigration records, and genetic testing. This Virtual Nordic Genealogy Conference is designed for every level of familiarity with genealogical research, from beginners and enthusiasts to experts. [Check out the full list of sessions featuring Nordic history and culture here.](#)

RVGS NEWS



Welcome New Members!

Welcome to Shara Davis, Patricia Emslie, and Sherri Cook, the newest members of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society!

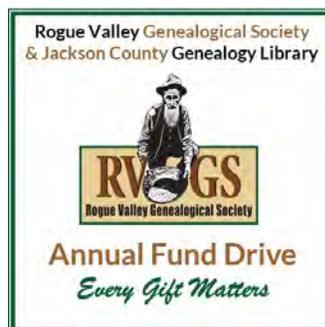
Annual Fund Drive Launched

Dear Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) Members and Supporters:

RVGS organizes one main fundraiser each year, our Annual Fund Drive. This year, the goal is to raise \$17,000, officially beginning on June 1, 2021, and closing on December 31, 2021. Your generous contribution to the Annual Fund will allow RVGS to keep our membership dues low and assist in covering operating expenses. Membership dues only cover about one-third of our operating expenses. The remaining expenses are covered by funds raised through our Annual Fund Drive. Any amount you give will help to provide support to RVGS to continue the current level of programming!

The 2021 Fund Drive will provide financial assistance for the following Initiatives:

- Developing special seminars
- Hosting guest speakers
- Increasing library resources
- Continuing online home page development and expansion of electronic resources
- Adjusting the library to the new “normal” by



implementing new use procedures and expansion of online resources

Thank you for making 2020 another successful year! Our membership is just around 710 members

with over 12,000 volunteer hours recorded.

Additionally, thanks to generous donations to the Annual Fund Drive, we surpassed the goal set by the Board. With 2020 Annual Fund Campaign dollars, we were able to shift to virtual classes while the library was closed, as well as expand our subscription website offerings and meet our operational expenses during a difficult year.

Our new website continues to be extremely beneficial for the Society, as the COVID-19 virus required us to temporarily close our doors to our members and the public. With the aid of new technology, we have been able to offer our members access to vital library subscription websites to facilitate family research from home. The addition of offering virtual Zoom courses and seminars has allowed RVGS to extend our reach, adding new members outside of our state and country! As we move forward with plans to safely reopen our library, continuing to develop online education for our members unable to join us in person will remain a focus.

Your generous and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in three ways.

1. Go to our website, www.rvgslibrary.org, to donate online under Support Us > Annual Fund Drive. If you would like to make monthly donations as a part of the Monthly Givers Club, just click the box for “Make this a monthly donation.”
2. Return the donation slip attached to the letter you received with your check in the envelope provided.
3. Drop off a donation at the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford (once we have reopened).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you so very much for your donation!

Kim Thurman
RVGS President

Consider Leaving a Legacy Gift



Help ensure the future of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society by making a Legacy gift today. Your donation helps us keep Rogue

Valley family history and world-wide genealogical library resources alive and supports our mission to inspire interest in genealogy, inform and educate the public, and maintain a growing sustainable library with a strong online presence. One of the best ways to support the Society is to name the RVGS as a beneficiary on your bank account, 401k, will, or trust.

Give today! All contributions and bequests are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state law. The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, #93-0684590. If you are interested in Legacy giving, please contact Stephen Kazar at finance@rvgslibrary.org

Orphaned Photo Album Finds Its Way Home to Wisconsin



By Barbara Northrop
RVGS received an anonymously donated collection of miscellaneous photos, including a leather-bound 5-inch by 6-inch album containing

twenty-eight unmarked photos. The only clues to the owners' identities were two names on the album index page. Thorough research showed a long family history in Watertown, Jefferson/Dodge County,

Wisconsin. The Watertown Historical Society had additional family pictures in their collection. After contacting the wonderful folks at the Watertown Historical Society, the photo album made its way home to them for safekeeping and hopefully to local family members.

RVGS Family History Library Research Trip Update



GREAT NEWS! We have a Salt Lake City genealogy research trip in our future. The Family History Library is planning to reopen on July 6, 2021, with a modified schedule. The FHL will start their opening schedule

Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. They will adjust hours as needed. Spread the word to all your genealogy friends. It looks like our trip is solid.

During the prolonged closure, the library made major renovations and improvements to the facility, including state of the art patron workstations. They have also added around 40,000 books to their hands-on collection.

The RVGS research trip is scheduled for October 3 - 10, 2021. Now that we know the library will be open, we can make plans. There are still SLC Plaza Hotel rooms available for our attending members. Now is the time to reserve your room. Just call the Plaza Hotel at 1-800-366-3684 before September 1st. Be sure to ask for your discounted Rogue Valley Genealogical Society rate.

For more information contact Ann Baracker at abaracker@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you at the Family History Library in October.

Follow RVGS/JCGL on Social Media

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society has had a strong presence on Facebook for quite a few years.

There, you can find not only our upcoming events, but also interesting Genealogical articles, tips, and resources that you won't find on our website or eNews.



Now, RVGS/JCGL is on Instagram! So be sure to follow us there as well as our newly renewed Twitter account! Whatever your social media preference is, RVGS has you covered!

Volunteers Needed

With JCGL reopening soon, we are in need of volunteers more than ever. RVGS and JCGL is an all-volunteer organization that would not operate or exist without the members who donate so much of



their valuable time. Please consider becoming a volunteer; learn new skills, meet new friends, and become a supporter of one of the largest genealogical societies in the state!

Treasurer Opening

This position is an elected member of the Board. Our current Treasurer, Barbara Shrewsberry, is looking forward to retiring from the Board to enjoy time with her family. As such, we're looking for a member willing to train with Barbara now to ensure a smooth transition. The Treasurer maintains the Society's financial records, as well as works with our Finance Director, Cashier, and external accounting firm. Bookkeeping experience, including using QuickBooks Online, is a plus. [Click here to read a detailed position description](#). If you are interested, contact Kim Thurman at president@rvgslibrary.org.

Volunteer Director Opening

Are you looking for an opportunity to be more involved with the Society and meet new people who share your interest in genealogy? We have an opening for Volunteer Director that may be just right for you! This position is appointed by the President with the approval of the Officers, is a voting member of the Board, and the term is one year. [Click here to](#)

[read a detailed position description](#). If you are interested, contact Kim Thurman at president@rvgslibrary.org.

Librarians

As we prepare to reopen the library, we are in need of volunteer librarians. Learn more about the Genealogy Library's hidden treasures by volunteering to be a librarian. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Shifts will be determined once a reopening plan is developed. Contact Library Director Anne Billeter at annebilleteroregon@gmail.com for additional information.



Love to Research?

We have fellow members who are unable to access a computer to conduct their family research. If you are interested in helping a fellow member

with growing their family tree, we would be happy to connect you with those in need. If you can help, just [click here to fill out the Volunteer Application](#) on our website. Be sure to put "family research" in the "Other skills?" box.

JCGL NEWS

Library Services Available to Members

The following services will be discontinued after the library reopens July 12.

- **Lookups:** in a book or other item in the Jackson County Genealogy Library [catalog](#)
- **Lookups:** familysearch.org images available at a FamilySearch affiliate library
- **Lookups:** If you DON'T have a computer or internet access, a JCGL volunteer will look up a *specific* item for you on our seven subscription websites: American Ancestors, Ancestry, FindMyPast, Fold3, HistoryGeo, MyHeritage, and Newspapers.com Oregon Collection.

Email reception@rvgslibrary.org with your specific request.

ProQuest Product Maintenance Outage

ProQuest, the host for Ancestry, Fold3, and Newspapers.com, will be taking up to a ten-hour maintenance window beginning **Saturday, July 24 at 10:00pm ET (7:00 PT)** to upgrade infrastructure, enhance security, and maintain reliability on many ProQuest products. During this maintenance window, our subscription sites for Ancestry, Fold3, and Newspapers.com Oregon Edition will be temporarily unavailable.

New Records Added to Our Accessible Subscription Websites (Partial List*)

Ancestry

- England, Worcestershire, Electoral Registers, 1837-1974
- Ireland, Casey Collection Indexes, 1545-1960 (16 vol. compilation of Irish genealogical and historical records from parts of the counties Cork and Kerry; Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, and Quaker)
- Ireland [Dublin], Jameson Distillery Staff Wage and Employment books, 1862-1969
- Pennsylvania, U. S. Veterans Card Files, 1775-1916



FindMyPast

- England, Middlesex Baptisms (Ealing, Harrow, Hayes, and Hillingdon)
- England, Westminster Penitentiary baptisms and burials
- England, Roman Catholic Parish Registers
- England & Wales, Crime, Prisons and Punishments, 1770-1935
- Scotland, Modern & Civil Births, 1855-2019
- Scotland, Modern & Civil Marriages, 1855-2019
- Scotland, Deaths & Burials, 1855-2021
- Scotland, Roman Catholic Parish Registers



FamilySearch.org (NOT a subscription; free, just open an account)

- France, Saone-et-Loire, Parish & Civil

Registration, 1530-1892

- Sweden, Stockholm City Archives, Index to Church Records, 1546-1927
- United States
 - Georgia, Tax Digests, 1787-1900
 - Missouri, County Marriage, Naturalization, and Court Records, 1800-1991
 - New Jersey, Death Index, 1901-1903, 1916-1929



*To see the list of updated and new record sets, on FamilySearch go to "Records," click on "Browse all Published Collections," click twice on the right-hand column heading "Last Updated" and you will see the list of the most recent updates and additions.



33 New Books Added to JCGL in June

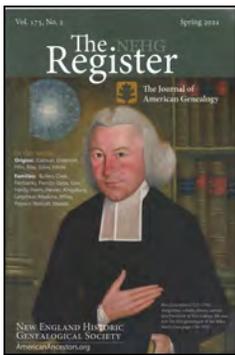
33 new books were added to the JCGL collection in June, including 17 books about the postal history of states, territories, and counties. The postal histories were donated by the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society. All include helpful history for genealogists and represent a seldom used or available resource. Many are about states which are not well-represented in the JCGL collection. Another major addition is the six-volume set *Missouri Flat Cemetery, Jackson County, Oregon; a gathering of genealogical information*. Margaret and Darrell Stafford spent years compiling this information about those buried in this Applegate Valley pioneer cemetery. We are pleased that the Missouri Flat Cemetery Association agreed that JCGL would be the best place for this valuable set. [Click here to see the complete three-page New Books list](#). Remember, books with "Circ" at the beginning of the call number may be checked out by RVGS members.



New Periodicals on the Shelf



Internet Genealogy
Circ 929.1 Int June/July 2021
English criminal ancestors, Locating gravestone inscriptions, MobileFamilyTree (software), Florida, Oral history collections, Immigrant colonies of North Carolina, English and Welsh city directories online, and Elusive surnames. Also available online on the RVGS website.



New England Historic and Genealogical Register
974 G242 NEHGS Spring 2021
Mayflower passenger William White; Amy, Susan and Anne French of Ipswich, MA; Richard and Hanna Woods (MA); Four men named Joseph Payson (MA); Several Daniel Lanphear men; Sarah Meakins Miller (MA); Stiles family (CT); Mary Clark?, wife of Moses Gile (NH); Grace Fairbanks Bullen, Reuben Wolcott (DE, VA); William Hills of the Great Migration; Robert Harris (MA); John Thorndike (MA).

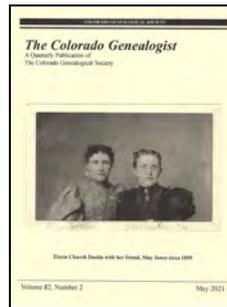


American Ancestors, New England Historic Genealogical Society
Circ 974 P273 AA Spring 2021
Three articles about unexpected findings from DNA testing; A roots trip to Brittany; Two articles about family letters; and Massachusetts Catholic cemetery records newly launched on American Ancestors.

New York Genealogical and Biographical Record
Circ 974.7 G242 New January and April 2021 (two issues)

Alexander Koon (Ulster and Orange counties), Jackson adopted niece (Orange),

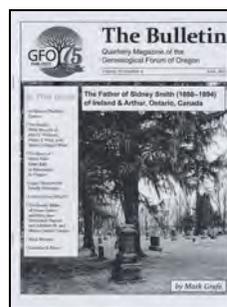
Salomon Schut (Kingston and Livingston Manor), John and Rachel Lowe Ackerson (New York to California), Jacob Lauck's descendants, William Shaw (St. Lawrence), William and Thomas Becraft (Albany)



Colorado Genealogist, Colorado Genealogical Society
Circ 978.8 P273 Col May 2021
Sunshine, CO, autographs, 1891-1908; Bible records in the Denver Public Library collection (Kinne/Langworthy, Whitbeck/Handsbury, Clayton, John Douglass, Baumgardner, Shoemaker, Short, Tacklon Fuqua-Hill-Coleman,) and newspaper tidbits.



Douglas County Pioneer, Genealogical Society of Douglas County
Circ 979.529 P273 Dou June 2021
Early county gristmills; Oregon delayed birth records; 1935 county Turkey Growers members; Pioneer families Ulam, Butler, and Worley; Transcription of Douglas County Marriage Book 6, Guardianships vol. 2 (Lee, Mack, Mitchell, Fidler, McMann, Mynatt, Reed, Brewster, Boggess, Ward, Riley), and Petition for Naturalization Ledger 6 (Hedberg, McGinitie, Harding, Katusa, Doernath, and Arana); School census for Winston, Olalla, Cleveland, Victor, Jones schools (1907), with index.



The Bulletin: Quarterly Magazine of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon
Circ 979.549 P273 Bul June 2021
The father of Sidney Smith of Ireland and Ontario, Canada; Bible records of John Wickard, Henry West and Sarah

Eslinger West, Anson Leslie and Mary Jane (Howland) Dayton, and Adelbert M and Mattie (Smale) Dayton; Silvio Dodi from Italy to Mississippi to Oregon; Legal opinions for family historians, Lorenzo Dow Who?; and a look back at 70-years of *Bulletin* covers.

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RVGS Membership

Membership is available to all interested persons.
Membership privileges include:

- Free use of library
- Volunteer opportunities
- Reduced fees for genealogy classes and seminars
- Check out of materials
- Free access to subscription websites
- Society publications
- Interest groups
- Free mentoring
- Access to members-only web content

Visit our website at rvgslibrary.org to join today.

The RVGS eNews

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Surplus Sale books for July 2021 eNews

- *Scottish Genealogy* by Bruce Durie, 2009. \$33.00
- *Your Scottish Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans* by Sherry Irvine, 1997. \$3.00
- *Original Scots Colonists of Early America, 1612-1783* by David Dobson, 1989. \$18.00
- *Scottish Family History: A Guide to Works of Reference on the History and Genealogy of Scottish Families* by Margaret Stuart, orig. 1930; repr. 1994. \$9.00
- *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*, revised 1983. \$3.00
- *County Courthouse Book* by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, 1990. \$4.00
- *U. S. Military Records* by James C. Neagles, 1994. \$4.50
- *Prairie Pioneers of Illinois*, vol. 1, 1986. \$15.00
- *In the Blood* by Steve Robinson, 2014. (a fictional genealogical mystery, #1 in series) \$3.00
- *Letters from the Dead* by Steve Robinson, 2018. (#6 in series) \$3.00
- *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, 1660-1809*, orig 1891; 1980 reprint. \$33.00
- *Rhyolite: Death Valley's Ghost City of Golden Dreams* by Harold and Lucile Weight, 1953, 1st printing; 1st Death Valley printing. Some wear and owner's label. \$4.50
- *Chronicles of Cape Porpoise and Kennebunkport: being scenes and episodes in an old Maine village & vicinity* by Lorimer W. MacAlister, 1949. \$11.00
- *For Better or for Worse: Frontier Army Life [Fort Verde, AZ]* by Constance Wynn Altshuler, 1982. \$7.50

